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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

Dear CDA Sisters:

This is my first newsletter as Nebraska State Regent (*I bet a lot of you didn't think this was ever going to happen*) and the number one thing I need to say is thank you for the prayers, cards and thoughts everyone sent my way during the most difficult time I have been through.

The next thing I want to say is I will never ask for ***MONEY, GIFT CARDS, OR BAIL MONEY DURING MY REIGN AS STATE REGENT!!!*** If I do need bail money, I have people who will help me out.

Okay…with that out of the way, let's begin with saying that every court should have their **financial review** done. If not, please do them as soon as possible.

The **CIRCLE OF LOVE AND EDUCATION CONTEST** entries are due **FEBRUARY 28, 2026.** You will find out where and to whom to send your entrees to in this newsletter. **Please check the committee chairs as some have changed.**

Next on my list is we are going to have the lottery again. It was such a great success last time that we were able to pay 20% of the meal cost for everyone at our Nebraska State Convention. The State Board is hoping to pay more at the next convention. We are requesting from each local court a list of your members who are home bound or in nursing homes that you feel should **NOT** receive our lottery tickets that each member is being asked to purchase or sell. We hope to have the tickets mailed out by February/March 2026.

As soon as I receive information on National Convention in Coralville, Iowa, I will send it to you. This is a drivable location for us in Nebraska. I am hoping we will have a great turn out from our state. It is a great opportunity to go attend a National Convention. The convention is scheduled for July 22-26, 2026. Details to follow.

I, along with your Nebraska State CDA board, extend to each of you our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year! May the peace and joy of Jesus Christ resonate in your hearts and throughout all the world.

Sisters in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas,

I hope your summer and fall were enjoyable ones. That you got time to spend with family and friends and absorb all the love given or received.

During this summer we had the opportunity to study the Gospel of James, from The Great Adventure Bible Study, "Pearls for Wise Living".

For ten weeks we dove into the shortest book of only five chapters. Each week we had home preparation, small group discussion, video presentation and review of responses.

The reason I am talking about this bible study is so that the Courts through their churches and adult spiritual advisors can use this to bring more to the Spiritual Enhancement of our members and of the community.

The Great Adventure Bible Study by the Ascension Press offers us multiple ways to grow spirituality and learn how to use the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Faith. This Study of James made us see that tough times are going to happen, but what is important is how we handle them. That faith works with wisdom given to us by our faith in the Holy Trinity. That God is pure religion and that the law of Love exists. This study also showed us that through speech one learns what is true and false. That it gives us a way to make a better Sacrament of Reconciliation. Why do we have this sacrament? So, we can cleanse ourselves to be in God's grace and mercy. That through self-control we can find hope. Control of our tongues comes from the help of the Holy Spirit. This study will help us live, demonstrate and understand that wisdom leads to a good life.

If unable to do this form of Bible study, find a way to involve the members in a discussion to enhance spirituality in their Courts.

The 2025 Court year is underway. It is not too late to jump in with both feet and with prayer. The spirit is waiting to touch us all and bring us closer to Him.

Peace and Blessing,

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Greetings from the State Chaplain

Fr. Nicholas Kipper

Dear Catholic Daughters,

We were deeply saddened at the loss of life and injuries caused by the shooting this past Fall at Annunciation Church in Minnesota. This senseless act of violence is even more painful in that it happened at a school Mass for young children on the first day of school.

Jesus has conquered sin and death, but that needs to be realized in individuals. As this event shows, the evil one still tempts us towards evil. He tempts us not to accept redemption in Christ, which is lived out in charity and prayer.

This horrible tragedy took place during the celebration of the greatest prayer, the Mass. The Mass being the re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice of himself to the Father. Jesus was there at that Mass, present with those children. And Jesus is always with us.

Since this tragedy, I have heard pundits speak with cynicism about the fruits of prayer in response to this incident. It goes something along the lines of "prayers don't stop school shootings" or "the kids were literally praying, so offering prayers as a response isn't going to help."

Prayer is not a transaction; prayer is conversation with God that develops our relationship with him. Yes, one of the aspects of prayer is intercessory prayer. But we don't pray as some kind of magical formula to end all tragedy or end all evil. Evil will always be in our midst.

