

SOUTH DAKOTA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS®

2021 STATE CONVENTION MINUTES

Called  o Serve

**South Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas®
Fifty-First Biennial State Convention
Saturday, April 17, 2021
St. Bernard Catholic Church, Parish Hall
Redfield, SD**

Theme: Called to Serve
Host: South Dakota State Board
Location: St. Bernard Catholic Church, Parish Hall
Assisting Court: Court St. Mary, #1423, Redfield

The State Board of the South Dakota Catholic Daughters thanks you for being a part of the first ever virtual State Convention. We appreciate the extra efforts made by all of you so you could join your CDA sisters for this day. We want to especially thank, our Chaplain, Fr. Jim Friedrich for his guidance and prayers.

We have so enjoyed working as your State Board in our attempt to guide and grow CDA in South Dakota. God Bless all of you and the new State Board as they continue to lead our state. Thank you for allowing us to lead you.

State Regent Brenda Anderson	Ct. St. Katharine Drexel, #2516	Roscoe SD
First Vice State Regent Judy Konechne	Ct. St. Patrick, #1699	Kimball SD
Second Vice State Regent Michele Sage	Ct. St. Agnes, #618	Brookings SD
State Secretary Deborah Burdick	Ct. St. Mary, #1423	Redfield SD
State Treasurer JoAnn Hoffman	Ct. Sacred Heart, #280	Parkston SD

In the interest of presenting as much information as possible for the convention, the following were put in the State Convention Program Book and given out to convention attendees: the welcome information, the financial information, committee reports and court reports, that had been received prior to the convention. This booklet will contain the actual minutes, any reports, and additional information that were received during or after the convention.

OFFICIAL GREETINGS

The 51st Biennial Convention of the South Dakota State Catholic Daughters of the Americas[®] was called to order by State Regent Brenda Anderson on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 8:00 am at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Parish Hall in Redfield, SD.

Reverend Fr. Jim Friedrich, State Chaplain, led an Opening Prayer.

All joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Judy Konechne, 1st Vice State Regent.

Opening Ode was sung by Past State Regent, Vickie Feist, Ct. St. Ann #1121, Pierre.

State Regent Brenda Anderson welcomed everyone to the first ever digital convention. She then introduced the District Deputies, recognized all the State Committee Chairs and thanked them. State Regent introduced our Past State Regents and extended her appreciation for their dedication to service and faithfully serving God through our organization.

INSTALLATION OF CHAPLAIN

Fr. Jim Friedrich was installed as the Chaplain of the South Dakota State Court by the State Regent Brenda Anderson. First Vice State Regent, Judy Konechne presented Fr. Friedrich with the Chaplain's Pin.

PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION

Second Vice State Regent, Michele Sage explained how the virtual convention would be conducted and instructions were given as to asking questions during the meeting using the Zoom platform.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for Deceased Members was held to honor and remember the deceased members of our Courts who have passed away since our last convention in April of 2019. A list of names is printed on pages 72-74 in the State Convention Program Booklet.

ROLL CALL

State Secretary Deborah Burdick took the official Roll Call of Convention.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Credentials Report: 8:54 am, April 17, 2021

Deborah Burdick, State Secretary gave the Credentials Report.

	Potential Strength	Actual Delegates Seated
National Rep/Officer	1	1
State Officers	5	5
Immediate Past State Regent	1	1
Past State Regents	5	5
<i>Delegates</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>95</i>
TOTALS	116	107

Majority needed to pass: 55

**A quorum for this Convention is a majority of the voting members of the State Court who have registered for the convention.*

State Regent Brenda Anderson asked for a motion for the approval of the credentials report and voting strength. Motion by Barb Wiechmann, Ct. St. Rose of Lima, #700 Wagner and seconded. THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED AND A QUORUM WAS DECLARED BY STATE REGENT BRENDA ANDERSON.

GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL BOARD

Susan Moné, First Vice National Regent brought greetings from the National Board.

PAST REGENTS

Barb Wiechmann, President of the State Past Regents

Good Morning, everyone. I want to thank the State Board for letting me address you today as the President of Past Regents. Thank you to the officers for serving and helping the CDA of SD in this difficult year. I want to publicly congratulate Fr. Jim Fredrich on being installed as State Chaplain. I have congratulated him personally as he is our Court Chaplain in Wagner and Dante. Father always has something interesting to share at our meeting. A little about the Past Regents Organization. I am not sure when it was started in SD but I know that someone in the audience knows the date. Past regents have been meeting yearly for a longtime. Membership is made up of anyone who has served as regent of your local court. Thank you for serving your court. With Covid, our Past Regents yearly meetings have been cancelled. So plans are to meet in September of this year. Time and place to be determined. Dues are \$5 a regent for 2 years. Now some courts pay this, and in some courts, it is the responsibility of individual members. These can be sent to Audrey Konechne, Treasurer in Kimball. This money offsets some costs and part is donated to charity at our meetings. Currently we have \$1284.99 in the bank. In some courts, Past regents have regular meetings with projects. I want to ENCOURAGE your past regents to be there to support your current court officers and projects. Support by attending meetings, verbally encouraging the officers and trying new ideas if suggested. NEW ideas are good as long as they abide by our motto, and mission statement. From Bob Dylan, "Times they are a Changin". Change is constant and sometimes adjustment to this change is not easy. Please do what you can for your court. Utilize our resources, Share magazine, State newsletter, State and National Web pages. Use these for inspiration and to share information with membership. I encourage you to live our motto of UNITY AND CHARITY. PRAY FOR OUR CDA LEADERS AND FOR OUR CHURCH AND COUNTRY. Thank you again for your time today.

CONVENTION STANDING RULES REPORT

First Vice State Regent, Judy Konechne presented the Standing Rules for Convention as printed on page 11 in the Convention Book. Judy moved for the adoption of the Standing Rules as printed. The motion was seconded and approved, and the Standing Rules were adopted as printed.

ADOPTION OF THE PRINTED PROGRAM

Second Vice State Regent Michele Sage reported on the printed State Convention Program Booklet. She asked delegates to remember this is a living document and is subject to changes as necessary. Michele moved to adopt the program as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The 2020-2021 State Financial Review was held on March 25th in Humboldt, SD. Book Officer JoAnn Hoffman, State Treasurer, along with State Regent, Brenda Anderson, 1st Vice State Regent, Judy Konechne, State Secretary, Deborah Burdick were present. The Review Committee consisting of: Chair Tina Roth, Court Sacred Heart #280, Parkston; Carolyn Downs, Court Mother Teresa #2510, Sioux Falls; Vicki Pick, Court Saint Christine #2336 Lennox and Kathy Kapperman, Court Saint Thomas #1553, Humboldt found the books of both the State Secretary and State Treasurer in good order. Respectfully submitted, Tina Roth, Chair of Financial Review Committee.

Motion was made by JoAnn Hoffman to accept the Financial Review. Motion was seconded and the report was adopted.

