

### Education Contest:

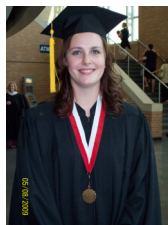
Each year, CDA sponsors education contests for Catholic and non-Catholic youth to use their talents and express their beliefs through poetry, essay, music, art, computer art, or photography. Two topics are presented for the youth to choose from. Monetary awards are distributed at the local, state, and national level. Age categories include grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Adult CDA members may participate in the



### Scholarships to Catholic Colleges

Since 1990, CDA sponsors scholarships, to Mount Marty College. Local Courts and Individuals are encouraged to support these scholarships through donations and memorials. These can be sent to:

Mount Marty College,  
Office of Advancement  
1105 W. 8th St., Yankton SD 57078



### State Abuse Project:

Our SD project began in 2000. The goal is to raise funds to assist victims of abuse in the Abuse Shelters across South Dakota. Each Court receives bags of Lifesavers for their Abuse Awareness Fundraiser. Monies raised are divided on a 50-50 ratio between the State and the local courts. Local courts can use the donations within their own communities. March and April



Military Project: Through the State Military Project, our donations are used to provide items or materials needed to SD men and women who are currently serving or have served from South Dakota.

### Priest Appreciation Day:

1981 marked the beginning of this special day when CDA Courts host receptions on the first Sunday of June, for our Priests and religious, as a thank you for their spiritual guidance.



### Bishops Burse ~ Sioux Falls and Rapid City Dioceses:

Financial donations are given at the Biennial State Conventions to the Bishops. These are applied towards the education of seminarians and the continuing education of the Priests within their Diocese.

Legislation Operation Morning Star is the network to involve Courts in pertinent legislation that address the needs and moral issues which impact the quality of life and family values. Our goal is to inform our members to contact their Congressional leaders through email, phone, and letters, urging them to support legislation that upholds our Catholic teachings.

### Junior Catholic Daughters Program

Adult CDA Courts may sponsor a JCDA Program of Juniores (ages 6-10) and Juniors (ages 11-18) based on a three fold program of involvement:

#### **MESSAGE, SERVICE and COMMUNITY**

The four objectives and goals are: To Promote the development of the whole person through programs of self-identity, personal growth and peer group relationships; to promote service to others in the parish, community and JCDA; to encourage spiritual growth by providing opportunities for personal prayer, liturgy and ecumenical understanding and to encourage programming that is open, flexible and creative to current needs and concerns.



### **Mission Statement**

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity.*

**Our Motto** — "Unity and Charity"

*The Church, our children and our society need positive role models today. You can answer that call by becoming involved with the Catholic Daughters?*



**Mary is our Patroness**

*Call your local CDA membership chairman or Court Regent to learn more about becoming a Catholic Daughter.*

**Call TODAY and join us!  
605-680-1558**

www.cdaskouthdakota.com or visit us on 

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## **Catholic Daughters of the Americas South Dakota**

*Learn more about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas through this brochure. Listed are the various State and National projects that each Court in South Dakota can support, with financial, spiritual and/or material donations. Get involved with the largest Catholic Women's organization in the Americas.*

**"YOU can make a difference!"**



Circle of Love: This National program gives the Catholic Daughters effective ways to serve their communities and missions. To be effective in promoting good works, we must reach out and make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering or those who need our love, support and prayers. Each point of the circle, **Quality of Life, Youth, Education, Legislation, Spiritual Enhancement, Leadership, and Family** are the areas that we focus on to make a difference; locally or nationally.



The House of Mary Shrine is located approx. five miles west of Yankton on Lewis and Clark Lake. The Marian Shrine is set in a natural setting inviting all to retreat and worship. The Holy Spirit hermitage was funded by the SD Catholic Daughters in 1984. The shrine includes Holy Stairs, Living Waters, Stations of the Cross, waterfall, rosary pond, gardens, and the Holy Innocents Memorial dedicated to the unborn. A stained glass window with the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary was donated by Catholic Daughters in 2000 and graces the original building on the site.