Jesus, himself, on the cross, as he was suffering for us, prayed to his Heavenly Father. Cynical bystanders we're telling him if he's really the Messiah, he should pray to his Father to be spared of this death, and yet, as we know, that didn't happen.

Annunciation church in Minnesota is hundreds of miles away from us. There is not a whole lot that we can do to help them in a practical way right now as they heal. However, prayer is the one thing we can absolutely offer right now for people affected by this horrible event.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Kipper

INTRODUCING THE NEBRASKA STATE BOARD

Janet Macklin, 1st Vice State Regent

Each State convention results in a newly elected slate of State Officers. I am so grateful to be able to remain on the State Board, this time as your 1st Vice State Regent. It is an honor to work next to Kim Meduna, your State Regent, Laurie Hergott, 2nd Vice State Regent, Marilyn Lowery, State Secretary, and Nancy Vrbka, State Treasurer. In comparison to many of you, I have not been a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for very long. I joined court 2253 Queen of the Angels in 2017. For what seemed like many years, women at St. Patrick Church in Fremont occasionally asked me if I was a member of the Catholic Daughters. I'd say no, and they'd ask if I'd like to join. My thought was, "Why would I?", but I just politely said, "I don't think so".

So why did I decide to join? Let me tell you. I've been singing with the New Life Choir of St. Pat's for a lot of years. We've sung for big and not-so-big funerals. One day, at the funeral of an older woman, I noticed there were Catholic Daughters sitting together at the front of church. It struck me that even if only a few people were at a member's funeral, there were always Catholic Daughters present to honor her. So, I decided to check it out.

I decided to go to the next monthly meeting as advertised in the Parish Bulletin. That evening, I found that I liked how the meeting went, and how comfortable and accepted I felt. Someone asked me if I was going to join. I said, "I'm thinking about it." I went a second time. I really liked it. Again, someone asked if I was going to join. I said yes. But that's as far as I got that night. If I remember correctly, I saw Helen Mann, our then-Court Regent, at a pancake breakfast or something, and I proceeded to "interview" her about CDA. It really would not have mattered what she told me because I had decided to join. After that, I attended another meeting. When someone asked if I was going to join, I said, "Yes!" That night, I successfully signed up.

In retrospect, I feel that Mary (THE MARY), has been reeling me in for years. My mother always prayed the Rosary, but as a young adult, I couldn't see why I should. Years of involvement in the parishes where I lived gradually got me saying the Rosary sometimes, but that amped up when I joined the Catholic Daughters. And Mary had more in mind for me to do.

A year after joining, I was blessed to become a Court officer, serving as Recording Secretary. As such, I attended the State Convention in Lincoln the following year. Oh my gosh! I was impressed! But what really got to me was the Installation Mass on Sunday. It was there that I fell in love with CDA and, even more so, with Mary! Maybe this is one reason why I want every member to experience the State Convention.

This year's State Convention was a happy occasion. It took a lot of work and planning from the Board and Committee members. I always pray for a successful and spiritual convention. I love seeing women I know there, getting to know them better, and meeting new people. There are always one or more speakers who have something to say that touches my heart. I wish everyone would come! I even like the business sessions!

Please pray for me and all on the State Board that we may work for you with diligence, wisdom, and love. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Janet

Nancy Vrbka, State Treasurer

I am Nancy Vrbka, your new Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Treasurer. I live on the family farm by Brainard where my husband Doug was born and raised. We attend Holy Trinity Church in Brainard, and I am a member of Court San Salvador #576 in David City. I was born and raised on a farm also and attended Wynot Elementary/High School and have a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State College.

We have four children ranging in age from 39 to 21. The oldest three are married and the youngest will graduate from Wayne State next May. We also have 6 grandsons, who all enjoy running and playing, and getting very dirty, on the farm! We should be able to get one farmer out of the bunch.

I have worked at Aquinas High School for 10 years, where our children attended school, and spent 22 years in banking, the last 9 as a branch manager for Union Bank. I have been an officer on many school, community, and church boards in the past. Currently I am the Scrip Coordinator for Aquinas Catholic Schools, the Centennial Conference Secretary/Treasurer, The Butler County Right to Life Treasurer, and a member of the Butler County Area Foundation Fund Board.