2019 CONVENTION MINUTES COMMITTEE

Erika Knippling, Ct. Our Lady of Peace #1708, Flandreau - Chair

Erika Knippling, Chair of the 2019 Convention Minutes Committee presented her report. Erika asked the floor for any corrections to the 2019 convention minutes. Hearing there were no corrections, the 2019 Convention Minutes as presented, Regent Brenda Anderson asked for approval of the report. The vote was in favor and the minutes were approved as presented. Brenda thanked the committee consisting of Camille Dunnick, Ct. St. Patricia #271 Sioux Falls; and Leslie Petersek, Ct. Maria Goretti #1584, Colome for their service.

2021 CONVENTION MINUTES COMMITTEE

The 2021 Convention Minutes Committee was appointed by State Regent Brenda Anderson. The members who will read and approve this year's convention minutes are: Deb DeFries, Ct. Our Lady of Lourdes #2056, Hot Springs; Cindy Lutter, Ct. St. Patrick #1699, Kimball; and Leslie Petersek, Ct. St. Maria Goretti #1584, Colome.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Karen Schaefers, Ct. Our Lady of Fatima #1518, Orient/Polo – Chair

This report of the Nominating committee was presented to State Regent, Brenda Anderson and was published in both the February, State Newsletter, on page 7 and in a Feb 10th letter sent to all the local regents, District Deputies and State Chairmen. Regents were asked to read the letter at their meetings so that everyone would be aware of the open offices on the State Board.

Brenda thanked Chairman, Karen Schaefers, Ct Our Lady of Fatima, #1518, Orient/Polo and her committee. Kathy Feuerhelm, Carol Nygaard, Deb Souvignier and Lorraine Moser for serving on this committee.

Results and paperwork that Chairman Karen Schaefer received by the deadline was as follows:

State Regent: Judy Konechne Ct. St. Patrick #1699 Kimball
1st Vice State Regent: Michele Sage Ct. St. Agnes #618 Brookings
2nd Vice State Regent: JoAnn Hoffman Ct. Sacred Heart #280, Parkston
State Secretary open – no paperwork submitted
State Treasurer open – no paperwork submitted

Per our National Regent Convention Guidelines, all candidates who run from the floor needed to have their paperwork to the State Regent by March 8, 2021. The paperwork received was for:

State Secretary Lynda Steichen Ct Holy Heart, #162, Woonsocket, received on March 2, 2021
State Treasurer Carolyn Downs Ct. Mother Teresa, #2510, Sioux Falls, received on March 1, 2021

On Saturday, March 13, 2021, the state officers met together, as required by National directive, to review the paperwork received. They found the paperwork submitted by both candidates to be in order according to the deadline set forth by the National Executive Board. With all the requirements met, the names of: Lynda Steichen for SD State Secretary and Carolyn Downs, for SD State Treasurer were placed on the voting ballots. The ballots were mailed out on March 15, 2021.

Those ballots postmarked March 29 or earlier, were opened and counted on April 16, 2021, by the 2021 Election Committee. Susan Moné, 1st Vice National Regent, outgoing State Regent, Brenda Anderson and outgoing State Secretary, Deborah Burdick.

Congratulations to your newly elected State Officers for 2021-2023.

Judy Konechne, State Regent
Michele Sage, 1st Vice State Regent
JoAnn Hoffman, 2nd Vice State Regent
Lynda Steichen, State Secretary
Carolyn Downs, State Treasurer

The 2023 Nominating Committee ballots were also mailed out as directed by the National Executive Board. The State Board received a total of 11 nominations from local courts, with one withdrawal, for the 2023 Nominating Committee: The ballots were opened and tabulated by the Election committee. Those elected to the Nominating Committee are:

Deb DeFries, Hot Springs, Our Lady of Lourdes, #2056 received 99 - Chair
Amanda Konechne, Kimball, St. Patrick, #1699 received 99 votes
Barb Wiechmann, Wagner, St. Rose of Lima, #700 received 97 votes
Janice Stainbrook, Parkston, Sacred Heart, #280 received 89 votes
Michele Hulm, Faith, St Kateri Tekewitha, #2635 received 84 votes
Alternates will be:
Mary Ellen Aamot Brookings St. Agnes, #618 received 76 votes
Bernice Cizadlo, Milbank, Joan of Arc, #846 received 82
Susi Odden, Miller, St. Joseph, #2754 received 81 votes

Mary Lou Schwartz, Redfield, St. Mary, #1423 received 75 votes
Florence Skinner, Rapid City, St. Rita, #916 received 80 votes

The results indicate that Deb DeFries and Mandy Konechne had the same number of votes. Phone calls were made to each, and it was determined that Deb DeFries will serve as Chairman in 2023. The new State Regent will be in contact with the Chairman of the committee with details of serving in December 2022 or January 2023. Ballots will be destroyed at the conclusion of the convention with a motion.

STATE MILITARY PROJECT

Colleen Leer, Ct. our Lady of Fatima, #1518, Orient/Polo – Chair

I want to thank all the Courts for their support of the Military through their prayers and contributions. I believe the Courts I mention will highlight how we continue to grow our support from packages for deployed Service members and flags for the deceased Veterans to help for the active Service members families while they are deployed, assisting the homeless Veterans and assisting all Veterans in your communities.

Court Margaret Mary #2453 Mitchell reached out to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DAV) and the Military Assistance Office. There was a female Veteran that had moved from an abusive relationship with two children and one on the way. She was living in their housing and looking for a job. The Court collected donations for household goods, toys and food. The parish found out and contributed also. The Court is now continuing to support her with contributions for the baby.

Court Madonna #1952 Plankinton purchased items and clothes for the VA hospitals in Sioux Falls and Ft. Meade and the Hot Springs VA Domiciliary and Veterans Home. At Christmas they found out that the Veterans Home in Hot Springs needed Greetings Cards, so they purchased and gathered cards and stationery to send to them. They also put the names of deployed Servicemembers in their Parish Bulletin.

Court Our Lady of Lourdes #2056 Hot Springs donated 200 small, decorated Christmas trees to the VA State Veterans Domiciliary in Hot Springs. They were assisted by the youth in the Parish.

Court Sancta Maria #368 Dell Rapids refurbished Christmas trees and made 180 wreaths to place at Veterans graves over Veterans Day. They also get with the American Legion Auxiliary and make pillowcases to give to all deploying Service Members.

The State Officers voted to contribute to Court Margaret Mary #2453 Mitchell to assist in supporting a woman Veteran, her children and her newborn baby. They also voted to send money to the VA Hot Springs Domiciliary and Hospital where all the woman Veterans in the area are sent. The facility has already sent a Letter of Appreciation for our support.

BISHOP DONALD DEGROOD

A video greeting and prayerful reflection was shared from Bishop Donald Degrood, of the Sioux Falls Diocese. The video was made available for all members to view on the SD State CDA Website.

STATE NEWSLETTER

“Our Lady of the Prairie”

Laree Giovannettone, Ct. St. Mother Teresa, #2510, Sioux Falls --Editor

When I found out that I had to give a report, I thought it would be easy just to ask Brenda Anderson to write it and I would proofread it and make the changes necessary for it to be newsletter ready. That’s what I do. I take the articles that all of you write and make them fit into the spaces available. Keep in mind that I am limited to so many pages per newsletter issue, in order to keep expenses down, so sometimes there is magic involved. I like to think that I’m good at magic.

