

Call to Convention – enclosures

Happy December Ladies,

Enclosed you will find items for your review and to share with each of your members in your Court. If you are a District Deputy please follow up with your Courts to make sure they received this packet and in some manner have notified each of their members. This will be the only USPS mailing about convention you will get directly from me.

The current State Newsletter, Our Lady of the Prairie, has been email or mailed to ALL members recently. Convention registration and meal forms are in the January newsletter, along with the Court of the Year and Member Lifetime Achievement Award information. This too, will be on our state website: www.cdaskouthdakota.com. Webmaster, Amanda Konechne has a State Convention area with all information.

Items within are:

- Official Call to Convention
- ONE sheet of State Raffle tickets. Please make many copies for your members to sell. We hope each member will try to sell \$20 worth of tickets. They are easy to sell and I thank you for doing your best to help with this State fundraiser. Additional cash prizes again for more winners. The drawing will be Sat. April 12th, at the Convention. We are offering these to be mailed by members that may not be attending. Make sure they are postmarked by April 7th and mail to Jessica Lewis 402 E 2nd Flandreau SD 57028. You may also bring them if you are coming.
- The Basket Raffle will be on the website along with tickets that can be purchased and mailed by April 7th.
- Charitable Contributions form. This is the most current form. Please notice the date at the top. IF you have older copies in your files, please destroy them as some charities have been removed. Use the form enclosed.
- Please remember our DEADLINES; most everything needs to be sent by FEBRUARY 15th.with a few on FEB. 1 or MAR 1. Refer to checklist for dates. Begin now if possible so that all items are submitted by that date.

I thank each of you for your leadership and teamwork to make South Dakota a state with great Catholic Daughters. CDA Blessings for a joyful NEW YEAR,

, state regent

“Open Your Heart to God's Love and Listen to Him!”



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

January 9, 2025

To: Fr. Jim Friedrich, state chaplain
Susan Mone, national regent
Essie Walker, national regent-elect
Connie Dronette, 1st vice national regent
Nancy Bambenek, 2nd vice national regent/national representative
Brenda Anderson, national secretary-treasurer
SD State Board
Past State Regents
State Chairs
District Deputies
Local Court Regents

RE: 53rd Biennial South Dakota State Convention

From: Judy Konechne, state regent

It is my pleasure to issue the first and official call to the 53rd Biennial SD state Convention.

Date: April 10, 11, 12 & 13 2025

Place: Holiday Inn

305 North 27th St

Spearfish, SD 57783

Reservations - 1-800-999-3541

Theme: "Open Your Heart to God's Love and Listen to Him!"

This convention promises to be informative and productive. The January State Newsletter contained detailed information of the convention with this information also being placed on the State Website at www.sdsouthdakota.com. Please watch for additional updates and information on the website and thru Regent's Remarks and Reminders. Our Convention Co-Chairs are Julie Hill and Deb DeFries of Ct. Our Lady of Lourdes #2056 Hot Springs. Several other area Courts will be hosting this convention. These courts are found in Rapid City, Faith, Lemmon, Winner, and Gregory. They have organized and have a team concept that will be used throughout the convention in all areas.

ATTENDANCE: All CDA members are invited and encouraged to attend this 53rd Biennial State Convention. In addition to the delegate seating, there will be area for non delegates to observe the convention. Proceedings are open to all registered members. Spouses and guest are invited to all liturgies and meal tickets will be available for purchase for guests. Dress is business for meetings.

WORKSHOPS: Past convention feedback has shown a desire for workshops and roundtable discussions during the convention. With consideration and availability of the Convention Centre, I am happy to announce that with the extra day, we will be able to offer four different workshops throughout the day on Thursday, April 10th. Further discussions are sure to follow these workshops. Daily mass will be offered at 4:30 following the workshops.

OPENING CEREMONIES: These are planned at the Convention Center starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 11th, with meetings to follow.

MEMORIAL MASS-Our Past with our Future: This memorial mass will not only remember and honor our sisters, who have gone before us, but also a time for our newest CDA Members (April 15, 2023 thru Feb. 15, 2025) to attend and be recognized. This Mass is planned for Friday, April 11th and will start at 4:30 PM at St. Joseph-Catholic Church at 844 N 5th St, Spearfish, SD. Only Regents or their representing officer will wear proper Ceremonial Dress for the mass and light a candle for their Courts deceased member(s).

MEMBERS LIST: Send in your list of deceased - members from the past 2 years by Feb. 15th, 2025 to Michele Sage, 1st vice state regent, for inclusion in the Liturgy booklet. A list of your newest members (April 15, 2023– Feb 15,2025) should also be emailed to Michele.