My hobbies include exercise (formerly a distance runner), reading, playing cards, and traveling but most of all enjoying time with the grandkids.

I have been a Catholic Daughter for 16 years. I am the current Regent for our court in David City and have one year left of my second 2-year term. I look forward to meeting many of you in the future and look forward to serving as your State Treasurer!

God Bless!
Nancy Vrbka

Laurie Hergott, 2nd Vice Regent

Greetings, my CDA sisters. We're coming off the heels of our 51st Biennial State Convention on April 25-27, and there's still a buzz in the air. Those that attended are still talking about the fellowship, food and facilities. My favorite part was Saturday's Game Night. There was laughter, good-natured competition, storytelling, reconnecting and relationship building.

Are these good reasons for attending a convention? YES! But, just as important is conducting state business, like voting on officers and new state projects. Convention is where YOU help shape the future of YOUR Nebraska Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Plan now to attend our 52nd Biennial Convention in 2027.

I am humbled and excited to be elected as your Second Vice State Regent. Listening to Fr. Kipper's directives during officer installation, I realized just how much responsibility you have entrusted to me.

I am grateful to Immediate Past State Regent Betty Fredericks for allowing me to learn and grow under her leadership and I look forward to working with our new state board and you, individually and in your courts. If you need anything, reach out to any of your board members and if we don't have the answer, we'll do our best to find it.

My CDA journey started nearly 20 years ago, in November 2005, with Court Little Flower 988 in Columbus. At the time, my husband Tony was working his way through the Nebraska Knights of Columbus offices, and we had two young children at home. It was my chance to connect with Catholic women outside of a church setting.

I have served Court Little Flower as newsletter editor, treasurer and secretary. Past Court Regent Pat Cieloha, may she rest in peace, encouraged me in 2021 to run for State Secretary. I would never have considered serving at the state level without her encouragement and support.

Tony and I are still in Columbus where I remain active in Court Little Flower. I also wear many hats as the administrative assistant at Scotus Central Catholic School. We have four grown children and 10 grandchildren, from 20 years old to 7 months old. My hobbies include sewing, reading, rescuing plants and walking Henry, my rescue mutt.

Marilyn Lowery, State Secretary

Hi!!! I am Marilyn Lowery, the new Catholic Daughters of the Americas State of Nebraska Secretary. I joined Court Mary Immaculate #2182 Catholic Daughters at Christ the King Church in Omaha, NE, in 1991. Growing up in southern Minnesota I remember my mom joining other women from our parish and going to all day Catholic Daughters meetings in Minnesota. So, when a friend asked me to join Catholic Daughters I immediately said 'Yes'. I was active in Catholic Daughters until commitments with my children, i.e., teaching weekly Religious Ed, band and choir concerts, sports activities, and my work limited my availability, so I took off a few years but remained a paying member. By 2018 things had settled down as my children were young adults and work obligations in the IT Healthcare field were not requiring as much commitment, so I started attending meetings again and helping with activities in the court.

With the election in 2020 and every court in COVID lockdown, I was elected Regent for our court and held the office for two terms. Currently, I am the Vice Regent. Some of you may know of me as the 'Taco Tuesday' person. Court Mary Immaculate gave a Christmas donation to JPII Newman Center in Omaha that first year of COVID, and I became a contact for them so when COVID restrictions were lifted, they reached out to me about the Omaha Catholic Daughters courts doing Taco Tuesday at the JPII Newman Center. I reached out to the other courts and six courts each take a month September – November and February – April and make and serve Tacos with all the fixings and a lot of 'homemade cookies and bars'!!!! It was an enormous success and continues as a success and the students are so appreciative of the meal.

My husband, Rick, and I are both retired and do Grandparent Daycare for our 2 grandchildren, Addison who is 5 years old and Easton who is 2 ½ years old. They keep us young, and it is a joy spending time with them as their parents, our daughter, Rebecca, and her husband, Adam, work. Our son, Christopher, is adopted from South Korea and is the favorite Uncle!!!

My contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have a question or need assistance.

Marty Minchow, State Legislation Chair

Did you know that only one of the spokes on the Circle of Love has another name when you are reading the articles in the Share Magazine? It is the one that might require you to go beyond your comfort zone. It is one that can/will allow you to help set guidelines for the future.

It is 'legislation' and has the name: Operation Morning Star! It is the program whose purpose is to focus on the legislative issues which will have an impact on quality of life and family issues. Our involvement must be directed at the bills that are under consideration for passage into law. It is very difficult to change a law after it has become law. Therefore, we need to keep informed about the issues on the national, state and local level.

How do we become aware of these issues? There are several reliable sources: your diocesan paper, Ne. Catholic Conference, Ne. Legislature, Local governing body, offices of U.S. Senator, Congressman and Representative.

How will your court…how will you step out of your comfort zone and become involved in protecting the quality of life, our families and our faith?

Submitted by,
Marty Minchow (Our Lady of Peace Court #1956)
State Legislation Chair

NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST

Court Regents have received from National the guidelines and themes for this year's Education contest. We strongly encourage all courts to designate a chair and to sponsor the Education contest at your local level.

THEMES: **The Least of These** *Matthew 25:40* ~ or ~ **The Least of These: Lifting Others Up**

The themes selected for the contest encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought when student talent and application go hand in hand. The contest enables students of our communities, schools, and CCD classes to compete and strive for awards while following certain fixed rules. The choice of the categories is:

ART ESSAY POETRY COMPUTER ART MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHY

Each local court determines the number of awards to be presented to the first three winning entries in each division, within each category. Plan a special event and invite parents, teachers, and principals. Take a picture of the presentation, write an article, and send to your diocesan paper and National Share Magazine. Reach out to your local court Regent or go to the National CDA website **www.catholicdaughters.org** for all the contest rules.

Note…there is a category for all CDA members to compete, as well, so get your creative juices flowing!

National CDA Scholarships

National awards four different scholarships each year. The National JCDA scholarship is a $1000 scholarship awarded to a JCDA member entering her freshman year of college. The Eighth Grader Entering Ninth Grade of Catholic School is a $1000 scholarship awarded to a male or female student entering his/her 9th grade year at a Catholic school. The **three** recipients of the Leonard Bachman Graduate Scholarship will be awarded $2,500 to pursue continued studies on the graduate level. The $2,000 Campus Court Scholarship will be awarded to a member of a Catholic Daughters of the Americas Campus Court for tuition in order to continue studies at a college or university. Scholarship guidelines, applications and deadlines information can be found online at **www.catholicdaughters.org**

2026 Biennial National CDA Convention

All roads lead to **Coralville Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, Coralville, Iowa, July 22-26, 2026. (Workshops and concerts on July 21st).** This is an official invitation requesting your presence to attend the 61st Biennial National Convention. Your attendance will give us an opportunity to pray together, celebrate, and conduct business. Do not miss the opportunity to fellowship with the CDA sisters from the great state of Iowa. Iowa State Regent and Convention Chair Brenda Vore, First Vice State Regent and Convention Co-Chair Julie Marlow and all members of the state of Iowa are anxiously awaiting your arrival in 2026. Stay tuned for more Convention information in the next Quarterly.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES

In the Bylaws of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, our purpose states, among other things, that we will provide our members with the opportunity to develop their "special God-given talents".

Here is one such opportunity. Develop your God-given talents of welcoming others to this amazing ministry. We have a contest to reward your efforts. But the real reason for contests is to incite some enthusiasm and effort to bring more women to CDA—to make Catholic friends, to be a friend, to learn about critical issues that affect lives, and to grow spiritually.

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1. NET INCREASE – Selected by the Membership Chair at each State Convention. This is a **two-year** contest. The winner will be determined by the largest net increase in membership (members gained minus members lost) for the two-year period of April 1 to March 31, or convention to convention.
    a. $50.00 will be awarded to the winning court.
    b. In case of a tie, $50.00 will be awarded to each court.
    c. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards.