I was asked to become the state newsletter editor in May of 2017, just after our last state convention. Taking on this task has not been the easiest thing I have said yes to. I commend those who have done this prior to me. Proof-reading through articles and questioning, “When does that word need to be capitalized?”, can drive someone crazy. Thankfully, there is the almighty internet. I am reminded by the song by Queen and David Bowie, “Under Pressure”. Simply put that two-word phrase describes the feeling I get when working close to the deadline. I attempt to turn around the newsletter quickly because of the time sensitive articles and events. This can be challenging when other events in my life fight for my time. The point is that I wouldn’t do this if I didn’t enjoy it. I like hearing from you and love to read stories about what your courts are doing.

I want to give you a few tips and tricks when preparing an article for the newsletter. Pictures: when taking pictures, please attempt to take with the best phone or camera. Do not skimp on quality of the pixels. Use a smart phone vs. a flip phone when taking a picture if possible. If your email doesn't allow you to send because the file is too big, there are several ways to get the picture sent.

1. Load to a photo sharing platform such as Google photos and share the pictures with the newsletter email, sdcdanews@gmail.com.
 2. Zip the photos and email the zip file.
 3. Upload to your Facebook sight and put a link to that photo in the email.
 4. Dropbox allows you to place both documents and images into a folder and email the link to others.
- Articles don’t always need a picture. If you did something that was unique, new or just fun, write it up and send it in. It doesn’t have to be a long article either. Something with 75-100 words might be just what I needed to fill in a tiny spot on page 4.

Articles do not always have to read as if writing a letter either. The greeting and salutations pieces cause extra space to be taken up and with the officer and chair articles having your name on them already, I do not need to repeat your signature. However, it is ok to sign your name to the email especially if you have a wacky email address that doesn’t have the complete spelling of your first and last name. Speaking of names, please double check when spelling names of people in the article as well as listing which CDA members are in the photos. I usually like to include a footer listing who is listed in the photo and with a name like mine, hate when I see it misspelled. Lastly, when writing an article, remember who, what, where, when, why, and how. These will make the most informative article. And don’t forget, keep your membership list up to date by sending one email to the State Regent, State Secretary, State Newsletter Circulation and National Office. One simple email to these four email addresses will take care of it: circulationsdcda@gmail.com, sdcdasecretary@gmail.com, cdafiles@aol.com, and sdcdaregent@gmail.com

PRESENTATION: NICHOLAS BLACK ELK

A video presentation was shared with the membership about Servant of God, Blessed Nicholas Black Elk and the cause of his canonization in the Catholic Church. The video was made available on the SD State CDA Website for members to view.

REPORTS OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS

Due to time restraints, each of the State Officers opted not to present their full reports verbally, and recommended that members read their full written reports on pages 18-20 of the State Convention Program Booklet. Members were encouraged to ask the officers any questions as needed.

First Vice Regent, Judy Konechne

Judy shared that she is looking for new chairs for several committees including: Newsletter & Scrapbook, Public Relations, Website, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement. She will also need several new District Deputies.

Pins will be presented to outgoing District Deputies at the Installation Mass: Dawn Redden, Paulette Fischer, Cindy Larson, Deb Fischer, Susan Stewart, Carolyn Downs, Deb Souvignier and Sherry O'Rourke.

Secretary, Deborah Burdick

Personal Message: Thanks for the privilege of serving on the State Board. We've shared many happy times, sad times, laughter and tears together. The State Board works very well together – often we carried each other both figuratively and in prayer. It's hard to leave, but life circumstances make it difficult to go on. I'm convinced the incoming board will serve you well. I've gotten to know Lynda and Carolyn over the last couple days – I knew them before, but now feel I know them. I've enjoyed my time serving the membership, emailing each other, phone visits and the functions I was able to attend with you. Thank you for your generosity. Invoices will be coming out soon – Brenda just gave out the newest membership information from National that I generate the invoices from. Invoices are emailed to the Regent and Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary needs to be checking the membership numbers. If you don't agree it's time to get a roster from National to compare with what you have and get your membership changes in to National and State. As Judy mentioned, keeping membership information current is so important from several standpoints – your court pocketbook is one of them! Financial Reviews are due to National, Brenda and I by May 1st. Reminder – Chairs and speakers, please send your convention reports to me to get in the minutes. My email is: deborah.burdick-cda@midco.net.

Treasurer, JoAnn Hoffman

Reports were included in the State Convention Program Booklet.

Charitable Contributions sent directly by the Courts report is found on page 65.

SD CDA State and National Charities report was an addendum to the State Convention Program Booklet.

There was a total of \$20,124.07 in donations to the State Charities by our SD Courts.

There were a total of \$13,188.10 in donations to the National Projects and Charities by our SD Courts with a breakdown of: National Projects \$4,717.50; National Charities \$8,296.10 and 1903 Windows \$175.00.

A profit and loss report is included as an addendum to the State Convention Program Booklet. Total income for the dates March 2019 - February 2021 was \$139,955.45 Total expenses for the dates March 2019 - February 2021 was \$94,312.15 For a net income of \$45,643.30.

EDUCATION

Sally Dolan and Cleo Kast, Co-chairs, Ct. St. Teresa of Avila #2325, Beresford

A full report for the 2021 CDA Education Contest Awards is on pages 63-64 of the State Convention Program Booklet. Sally and Cleo presented the names of the first-place state winners who will be sent on to National.

They also announced the Circle of Love Education Winners for 2021.

First Place: Ct. St. Monica #1436 Faulkton "Christmas and Lent Gift Giving"

Second Place: Ct. St. Rita #916 Rapid City "Right to Life Billboard"

Third Place: Ct. Sancta Maria #368 Dell Rapids "Rachel's Vineyard"

Fourth Place: Ct. St. Patricia #271 Sioux Falls "Deacon Bill Radio's Talk"

LOCAL NEWSLETTER/SCRAPBOOK

Janice Stainbrook, Chair, Ct. Sacred Heart #280, Parkston

As I write this report, I have been receiving newsletters in the mail and getting my judges lined up.

In 2020 I had only five (5) newsletters in the contest in three (3) divisions:

Division I/Category 1(100 or less members) (1-4 issues per year)...only one entry

1st place: Ct. St. Rose of Lima #700, Wagner -265 pts

Division I/Category II (100 members or less) (5 or more issues per year)...three entries

1st place: Ct. Mother Teresa #2510, Sioux Falls -283 pts

2nd place: Ct. Santa Maria #368, Dell Rapids -282 pts

3rd place: Ct. St. Patrick #1699, Kimball - 269 pts

Division II/Category II (100 or more members) (5 or more issues per year)...only one entry

1st place: Ct. Willard #967, Yankton -268 pts

All first-place winners were sent on to Nationals, but I never heard if any of them placed. Because of the pandemic, I did not get any certificates sent out so they will be issued this year and sent out to your court.