INSTALLATION MASS: Will be held Saturday, April 12th, at 4:00 PM at the convention center. ALL officers will wear proper Ceremonial Dress Code and proper protocol will be observed.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES: Each court regent should have received from the National Office a delegate sheet along with directions for electing the number of delegates and alternates allowed per court. If regent does not receive the delegate packet, please contact the National Office. Remember to elect enough delegates and alternates for proper representation at the State Convention. Delegates and alternates are elected by February 15th, not appointed. Be sure to have all names on the form for delegates and alternates so that no one is refused to be your representative when arriving at convention. Names cannot be added later. Mail FORM TO STATE REGENT BY **MARCH 1, 2025** at the latest. Please follow all the deadlines set. Per by-laws, courts are allowed one (1) delegate, the regent, if she attends and an additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. Expenses to the state convention may be paid by the local court.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS: All state and national dues and assessments must be paid in order for a court to have delegates seated at the conventions. No exceptions.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS: Local courts may submit proposed amendments to the CDA bylaws. Any proposed bylaw amendments approved at the State Convention must be sent to the national committee for final presentation at the 2026 National Convention in Coralville, IA. Local courts must vote on a proposed bylaw amendment at the local court meeting prior to submission. Proposed bylaw changes must be submitted to the State Regent by February 15th, 2025. See page 4-62 in Tools of the Trade for example of writing a bylaw change.

RESOLUTIONS: Local courts may submit proposed resolutions. Any resolutions passed at the state conventions that do not pertain solely to the State of SD will also be sent to the chairman of the National Resolutions Committee for consideration. See page 4-63 in Tools of the Trade for a resolutions format. Resolutions proposed by a local court must be approved by a vote of the members at a regular meeting and sent to the State Regent by Feb. 15th, 2025.

CONVENTION SALES: The state will have a CDA Store with items for sale. Items in the Store, will be CDA items the State has, items from the National office and from Cathy Bittner of *Spread the Word Products* in TX. No other items can be sold at convention without approval of the State Board. Anyone wishing to offer items for sale must send a request by Feb. 15, 2025 to the State regent. The Host courts have been approved to sell chances for a raffle item. Once again the State will have the grocery raffle.

FUNDRAISING: Fundraising is necessary to keep dues manageable. State Convention will have our Lucky Bucks daily sales and drawing, basket raffle, grocery raffle drawing, and host court(s) raffle. Courts are asked to keep selling the tickets for both of these raffles. Courts, DD's and members are asked to consider donating a basket for that raffle held at the convention.

CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE: Anyone wishing to be considered as a candidate for state office by the nominating committee must submit her packet postmarked prior to February 1st, 2025 to:

Bonnie Hosek, state nominating chair at 34598 244th St Chamberlain, SD 57325.

Bylaws require: (5 copies) of the following: **1.** Statement of qualifications. **2.** A current photograph. **3.** Statement of endorsement by the local court of the candidate that was voted on at a meeting and signed by the majority of Local Court officers. **4.** A statement of consent to serve signed by the candidate.

SCRAPBOOKS: Court scrapbooks must be presented by noon on Friday, April 11th with judging thereafter. Scrapbooks should contain items from the past two years starting after the 2023 convention.

CIRCLE OF LOVE FORMS: These forms were emailed out or available on the state website for the regents. Please be mindful of the February 15th deadline to get these to the chairman. The COL Chairman's name is printed on each of the forms. You may want to make a copy of the report form for you own records and for reference next year.

CDA COURT OF THE YEAR: Guidelines and information are in the January newsletter and on the website.

CDA MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Guidelines and information are in the January newsletter and on the website.

STATE CHAIR AND DISTRICT DEPUTIES: Your Story boards should be worked on now and be brought to the convention. Start to work on your reports to be included in the program booklet. Reports should be in word format emailed to Michele Sage, state 1st vice state regent by Feb. 15th. Please let the State Regent know the number of award certificates you need or would like to have available for presentation.

REGENTS: A report of your activities is to be written and sent in word format to the State Regent and 1st Vice State Regent Michele Sage for inclusion in the report booklet. Due date is Feb. 15th.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHAIRITIES: Have your charitable contributions made by Feb. 15th for inclusion in the program booklet. CAREFULLY READ the instructions for the form. A new, blank current form from the website is used with each submission. Please have this submitted to Mary Kay Zimmerman, State Secretary by Feb. 15th

FRIDAY NIGHT THEME: Friday night has been traditionally the night we have fun with a theme. The theme for this year is "Enjoying God's Creations". Come dressed in your fishing gear, hiking, sightseeing, swimming, golfing or any other fun activity to do in the hills.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: Following the Installation Mass, we will gather for social time and a banquet. The dress for Saturday night will be cocktail/semi-formal dress. The theme for the night is: "*Blessed Mother, Pilgrim of Hope*".