2. MOST NEW MEMBERS ONLY – Selected by the Membership Chair at each State Convention. This is a two-year contest, not subtracting the losses, just counting the most new members. The winner will be determined by the greatest number of new members only for the two-year period of April 1 to March 31, or convention to convention.
    a. A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded to the courts.
    b. Monetary awards will be: $30.00 for 1st place, $20.00 for 2nd place, and $10.00 for 3rd place.
    c. In case of a tie for 1st place, there will not be a 2nd-place award. In case of a tie for 2nd place, there will not be a 3rd-place award. In case of a tie for 3rd place, each court will be awarded the $10.00 prize.
    d. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards.

3. MOST NEW MEMBERS IN ONE MONTH – Selected by the Membership Chair every year. This is a **one-year** contest. Any month within the April 1 to March 31 period (or Convention cutoff date in State Convention years) is eligible. This recognizes those courts who ran a successful membership drive with a special program or other effort, resulting in at least five new members pledging in any given month within the above stated period.
    a. $50.00 will be awarded to the winning court.
    b. In case of a tie, $50.00 will be awarded to each court.
    c. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards.

Remember to send your membership changes to 2nd Vice State Regent Laurie Hergott, 2648 West B Street, Lincoln, NE 68522 or one of her email addresses: stisidorechurchlady@gmail.com or necdast2vice@gmail.com

Your Court can include the following prayer in your meeting…

CDA Prayer

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

-From Dawn Fortenberry

Good Luck and God Bless,
1st Vice State Regent, Janet Macklin

CHANCES ARE…..

Chances are…
You participated in the Nebraska State CDA Lottery in 2024 and would love to do so again!

Chances are…
You did not participate in the Nebraska State CDA Lottery in 2024 and wish you had.

Chances are…
You even won a prize in the Nebraska State CDA Lottery in 2024!

Because of the lottery…
When other states around the country needed to raise registration fees for their State conventions due to increased prices on everything, the Nebraska State Board was able to keep registration fees the same and not raise them.

Because of the lottery…
The Nebraska State Board was able to pay 20% of the cost of meals. This means, as an attendee of the state convention, you paid 20% less for your meals.

We want to do this again and maybe even more. The State Board will launch the 2026 Lottery after the start of the new year. The proceeds, after contestants' winnings, will go toward reducing costs of the 2027 State Convention.

Please participate! When your tickets arrive, please sell and/or purchase what you can. If you are unable to do so because of financial or other reasons, tell your Court Regent in the next couple of months to put you on the ***Do Not Send*** list.