This year for 2021 I have received seven (7) entries (exciting! !!!) in the following categories:

Division I/Category 1(100 or less members) (1-4 issues per year)

Ct. St. Rose of Lima #700, Wagner

Ct. St. Rita #534, Watertown

Division I/Category II (100 members or less) (5 or more issues per year)

Ct. Mother Teresa #2510, Sioux Falls

Ct. Santa Maria #368, Dell Rapids

Ct. St. Patrick # 1699, Kimball

Ct. Our Lady of Fatima #1518, Orient/Polo

Ct. Our Lady of Peace #1708, Flandreau

Now this is what I call a contest! The winners will be announced at the convention on April 17th. My judges received the entries the first week of March and had two weeks to judge them based on criteria on the score sheets. I can't wait to see if we have some new winners this year! All first-place winners will be sent on to National by April 1st. In past years some courts were disqualified because of a small detail left out, and I haven't seen them back. Please don't be discouraged because of a small critique. Make your corrections and please enter again. There were three new ones this year and I am so glad to see that! I read them and they were all great! Projects and meetings and many things that had to be redone due to the pandemic, but you got them done anyway. I am proud of all our entries! They all deserve to be winners!

Since we are not having a traditional convention this year, we will not have the scrapbook contest. I am saddened by this, but we will try in two more years. I will be stepping down as chairperson for the newsletter/scrapbook contest but know that I was glad to do it these past three terms. I hope the next chairperson will enjoy this as much as I did. I will be glad to help the next chairperson in any way that I can.

2021 Newsletter Contest Winners

Division I, Category I (100 or less members) (1-4 issues per year)

1st - St. Rita #534, Watertown – Total 283 pts

2nd - St. Rose of Lima #700, Wagner – Total 274 pts

Division I, Category II (100 or less members) (5 or more issues per year)

1st – Ct. St. Patrick #1699, Kimball – Total 293 pts

2nd – Santa Maria #368, Dell Rapids – Total 285 pts

3rd – Mother Teresa #2510, Sioux Falls – Total 279 pts

4th – Our Lady of Fatima #1518, Orient/Polo – Total 262 pts

5th – Our Lady of Peace #1708, Flandreau - Total 234 pts

ST. FAUSTINA AWARD

State Regent, Brenda Anderson presented the St. Faustina Award for outstanding work with Membership, and encouraging others to join Catholic Daughters, to Cheryl Schaefer of Ct. Our Lady of Fatima, #1518, Orient/Polo. This National award was to be presented to Cheryl at the National CDA Convention in Dallas last July, but due to COVID, the convention was cancelled. Cheryl was nominated for being instrumental in starting two new courts in South Dakota over the past two years.

MEMBERSHIP

Cheryl Schaefer, Ct. Our Lady of Fatima #1518, Orient/Polo
Report given by: Deb DeFries, Ct. Our Lady of Lourdes, #2506, Hot Springs; Co-Chairs

Membership started off after the last state convention with taking a big bite out of that new elephant. We added St. Joseph #2754, Miller on July 1, 2019, with 46 members with Susi Odden as Regent and Fr. Paul Josten as Chaplain. We would like to add special recognition to Fr. Paul for his enthusiastic support for CDA and gave Cheryl the confidence to take this membership journey. Two months later on September 9, 2019, we added St. James #2757 Chamberlain with 24 members with Angela Hanzlik serving as Regent and Fr. Andrew Swietochowski as Chaplain. The Parish Priest is a very important part of starting a new court, he is the first step we take in the process. A neighboring court helps by sponsoring a new court, to help those new officers get started on the right foot. Court Our Lady of Fatima #1518 Orient/Polo helped to sponsor the Miller court while Court St. Patrick #1699 Kimball helped sponsor the Chamberlain court. We were on a roll or should say Cheryl was on a roll. After talking to some parishes during the winter months, we were ready to start 2020. When Covid-19 closed everything down, the roll stopped, and we had to put things on hold. Now over a year later as things are open again, we will be able to visit those parishes that are on our list for possible new courts. But new courts are only one part of membership, what about added new members. Cheryl and I and the state officers received our membership report from national. Our membership numbers are still going down. While it is wonderful that we had 208 new members added to our courts, which includes the two new courts, we had a total loss of 62 members. We lost 137 deceased members, 27 members due to forfeit and 79 members to resignation. But while we were unable to get more new courts started in South Dakota, a lot of local courts added new members.

We are delighted to give awards out to 6 courts who added additional members.

- +Our first award goes to Holy Heart #163 Woonsocket while losing 2 members added 7 new members.
- +Our second award goes to St. Rita #534 Watertown while losing 5 members added 11 members
- +Our third award goes to St. Rose of Lima #700 Wagner while losing 5 members added 8 new members.
- +Our fourth award goes to Our Lady of Fatima #1518 Orient/Polo while losing 2 members added 3 new members.
- +Our fifth award goes to St. Kateri Tekakwitha #2635 Faith while losing 2 members added 4 new members.
- +Our sixth award goes to Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654 Lemmon who added 3 new members

Congratulations to these courts for a wonderful job. But we also want to celebrate the 24 other courts who also gained new members. They did an awesome job of gaining from eleven to a single new member

but lost more members than they gained. Quite a few of these members are the members we honor today during our memorial service.

Why are we losing so many members to resignation or forfeit? Are we asking our members why they are leaving our courts? Are we listening to what they have to say? We need to, we can learn from their answers. Did we lose members because the lines of communication were not open during COVID? If we did, we do need to change that. Are we keeping our members informed? Do your members know what is happening within your court? Communication is a very important key! Do you have a newsletter, do you send out emails, texts, do you have a Facebook page, maybe twitter or Instagram for the younger ladies, or even the old fashion greeting card or telephone call for those you have missed seeing at church? Is there a financial crunch for members who lost employment during COVID or just not the money available for dues anymore? I'm taking this idea from Court St. Rita #916 Rapid City, "The Angel Jar", a jar put out for donation of change during meetings for those members who need a little help with paying dues. But I know that Court St. Rose of Lima #700 Wagner does as well. The financial Secretary takes care of the jar. Talk to Kristine, Rene or Bonnie, they will tell you all about their Angel Jar. Maybe your court needs a facelift. Do your members want more Spiritual growth? Do your members want to share time with other women of the same faith and beliefs? Do they want to give of themselves to help others? Isn't that one of our goals, to help where needed. Maybe venture into new local projects. Read the reports from the regents in the program booklet, you may find some new ideas. Check out the CDA IN ACTION section of the Share Magazine to see what the other states are doing. Just think outside the box, so to speak. We want to use the talents of all of our members. Your members may have some new ideas they would like to try. Give them the go ahead, you may have just found a new leader for the future of CDA.

Now where do we go from here? As our parishes are starting to gather again as a group, this is the perfect time to ask those returning if they would like to become members of your court. After a year of some form of isolation, ladies may be looking for a spiritual group to join or the fellowship of belonging to a Catholic women's group. Don't forget those new families that have just joined your parish. Do you remember why you joined? Were you looking for something special? Host a membership drive, how about along with the Knights of Columbus, following Mass with rolls and coffee. Tell your parish about your projects and invite them to help you with those projects. Remember, for a court to be successful in gaining new members, all the court members need to be working on membership. What are we doing as courts, with the money we saved by not going to the national convention last year, by having a virtual state convention this year? What can we be doing with those funds to grow our court membership or maybe help fund a new court in your neighboring parish? Maybe you can fund a spiritual retreat for women? Let's, all of us, take a bite out of that elephant!

