

SD Catholic Daughters of America

Circle of Love

Quality of Life Report for 1919-2021

Mary Althoff, Chairman

The word for 2020 for all our lives was “change”. From the CDA Convention in Chamberlain in April 2019 through the first 2 months of 2020 life moved normally. Our Courts were meeting, praying together, socializing, and servicing the needs of home, family, parish, and community. Then COVID hit and all our lives “changed”.

The SD Courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have found new ways to be of service and to improve the Quality of Life for our members, and our communities. We have lost many of our dear members during this time and have been separate and challenged through it all to “stay in touch” with one another.

- Some Courts have reached out through cards and gifts to the Nursing Homes instead of playing BINGO or celebrating with parties.
- Monetary donations from members have allowed checks to be written to charities or items to be purchased for newborn gifts or toys for Christmas wish lists.
- Baked goods still warm hearts when individually wrapped and delivered through the care of CDA Members.
- Letters and cards of contact and encouragement have helped to push away the hours of aloneness for our homebound and Nursing Home loved ones.
- The basic needs of the homeless, neglected or abused in our communities have been met with coordinating donations from parishes and members for delivery to Shelters serving the afflicted.
- Donations to fund the volunteers who are assisting abused children through the legal system (a reflection of the stress enhanced by the COVID isolation) have come from the depths of members concern for others.

We all long for a return to a normal quality of life, but the creative time spent finding other ways of practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy have enriched our experience. We are awakened to work harder in our efforts to helping others!

Honorable Mention awarded for reports submitted by Lennox Ct St Christina #2336 *Toiletry Bags for Children's Inn* and Miller Ct St Joseph #2754 *Reaching Out in Quarantine Times*.

3rd place – Rapid City - Ct St Rita #916 *Monthly Mission Meal*; 2nd Place – Highmore Ct Little Flower #1054 *The Advent Gifts*

1st Place – Hot Springs - Our Lady of Lourdes #2056 *Seven Sisters Christmas Wish*

In Unity and Charity respectfully submitted,

Mary Althoff