As always, thank you for all you do!
God bless,
Janet Macklin
1st Vice Regent

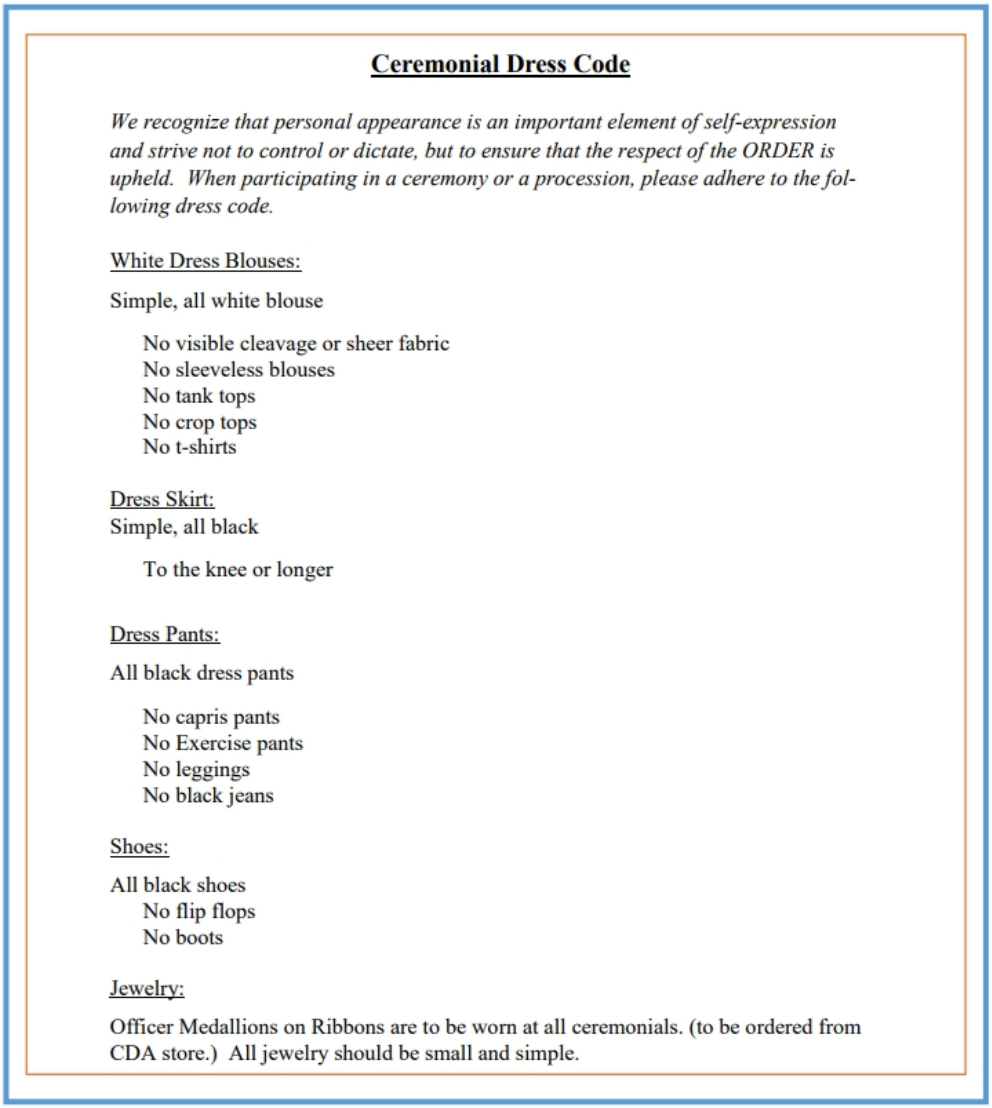
Nebraska Catholic Daughters Store

Have you visited the Nebraska Catholic Daughters Store? Rivalry has been the store that has helped us with CDA t-shirts over the years. We wanted to expand our wearable CDA clothes and Katie was a wonderful help to us. We picked out a new design and expanded on our Nebraska CDA logo on other pieces.

Rivalry buys from many different companies and offers fabric selections for all ladies. She carries some really nice shirts and jackets that will wear well. The best thing is that you make your own account. You can order 1 shirt or 10 of different styles. There is a description of each shirt with each picture, fabric content, and a nice description of the fabric. You order online, pay online, and can have it shipped to you directly or stop by the store and pick up your order.

Share with your members. I am sure if you want to customize a shirt just for your Court, Katie can help with that too. Happy shopping everyone! We are open to comments.

Visit the site at https://stores.inksoft.com/catholicdaughtersne/shop/home



Ceremonial Dress Code

We recognize that personal appearance is an important element of self-expression and strive not to control or dictate, but to ensure that the respect of the ORDER is upheld. When participating in a ceremony or a procession, please adhere to the following dress code.

White Dress Blouses:

Simple, all white blouse

- No visible cleavage or sheer fabric
- No sleeveless blouses
- No tank tops
- No crop tops
- No t-shirts

Dress Skirt:

Simple, all black

- To the knee or longer

Dress Pants:

All black dress pants

- No capris pants
- No Exercise pants
- No leggings
- No black jeans

Shoes:

All black shoes

- No flip flops
- No boots

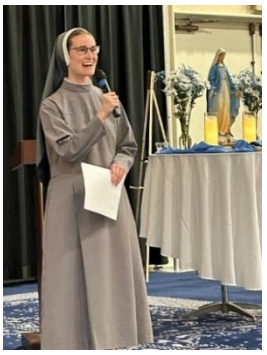
Jewelry:

Officer Medallions on Ribbons are to be worn at all ceremonials. (to be ordered from CDA store.) All jewelry should be small and simple.