I have to add a final note...Cheryl was one of 28 ladies from 16 states who received the St. Faustina Membership award from National in 2020. Congratulations to Cheryl for a job well done.

Help us bring CDA to a parish near you. Be that light that shines brightly for all to see. Are you ready to ASK THE QUESTION?

STATE CHAPLAIN

State Regent Brenda Anderson reintroduced and thanked Fr. Jim Friedrich, our newly installed State Chaplain. Fr. Jim currently serves as the Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Wagner and Assumption Parish in Dante. He shared a time of spiritual encouragement and reflection.

CDA STATE SCHOLARSHIP

Susan Gunn, Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Lemmon - Chair

Through CDA endowments at Presentation College in Aberdeen and Mount Marty University, Yankton, scholarships were awarded to: Shawnee Mollman, a nursing student at Presentation for \$800 and Aleix Avens at Mount Marty, an elementary and special education student for \$580.

Courts did not submit reports; therefore, no certificates will be awarded.

Courts were encouraged to research the possibility of starting a scholarship program and to sow seed into the foundations at Presentation College and Mount Marty University. A survey will be sent to all courts to collect data as to what is being done across the state. This information will then be shared, with an effort to expand and improve the program.

STATE ABUSE PROJECT

Carol Kling, Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Lemmon - Chair

It's been a tough year for all of us, but I don't have to say that, we all know it. It was frustrating, restricting, boring, irritating and a thousand other adjectives that come to mind. But, as depressing as the restrictions were, we have Christ in our hearts and His Hope and Mercy got us through. But there are people who don't know how to turn to prayer in times of need. The frustrations and pressures of lock down and being shut-in is too much and explosions of anger are the way some folks cope. We are safe in our homes, some are imprisoned with these angry, depressed partners or explosive parents. This is just one example of why supporting Abuse Programs around our state is so important! While our LifeSaver Abuse projects may have been slowed down because of Covid, the need is bigger than ever. We may not have been able to do big things this year, but we were still able to show our charity and caring as best we could. This report reflects the past 2 years. The courts that had the best responses attribute it to getting the word out early and clearly. Many put announcements in the weekly bulletin a couple of weeks in advance of their fundraiser, with explanations of where the money goes and, with a few statistics of the abuse in our state and cities. Courts felt that having the priest announce what was happening after Mass increased the confidence of the parish. A couple of courts even had articles in their local paper! It is so easy to ignore a problem that we are not personally faced with. Education and Awareness of abuse is the key. Court Willard in Yankton stressed that they made sure to give their Life Savers to those that did not donate at the time. They found that donations came rolling in after the fact. Ct. Immaculate Conception in Aberdeen added a "Prayer for Healing of Victims of Abuse" from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops with their Life Savers. Most of the courts added a card or info sheet in their Life Savers bag: Asking people to put contact numbers in their phone for the crisis lines around our state and local shelters. St.

Francis of Gregory added a brochure about Human Trafficking. This information is so important!

Honorable Mentions go to:

1. Court Willard #967 Yankton. They had Sr. Corrine speak about Human Trafficking.
2. Court St. Christina #2336 Tea set up a two-sided table for a Bar of Bars! Parishioners walked through and put as much as they wanted on a paper plate and a helper put it in a Ziplock bag for a donation of \$5!
3. Court Sacred Heart #280 Parkston went over and above by distributing the “DIRTY DOZEN LIST” at businesses throughout the town. They put this list with the information about it with their Lifesavers Bags. Court Sacred Heart Parkston is our **2nd Place WINNER!**
4. Court Our Lady of Fatima #1518 Orient/Polo put educating not only their parish, but their whole town first. They brought the movie UNPLANNED to their local theatre. They advertised in their local newspaper as well as their own church and other local churches. They also invited the surrounding communities. They had a full house, nearly 200 people attended. The theatre owner was so moved that he showed it again the following Saturday. To quote their Reporting Form: This movie was an eye opener. The reality of abortion just can't be experienced thru words alone, and the movie was heart wrenchingly honest. It was so much more than the dollars collected. The look on people's faces as they emerged from the theater spoke volumes about how uneducated we are on the reality of abortion. So, for going over and above to open the eyes and hearts of their community to the violence and abuse committed to the smallest of our children and to the hearts, souls and minds of our mothers and fathers.... **The 1st Place goes to Our Lady of Fatima, Orient/Polo.**

The BIGGEST WINNERS of this project are the Clients of the Catholic Family Services of the Sioux Falls and the Rapid City Dioceses. Together, our small courts did what we do best and came together to raise a whopping \$11,964.40 to be split between the two programs. That's just shy of \$6,000 to each program. Keep up the good work everyone! St. Monica, patron saint of the abused, Pray for Us! Amen!

WEBSITE

Amanda Konechne, Ct. St. Patrick, #1699, Kimball
State Website Designer/Editor

Well...what a year 2020 was and 2021 about the same. The goal of providing website content for our members has never been so important than in our current circumstance. The website has had steady traffic throughout the year from new and returning visitors. Once again, the State CDA website placed first in the 2020 National Website Contest! While the importance of staying connected is at the forefront of keeping our Unity and Charity mission alive, online resources have become one source of life for CDA, from monthly CDA meetings on Zoom, and “to-go/contactless” ideas and fundraisers. Each court has found a challenge in their community during this time, and that can simply be building a website to stay connected and informed. Your court, is capable of maintaining a website and learning the basics of website building, or simply providing an informational page on your parish website may be all you need. Building a website or website maintenance should not be an overwhelming task. Some of the following, are things to consider when getting started:

- The list of requirements you have to qualify for the CDA website contest.
These can be found at www.cdaskouthdakota.com under our Resources tab > Forms.

- The goal of your website. What content is most important for local members to have?
- Consider domain and host information. What platform is the most user-friendly for you?
- Keep interesting features throughout your website, such as pictures or future events.
- Know your content and management. Keep the content you want to provide manageable, so it can be updated easily or on short notice.

I'm available for any questions regarding website building. We are so blessed to be able to provide our members with the resources necessary to encourage and love one another. May you be blessed in 2021.

FIRST VICE NATIONAL REGENT MESSAGE

Susan Moné, 1st Vice National Regent
South Dakota National Supervisor

Good afternoon. It is my honor and privilege to attend the South Dakota State Convention and bring greetings from our National Regent Sherry Nilles and the entire national board. Even with the challenges we have overcome, I'm so excited to meet both virtually with everyone joining us live streamed and with your State Board here physically hosting this convention. I had the pleasure to attend your 2019 state convention but although this convention will look different your State Board has worked hard to plan a convention that will accomplish the business of a state convention just the same. And they found ways to still hold your usual convention raffles and baskets fundraisers successfully. Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of technology! I wish to congratulate you on your 51st Biennial State Convention! Your theme "Called to Serve" is perfect at this time in Catholic Daughters history. This theme is demonstrated and reflected with the reports of your board as well as each of the SD courts and the projects you accomplish. I encourage each court to carry these plans forward as you move ahead in the next two years. I look forward to, continued strong leadership from the new officers of your great state. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the retiring state officers, Brenda and Deborah for a job well done! You make South Dakota proud!!!