2029 Convention Bids: Representatives from areas interested in hosting the 2029 State Convention should come to the convention prepared to make a bid for the convention. Specifics are found in the Tools of the Trade. Notify the State Regent of your intention to bid by Feb 15, 2025 so that the bid presentation can be placed on the agenda. The 2027 Convention will be in Mitchell, hosted by Ct. Margaret Mary #2453.

The State Board and Host Courts have been working hard to make this a wonderful convention. Let's make this a great convention by having a delegation from each court in the State! This is the time to renew old friendships and to make new CDA friends. It is also time to celebrate the gift of sisterhood in CDA. I sincerely hope that all courts will do their best to make sure their delegates and as many members as possible, attend the convention to vote, to learn and to take back and share what they have experienced with the rest of the State CDA membership.

Blessings to each of you,

Judy

Judy Konechne
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Tentative Convention Schedule - subject to change

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:00 – 6:00 Registration
(Sign-up for Adoration time slots at registration)
10:00 – 10:45 Workshop - Community Resource Center - Convention Charity
11:00 – 11:45 Workshop - Leadership -
12:00 Lunch - on your own
1:30 -2:15 Workshop - How the convention runs and what new comers can expect
2:30 -3:15 Workshop Human From Day One Speaker
3:15-4:00 Free Time
4:00 Daily mass
5:00 -7:00 Past Regent Dinner—MUST pre-register
8:00 The 14 Stations of the Eucharist

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:30 – 3:00 Registration
7:30 – 8:00 Mediation Prayers
8:15 – 9:00 Conv. Committee Meetings
10:00—3:15 Opening Ceremony & Meeting
12:00—1:15 Lunch
4:30 Memorial & Member Mass –St. Joseph Catholic Church
6:30 Social
7:00 Banquet—"Enjoying God's Creations"

Saturday, April 12, 2025

7:30 – 12:00 Registration - unless all are registered
7:30 – 8:00 Meditation Prayers
8:15 - 9:00 Business meeting—**Voting Delegates only**
9:30 – 11:45 Business meeting—Entire membership
11:45 Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 Business meeting
4:00 Installation Mass (At Convention Center)
6:30 Social hour
7:00 Banquet—Formal or Cocktail wear "Blessed Mother, Pilgrim of Hope"

Sunday April 13, 2025

7:30 – 8:00: Morning Meditation
8:15—11:15 Business meeting and closing

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FORM (updated 10/25/2024)

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO SD CDA STATE SECRETARY no later than February 15 for current year credit. Do not send any of the listed directly. Send thru the State Court.

Court _____ Number# _____ Town _____

Regent _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Date _____

CURRENT DONATION: Donations to charities other than those listed must be sent by the local court directly to that charity and record at the bottom of the form.

Please use a new form each time you send in a check

NATIONAL CHARITIES

(Recommended is \$20 per Charity)

STATE CHARITIES

Abuse Project (State Project) \$ _____
(Do not include Lifesaver money sent in separately)

Military Project \$ _____

Bishop's Burse \$ _____

Focus \$ _____

House of Mary Shrine \$ _____

Mother Teresa Endowment \$ _____

Mount Marty CDA Scholarship \$ _____

Radio Rosary \$ _____

Respect Life Office \$ _____

TV Mass \$ _____

SUB-TOTAL \$ _____

NATIONAL PROJECTS

(National has recommended \$20 for each of these projects)

Habitat for Humanity \$ _____

Holy Cross Family Ministries \$ _____
(Family Rosary)

Labouré Society \$ _____

Nat'l Center for Sexual Exploitation \$ _____
(Morality in Media)

SOAR \$ _____

SUB-TOTAL \$ _____

OTHERS Not as Charities or Projects

1903/Windows of Opportunity \$ _____
(donate if you wish for upkeep of Nat'l Office)

Apostleship of the Sea \$ _____

Basilica of the Nat'l Shrine \$ _____

Catholic Extension \$ _____

Catholic Relief (Health & Life) \$ _____

Disaster Relief Fund \$ _____

Human Life International \$ _____

Missionaries of Charity \$ _____
(National Mother Teresa Charity)

North American College \$ _____

SUB-TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

(this should equal the 3 subtotals & if a 1903 donation)

(State Charities + National Projects + Voluntary National Charities must equal amount of enclosed check and be sent to **STATE SECRETARY**) **Make check payable to SD Catholic Daughters of the Americas.**

SENT DIRECTLY BY COURT:

(If more room is needed, please use the back of this form - List only donations since last form)

_____ \$ _____

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