NEBRASKA STATE CDA CONVENTION

Lincoln, Nebraska

April 25-27 – 2025



Nebraska State CDA hosted guest speakers Friday to open the biennial Nebraska State CDA convention. Regent Betty Fredericks, pictured top left, introduced each speaker. Speakers left to right: Tom Venzor, Executive Director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, Nikki Schaefer, Director of Heart of a Child Ministry, retreat leader & inspirational speaker Grace Raun and Sr. Gabriel Perry (Marian Sisters-Lincoln Diocese) shared her conversion story and how the Labouré Society assisted her in her journey to religious life. *Photos of speakers courtesy of Cindy Bishop.*

INSTALLATION MASS

Photos of Mass courtesy of Janet Macklin

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS…

(Also Renewals)

#401 - Columbia
Paula Lavelle
Donna Hewlett
Kathleen A. Nicolini

#576 - San Salvador
Roberta Adamy
Mary Ann Augustin
Terese Croghan
Yvonne Cyza
Carm Fiala
JoAnn Pipal
Leta Reisdorff

#988 - Little Flower
Sherron Chard
Crystal Hamling
Lleana M. Jarecki
Cassie Kouma
Laurie Kouma
Nan Pettit
Lenore Pfeifer
Debra Stone
Marie Washburn

#1009 - Wm. McDonald
Carrie Edwards
Glenda Schumacher
Lisa Schuster
Melissa Schuster
Hope Trausch

#1122 - Emmanuel
Loretta Kubik
Carolyn B. Norton

#2186 - Our Lady of Nebraska
Maureen Chance
Marina Hardy
Jan O'Neil
Charlie Speelmon

#2253 - Queen of the Angels
Nancy Costello
Delores "Beth Pribil

#2423 - Mary Queen of Peace
Christina Davis

#2451 - Mother Teresa
Diane M. Alden
Patricia J. Beyer
Carol Burns
Marva Dunning
Lisa Klug
Deb LeMay
Ashley Montgomery
Janis Sasse
Amy Williams

#2511 - Our Lady of the Rosary
Michelle McChesney
Colleen Murphy

#2604 - Our Lady of Faith
Cynthia Hall
Michele Huffman
Rose Klein
Maria Magana
Joanie Mulry
Kristina Pauley
Suzanne Samuelson
Doreen Sandberg

#2737 - Our Lady of Lourdes
Sally Katen

#2801 - Our Lady of the Sandhills
Mary Kate Steele

Attention: If you have never seen the name of one of your new members in these newsletter lists, please check to make sure you have sent a copy of her New Membership Application to Laurie Hergott, 2nd Vice State Regent, as well as to National.

WE REMEMBER...

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

(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2025, as of 12/1//25)

Joan Gratz	Mary Queen of Peace #2423	5-5-2025
Mary Marshall	William McDonald #1009	5-24-2025
Ardith Cantral	Our Lady of Fatima #1549	5-26-2025
Charlotte Leise	Hartington #457	6-6-2025
Myrna Wiewohner	Queen of the Angels #2253	6-6-2025
Alice Becker	Little Flower #988	6-11-2025
Dorothy Vejvoda	Queen of Peace #2227	6-11-2025
Mary Dobrovolny	William McDonald #1009	6-12-2025
Rose Jurado	Our Lady of Fatima #1549	6-18-2025
Rita Kirkegaaard	William McDonald #1009	6-20-2025
Caroline Nelson	Our Lady of Peace #1956	6-20-2025
Patsy Parkinson	St. James #2007	6-26-2025
Jeannie Travers	St. Charles #472	7-3-2025
Rose Mary Batenhorst	Our Lady of Nebraska #2186	7-6-2025
Patricia Heimann	Queen of the Angels #2253	7-19-2025
Barbara VanDyke	Little Flower #988	7-23-2025
Ramona Babl	St. Michael #697	7-26-2025
Beverly Starman	St. Monica #877	7-31/2025
Bonita Pittz	William McDonald #1009	8-20-2025
Darlene Flesner	St. Monica #877	8-22-2025
Barbara Savage	Little Flower #988	8-28-2025
Loretta Wegener	Little Flower #988	8-29-2025
Claire Meredith	Our Lady of Nebraska #2186	9-25-2025
Barbara Jones	St. Charles #472	9-6-2025
Arlene Vylidal	Queen of the Angels #2253	10-20-2025
Shirley Mendenhall	Columbia #401	10-28-2025

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

Please remember to send all deletion reports to the National CDA office **and to Lauri Hergott, 2nd Vice State Regent.** Thank you.