Catholic Daughters have been serving God and His people for 118 years! Doesn't that make you proud of our organization? Have you checked out the many directions for service in CDA? From rolling bandages for our troops, working the soup kitchens to provide food to feed the hungry, setting up and working clothing drive to clothe the naked, to supporting pro-life rallies to protect the unborn and those unable to protect themselves. And this past year, CDA members thought outside of the box to help other need and keep communication open with members. Checking up on each other and aiding as you were able to do. We as Catholic Daughters have always been helping to provide a better life for all God's people. 2020 gave us the ultimate challenge. Can't you imagine the challenges for the Catholic Daughters in the 1918 pandemic without cell phones and Zoom!

We, as women following in Mary's footsteps, give a uniqueness in Catholic Daughters by not only performing the Corporal Works of Mercy, but also, and so very importantly lifting each other up in prayer and following the Spiritual Works of Mercy. We can witness our faith in Christ as members of the Catholic Church. Through love and compassion, we can evangelize and help others to grow in their faith and hear God's call to come closer to Him. When hearts are too heavy even to pray, members help each other to heal and grow in faith, we are truly church to each other. As women are the heart of the home, we can be the face and the heart of the Catholic Church to those who question or are hurting.

This is truly an organization that is not only a joy, but a gift from God! Be a faithful member of Catholic Daughters. Share your love and commitment by attending all meetings/training/events hosted by your court. Faithfulness is not only found in attending meetings, but it's also a deep feeling in your very being that forces each member to share love and commitment to each person every day, everywhere, every time! Be that bright shining light that draws others to our organization. Faithfully encourage other women to join this unique organization where we can pray for each other, pray with each other and be the face of Jesus and Mary to every person we come in contact with. You are the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

It is our hope that each court in the state of South Dakota is actively working to recruit new members. New members bring fresh new ideas and enthusiasm to the court and are potential new leaders for the court. There are many ways to accomplish this, membership drives, pulpit talks, and ministry fairs to name a few. However, I believe the best way is still a personal invitation. Each one of us has a story to tell and what CDA has meant to us and your passion will absolutely draw women to join. As a reminder we are in the middle of our National Membership Contest for the 2022 National Convention. If you want women to join, you need to provide a variety of activities. Is there a little something for members of all ages? Is everyone's voice heard? Our programs need to be a mix of the tried and true as well as the new.

Most important in your court's program is to make sure that God is at the center of all you do. Many women today are looking for ways to grow closer to God and share in fellowship with other women of faith. As you plan your circle of love, be sure to put a special emphasis on Spiritual Enhancement. Women who serve others for a lifetime are women who understand that the person they are serving in each of their projects is Jesus Christ. Whether a member chooses Education, Legislation, Quality of Life, Leadership, Youth, or Family we can be assured our service will be a powerful witness to God's love. Retaining members is just as important as recruiting new members. This is essential to maintain your court and be able to continue your good works. A small court of 15 members can make a difference, can change someone's life, can bring hope. We are women of God. We need to set goals together, support each other, and listen to each other, if feelings are hurt, forgive each other, and most of all celebrate each other.

At your 2019 convention, your State Regent, Brenda, had each court take time to consider where in your area that there is a parish that could be a potential for a new court. You came up with many suggestions. Unfortunately, covid did interrupt that work when we couldn't even attend mass. Two new courts were instituted before covid hit and others had to be put on the back burner. Now it's time to get back on your feet and start looking once again at those suggested parishes so SD Catholic Daughters can grow. Each member has talents, concerns, suggestions, and ideas that need to be shared. Hear the concerns, listen to the suggestions, share the ideas. Remember our motto of Unity and Charity! It begins in our meeting room.

Each year, courts have questions on the number of members in their court. Ask for a roster of the court each year cdaroster@aol.com When the roster arrives via email, check it with the membership on your court books. If you have any by-law changes to suggest to National, please submit by February 1st . When sending documents, forms, etc., to the National office, please follow up with an email or phone call to confirm the document has been received.

We are aware how difficult fundraising has been, but please consider donating to our National Projects and Charities. It has been financially challenging for courts as well as National. We respectfully ask that you donate an amount that is feasibly possible from your court. Check out the National Projects and Charities on our website as some of the charities have changed. One of our newest is Catholic Extension that we have formed a great partnership with as they work to bring Christ to the poor. Consider a donation now to Catholic Extension. In a recent issue of their magazine, they had a wonderful article on Catholic Daughters welcoming us as partners and telling how we parallel them in the work that we do. We are looking to add new items to our National store. Please email our National Regent or your supervising officer to offer your suggested items. Check out our Catholic Daughters new website. It has many members' resources, stories of interest, forms, TOTT and is updated on a regular basis. We are so excited to announce that National will be hosting 3 retreats this fall. The theme is Faithful Women Set the World on Fire! They will be held on Sept. 17-19th at that Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC, Oct. 29-31st, Holy Cross Retreat Center in Mesilla Park, NM, and Nov. 12-14th in St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet Lake WI, please consider joining us on this retreat. With what has been going on in our world it would be such a gift to ourselves to renew our faith. More information and registration can be found on our website.

I would like to thank you for inviting me to attend your convention. It is an honor to share this time with you. I challenge you to find ways to network with each other and build relationships with other members of the courts in your state. I would like to thank all of you on behalf of the National Board for all you do for Catholic Daughters. With the pandemic we have had many struggles mentally, physically, financially, and emotionally. We have laughed together, prayed together, and cried together. Some have experienced loss of friends or family members. But it has also brought us together, eating meals with families, spending more time together, we are not so rushed and scattered, and for some an opportunity to refocus and build a stronger relationship with God. With these challenges I would like to thank the courts for your creativity and resourcefulness to keep meetings on a continuing basis and for reaching out to senior members, quarantined members, and lonely members that were not able to meet virtually and provided them with a personal contact. Your stewardship and generosity bring to mind the parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 13:31-32. He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." God Bless you all! as you continue to follow your theme of Called to Serve and through the theme of our National Regent Sherry Nilles "Let all you do be done with love".

STATE REGENT, FINAL REMARKS

Brenda Anderson

At this point of the day, you have all become tired, bleary eyed, and ready for us to wrap it up and still have a few winners to announce for the basket raffle and the grocery raffle.

I will make this short - Back 2017 at the Yankton convention, you trusted your delegate votes to choose me as your State Regent and we had so much ahead of us. Thank you for that trust, and it has been a complete honor. My remarks to you back then were, "I'd try my best!" I feel that I tried with my whole being to be the State Regent you wanted and needed for the time we had before us.

We prepared and worked so hard in 2017 and 2018 for the National convention; again, I thank everyone for eating a piece of the elephant and thank all of you who worked so tirelessly to make it the most fantastic and biggest National Convention ever. We did it. We can forever be proud of the work we did. Every small detail or bigger event went so well. Thank you to YOU on our CDA Team.