## CDA National Charities

North American College, Human Life Int'l, Catholic Relief Services, Covenant House, Disaster Relief, Mother Teresa, Tutwiler Clinic, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Extension

**North American College in Rome** Just as young men and women are called to the religious life, Catholic Daughters are called to the respond by supporting vocations. Support comes from gifts of prayer, encouragement, and funding for the Seminarians at North American College in Rome for the

**Human Life International** CDA's newest National Project, starting in 2022. It also is the largest international pro-life organization in the world. It has affiliates and associate in over 80 nations and has representatives in 160 locations. Their mission is to train local leaders to make a lasting impact on community, help families choose life by providing counseling, healthcare and other resources, and going beyond abortion by bringing Christ's teaching on life and family to the world through chastity, marriage and end of life issues. Human



**Catholic Relief Services** CDA Supports this International project started in 1943 to assist people in the poorest parts of the World, reaching out to more than 100 countries with food, medical supplies and religious assistance.

**Covenant House** Founded in 1972 in New York City, Covenant Homes across the US provide 24-hour emergency shelter, food, clothing, medical attention, short and long-term counseling, and a safe place to survive for homeless and runaway youth. Financial support by CDA courts assists with

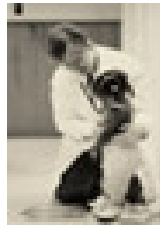
**Disaster Relief** The Catholic Daughters maintain a Disaster Fund to which our members contribute. At the request of the State Regent where a disaster occurs, monetary assistance is forwarded to the Bishop of that Diocese for distribution. Donations have gone to FL, LA, MS, and TX; and relief was sent to Mexico, MN, AR, WV, NH, NY, OH and TX experiencing major flooding. In 2017, South Dakota was given funds for draught relief.

## **CDA National Charities and Projects**

**Mother Teresa** In 1950, Mother Teresa received permission to start her order, "The Missionaries of Charity", whose task was to love and care for those persons nobody was prepared to look after. In 1965 the Society became an International Religious Family by a decree of Pope Paul VI.



**Tutwiler Clinic** CDA's National Charity adopted in 2000. This clinic is located in Tutwiler, MS. Founded in 1981, by Sr. Anne Brooks, MD. Sister and sixteen religious sisters from eleven different communities, run the clinic. CDA financial support enables these angels of mercy to provide medical care for the most needy people of this Delta area. The clinic receives many requests to provide medical



**Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** Located in Washington DC. The Shrine is the largest Catholic church in the US and in North America and the tallest habitable building in Washington DC. Its construction began in 1920 and the *Trinity Dome* mosaic marked its



**Apostleship of the Sea** Since 1920, Port Ministry has provided spiritual, physical and psychological services to seamen and religious at port locations in the US. CDA supports these men and women with personal

## Catholic Extension



Catholic Extension was founded in 1905 in remote areas lacking church buildings and resources. Their vision is to raise money to help bring the Catholic Church to these isolated communities. Today, they serve 87 'mission dioceses', funds approximately 2000 projects annually throughout the

## CDA National Projects

**SOAR, National Center on Sexual Exploitation Holy Cross Family Rosary, Habitat for Humanity, and Laboure Society**

**SOAR** Founded in 1986 with \$25,000 seed money from CDA, SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) is a nonprofit organization committed to assure financial stability and to personally secure the futures of elderly and frail members of



**National Center on Sexual Exploitation** Beginning in 1990, SD Courts have supported NCOSE through our state wide **White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP)** campaign. CDA members

display and distribute white ribbons as a symbol of our determination to end pornography in the media. Hardcore pornography, leads to sexual violence, sexually transmitted diseases, family breakup, and unwed pregnancy. CDA cooperates with NCOSE efforts proposing legislation, and testifying before legislative and administrative committees to end pornography in the marketplace and society.

**Holy Cross Family Ministries** The rosary is an important part of CDA prayer life and for our families. Fr. Peyton, Holy Cross ministries, encourages the rosary to share the message of prayer and to strengthen our prayer life. CDA has supported this since 1977.

**Habitat For Humanity** Since becoming involved with Habitat, in 1995, CDA members have raised money to help build over 45 homes in the USA & Mexico. This worthwhile project provides not only affordable basic housing, but improves the of lives of the



**Laboure Society** The Laboure Society encourages and financially supports women who wish to enter a religious community. Over 65% of those supported would not be able to do so without the assistance. Our CDA donations help make this possible. St. Catherine Laboure is their patroness.