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A Little Christmas Humor:

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful. He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry.

"Well, what do you think?" I asked.

"Oh, Mom, it didn't work!" he replied.

What's Happening Around Nebraska?

Celebrating something special? Did your court members work together on a special project? Let us know, send in an article and pictures. We want to publish what is happening around the state!

National CDA Day – October 19

Court #2511 Our Lady of the Rosary hosted the Omaha metro courts at St. Robert Bellarmine parish to celebrate National CDA Day. Following the celebration of Mass attendees enjoyed lunch in the parish center. The JPII Newman Center was selected to receive the group's donation. Susan Gnann, Director of Advancement at the Newman Center was the guest speaker.

Pictures courtesy of Dee Studt

Members of Court #2186 Our Lady of Nebraska gathered for a group picture at the National CDA Day celebration in Omaha. Pictured L to R: Therese Preusser, Pat Meyer, Mary Kuhlman, Lauren Bopp, Maria Blaiotta, Kathy Dietsch, Jane Werner, Tiffany Theede, Financial Secretary - Susan Ciccotti, Regent - Mary Wendl, and Treasurer – Adrian Smoot

Photo courtesy of Mary Wendl

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In June, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, Court #2036, Bellevue, sponsored a pilgrimage to the Abby of Our Lady of Ephesus – The Benedictines Queen of Maryin Gower, Missouri, where the incorrupt remains of their foundress, Sr. Wilhelmina, lies in state. The group celebrated a traditional Latin Mass at the Abby. The group then made their way to Leavenworth, KS for lunch, visited the carousel museum and enjoyed a guided bus tour through the city of Leavenworth. *Picture courtesy of Cindy Bishop*

Past State Regent Judy Reed and Jane Erickson, members of Court #2036 – Bellevue, fill cannoli shells in preparation for their dessert sale fundraiser in conjunction with the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner in October. *Picture courtesy of Evy Tijerina*

Immediate Past State Regent Betty Fredericks and newly elected State Regent Kim Meduna at State Convention in April.

Court Queen of Peace #2227 – Grand Island holds an annual Spiritual Adoption project which includes a baby shower at the end of the 9-month period. Donations are taken to the Grand Island Collage Center. Pictured: (L to R) Regent Michelle McDonald and project co-chairman Marcia Riedy. *Photo courtesy of Michelle McDonald*

NEBRASKA DISTRICT DEPUTIES - 2025 - 2027

with ASSIGNED STATE OFFICERS

	Crt #	Court Name	City	State Officer
Deborah Armentrout (2023)	2036	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration	Bellevue	Marilyn
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Omaha, NE 68134	2604	Our Lady of Faith	Omaha	Laurie
402-572-6241 (Cell)				
dkarmentrout@hotmail.com				
Nancy Becker (2023)	457	Hartington	Hartington	Nancy
401 S. Cedar Avenue	697	St. Michael	O'Neill	Janet
Hartington, NE 68739	1802	St. Catherine Labourè	Verdigre	Janet
402-841-3741 (Cell)				
nbecker1962@gmail.com				
Barb Cave (2021)	877	St. Monica	Norfolk	Nancy
2014 31st Street	988	Little Flower	Columbus	Laurie
Columbus, NE 68601	1384	Guardian Angel	West Point	Nancy
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Donita Gertsch (2025)	96	Cordova	Falls City	Marilyn
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5311 S. 58th Circle	2253	Queen of the Angels	Fremont	Janet
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maryjoslin@yahoo.com				
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3510 S. Road	576	San Salvador	David City	Nancy
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308-641-2963				
joannjnash@gmail.com				
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402-462-6082	2760	**Santa Maria**	Grand Island	Kim
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elainebraska@hotmail.com				
Susan Steenson (2023)	2182	Mary Immaculate	Omaha	Marilyn
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****Regent Kim Meduna will take responsibility for this court****

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June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026

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