Then in 2019, we forged ahead and planned another State Convention in Chamberlain. This was the FIRST 4-day convention with workshop speakers and maybe a little extra time to socialize with our CDA Sisters. Thank you to the courts that all served as Hosts for this event. Another first. Teamwork proven once again that when we do things together, we all succeed.

I shared my family challenges in 2019. We were not alone in prayer for our son Adam and his health issues. Your cards, email, texts, and prayers of support and love helped my family get through a very difficult and scary time, and we continue to pray. Other family events have kept me busy, just like all of you. I think if you are a Catholic Daughter, you just naturally are a busy person, doing the work that our Lord gives us. We had normal court events too and I thank my state board for covering for me if I had to be gone to take care of things at home. Thank you; you will never know how much all of that meant to me. I am truly blessed.

2020 – Well, it was a year of years. ALL of us have had our lives be anything but normal. Wearing facemasks, watching Mass on TV, sanitizing everything you can think of, and staying away from family and friends was the new normal. No hugs and no handshakes. Oh how I missed that. The word Zoom no longer meant ‘going faster than something else’, it just meant we had a new way of communicating with our members, our family and those at our workplace. Zoom.com was how our state board got together for almost a full 18 months. We met in person for a workshop in Sept of 2019 and finally got to be together again in Feb. of this year, 2021. It was such a blessing and wonderful to finally be together. Planning this convention has been an exercise in the proverbial Plan A & B. We had been in Spearfish, met with the hosting courts, planned menus, set registration prices, committees etc., thinking that for sure; we would get to be together. Well, as I said, Plan B seems to always be needed. Going to a digital or ZOOM convention is anything but normal and yet, here we are, making the best of what we have been able to do. I just had confidence if we could pull off a national convention, a downsizing, mini state convention could be done too. I do hope everyone who logged on felt it was a good day and had the chance to feel like they did learn something here with us.

We all had joys and heartbreaks the past four years; saying goodbye to dear family and friends and again, not being able to say goodbye; not seeing our loved children and grandchildren. Some of you may have had major life changes, maybe moving or a job change too. However, we all know that our Blessed Mother has been there for us, to turn to in prayer in our time of need. And, as my Mom, still says at age 93, “You pray for me, I’ll pray for you”.

Looking ahead, I know there is much we can accomplish again together as a team. We celebrated two new courts in 2019 in Miller and Chamberlin. If Covid 19 had not been part of our lives, I know that we would have several more new Courts. Your enthusiasm after the last state convention kick-started a membership surge and things changed. I ask that now in 2021 we start again. Courts are there just waiting for us to come seeking them and helping them to start. YOU can be that person to start out and get them involved and growing. Courts in Salem, Presho, Piedmont, Spearfish, Clark, Harrisburg, Sisseton, Armour, Onida, and Mobridge are all possible places to start a new Court. If you know someone in these

towns, please offer your assistance to the Membership Chairmen, to help get these new courts going. We can do it, We are a Team.

That is my wish, dream, or goal for our South Dakota CDA.

I say thank you to my state board and it will be very different to not be one of you. But, we go forth with new State officers, new district deputies, new state chairmen and yes, a new state chaplain. They will guide our SD CDA along a path of success, and I ask that you pray for them and for our National officers. I say thank you to all those who were on my Leadership team, over the past 4 years. You said yes when I called or if I asked for help and for those of you who did not just delete my messages or emails. I thank you sincerely. I will miss you, so drop me a note to say hi sometime. 😊

I maybe could have done more, but as I pledged at the beginning of my first term in 2017 as State Regent, “I will try to do my best!” and I hope I did not disappoint you. I love you, I will always keep you in my prayers, and I am so very proud of us – the SD Catholic Daughters, you all my Sisters. May God Bless you, our Blessed Mother guide and protect you and please, always remember “We are Called to Serve”.

Now I would like to introduce you to my CDA Sister, my support, my friend and your new State Regent, Judy Konechne.

2025 STATE CONVENTION AT SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

State Regent-elect, Judy Koneche, shared that the Courts of: Our Lady of Lourdes #2056, St Rita #916, Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Mary Imelda #1014, St. Kateri Tekakwitha #2635 looks forward to hosting the SD CDA State Convention at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Spearfish, SD in April of 2025. She thanked them for their flexibility in the cancellation of the in-person convention this year.

2023 STATE CONVENTION AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

A video presentation was shared from Court St Patricia #271 and Court St Mother Teresa #2510, Sioux Falls extending an invitation to the 52nd Biennial State Convention in April of 2023.

YOUTH & JCDA

Sherri Fuchs, Ct. Rose of Lima #700 & Theresa Kocer, Ct. Mother Teresa #2510 - co-Chairs

No report submitted for the minutes.

CAMPUS COURTS

Michele Sage, 2nd Vice State Regent – Chair

Full report printed in the State Convention Program Booklet on page 22.

RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS

Per National guidelines for digital conventions, no resolutions or bylaw changes were allowed to be discussed. Any resolution or bylaw changes need to be submitted to the SD State Board for review and presentation of the next National convention in Puerto Rico, July 2022.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Mary Althoff, Ct. St. Patricia #271, Sioux Falls – Chair

Full report printed in the State Convention Program Booklet on page 25.

FAMILY

Gloria Bauske, Ct. St. Agnes, #618, Brookings – Chair

Full report printed in the State Convention Program Booklet on page 24.

LEGISLATION

Kathy Feurhelm, Ct. Mother Teresa, #2510, Sioux Falls – Chair

Full report printed in the State Convention Program Booklet on page 23.

LEADERSHIP

Bernice Cizadlo, Ct. Joan of Arc #846, Milbank, Acting State Chairman

I have completed the last few months of +Charlotte Hoverstadt’s chairmanship. 25 reports were received from local courts. Congratulations to all the courts that submitted reports and were active during this trying time.

The following Awards were given:

3rd place: Ct. Sancta Maria #368, Dell Rapids –Messenger Bringing Joy to the Homebound

2nd place: Ct. St. Katharine Drexel #2516, Roscoe: Stronger Together

1st place: Ct. Joan of Arc #846 Milbank: Father Dana Benefit Project

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

Patty Fuegen, Ct. St. Mary #1423, Redfield – Chair

"When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12

Thank you courts of South Dakota for submitting reports to me in 2020 and 2021. I received reports from 31 courts.

We are truly a state of prayer! May our Lord's blessings be upon all of you as you continue to bring forth the power of prayer.

A few examples of prayer include 1) Masses and Adoration; 2) Dedication to the Rosary; 3) Corpus Christi processions; 4) praying for First Communion and Confirmation Students; 5) Spiritual Enhancement time before, during or after monthly meetings. 6) Involvement in the Religious Education Program; 7) Retreats and so much more.

As I am unworthy to determine whose Spiritual Enhancement is greater than another, I will not be presenting awards.

In Jeremiah 29:13 "When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all of your heart." This is what we strive for to increase our personal relationship with our Lord and bringing the Glory of our Lord to our court, parish, state, country and yes to the world.

In 2020 for my report to national, I was to send in one court project. This was a very difficult task for me to comply with. The report I submitted came from Court Mother Teresa #2510. I chose this report because it's a simple way to incorporate prayer and mentoring as each member adopted a confirmation class young lady. This project not only provided prayer support but introduced them to the Catholic Daughter organization as possible future new members.

I would like to close with Romans 14:8 "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die we belong to the Lord.

CDA COURT OF THE YEAR

State Regent-elect Judy Konechne presented the Outstanding Court award to Court St. Rita #916, Rapid City. The submission entry will be published on the State Website. She extended congratulations to their regent, Kristine Englehardt, officers and members.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

State Regent, Brenda Anderson presented the Outstanding Achievement Award to Patty Fuegen of Court St. Mary, #1423, Redfield. Patty gave a very heartfelt and touching response and stated she owed all that she does to our Lord Jesus Christ. She was greeted by a large group of family to celebrate this award.

REGENT-ELECT REMARKS

Judy Konechne

State Regent-elect Judy Konechne introduced the newly elected state board and shared the following remarks.

I would like to thank Fr. Jim for volunteering for State Chaplain and being here today. I look forward to your guidance and support going forward. Also, a Thank you to Susan for coming to be with us at our 'zoom' convention. And to Patty for your great spiritual message. Thank you to all that attended today and for putting your trust in the new state board. I also would like to thank my local Court for all your support over the past years and know you will be there for me in the future. Thank you for the flowers you sent here, they are beautiful.

I would like to invite each of you to the State Officer Installation Mass and reception on June 27th at 2:00pm at St Margaret Catholic Church in Kimball. Each court will receive a written invite and we ask for RSVP's so an estimate number of attendees is known to prepare for the reception that will follow. If you did not RSVP, this does not mean you cannot attend. We would love to see all of you there.

Last of all, THANK YOU to Brenda for her dedication and mentorship over the last years. You have done a wonderful job and know you will be with us with support when needed.

God's blessings on all of you

STATE FUNDRAISING

Colleen Thompson, Ct. St. Ann #1121, Pierre - Chair

Grocery Raffle

Chairman Colleen Thompson announced the winners: \$1,200 to Joe & Chelsey Tyrel of Chamberlain; \$100 to the Hot Springs Food Pantry; \$100 to Lorraine Uhrich of Roscoe and \$100 to Ed Gillick of Ipswich. The final total of grocery tickets sold raised \$6,245.40

Art Raffle

A beautiful piece of art donated by Amanda Konechne, Kimball was won by the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House in Sioux Falls. Funds raised by this art depicting Mother Teresa raised \$670.00 for the State.

CDA Store

Michele Sage, 2nd Vice Regent – Chair

Short commercial videos were pre-produced and shared throughout the day during the virtual convention highlighting various items available for purchase online through the CDA Store. Thank you to the members of Ct. St. Mary #1423, Redfield for writing and producing the commercial ads for this convention.

Basket Auction

Carol Kling & Susan Gunn, Ct Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Lemon – Co-Chairs

Due to the virtual convention the basket auction looked a little different this year. Courts were asked to take a picture of their auction basket or item and send it in to be posted on the SD CDA Website. Raffle tickets were sold to and by members to purchase chances for the basket they hoped to win. Winners were drawn throughout the day during the virtual convention. Each court was notified who won their basket and were responsible for shipping the basket to the winner. There were 49 baskets raffled off with total sales of \$3,391.00. The Basket Raffle Committee consisted of Carol Kling, Susan Gunn with assistance from Margaret Dickinson, all from Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Lemmon.

The Closing Ode was led by Past State Regent, Vickie Feist.

State Regent Brenda Anderson thanked everyone who attended this digital convention and wished everyone well reminding them of the official Installation Mass for the new officers on June 25th in Kimball SD. A closing prayer was said and the 51st SD State Convention was adjourned, shortly before 4:00 p.m.

These reports were received after the convention:

Court Our Lady of the Rosary, #2560 - Dakota Dunes Regent, Mary Parker

Our Garden: Our Court members grew vegetables in our parish garden and donated over 440 lbs. To a local food bank. This has been an ongoing project since 2016.

Dresses for Haiti: In the past two years we have made and donated over 800 items of children's clothing to an orphanage in Haiti.

Warming Shelter: We continued to prepare warm meals for 100 homeless people every Monday evening from November – April. Once Covid 19 restrictions were in place, we made meals that were served by the Knights in the public library parking lot.

Hard Rock Hotel gave us 400 king-size sheets that we resized to fit the bunks at the Warming Shelter.

Fundraising: We participated in the annual Trunk Sale at the Tyson Event Center. We sold donated items and face masks which made over \$300.00.

Safe Place (Domestic Abuse Shelter): We made draw-string bags and filled them with school supplies donated by our members. These were given to the children at the shelter who needed them.

In October, we purchased plastic pumpkins and filled them with candy and other treats so the children at the shelter could celebrate Halloween.

March of Saints: To celebrate All Saints Day, we held a "March of Saints." We made costumes for 14 sixth grade PRE students and helped them prepare a short presentation on their chosen saint. The parish was

invited to attend this program. We ended the evening with refreshments. Over 100 parishioners attended.

Lila Mae House (House for Victims of Human Trafficking): We invited our junior and senior high school students to hear Sister Shirley Fineran talk on Human Trafficking in South Dakota. This event was well attended. We also helped furnish a bedroom for the Lila Mae Hour, purchased a refrigerator and collected personal items for their clients.

Dinner for the Sisters: Each November we invite the LIHM Sisters to a turkey dinner to thank them for helping with our PRE program. We ended the evening with gifts and a rousing game of KaHoots Bible Trivia.

First Communion: We give each First Communicant at St. Teresa, St. Peter, and St. Joseph parishes a holy water font on their First Communion Day.

Seven Sisters Apostolate: We started this Apostolate this January. Each Catholic Daughter was given a Praying for your Priest book and asked to join us in praying for Father Joe Vogel. The response has been overwhelming.

Funeral Dinners: We served three funeral dinners in the past two years (prior to Covid 19).

Court Our Lady of Peace #1708, Flandreau

Jessica Lewis, Regent

Court our Lady of Peace 1708 has worked to keep unity and charity in our hearts and in our deeds during the last two years. During 2018-2019, our court held events like the Mother daughter brunch, wrapping home-made fudge for prisoners in Sioux Falls, co-hosting a fish fry with the Knights of Columbus, serving a St. Patrick day themed soup supper for CCD youth, and holding our fall parish dinner. In these activities, the court emphasized flexibility, allowing members of all ages, abilities, employment situations, family structures, and income brackets contribute as they are able. Typically, our events bring together members and our community in fellowship and faith. As an example, creative event planning in 2019 made for a very memorable Mother daughter brunch. We hosted our mothers, sisters, daughters, grandmothers and aunts for a Holy Land themed meal, with middle eastern food and décor. The court had a local speaker who shared her experience visiting Jerusalem. The events like the mother daughter brunch and fish fry are fun but also allow us to incorporate community engagement, spirituality and generosity into our practices. As an organization, we understand the women of parish are busy. They have to make choices about their participation and do so where they can make a difference and receive spiritual nourishment. Consequently, we decided to start our meetings with a rosary, make available giving to the local food pantry at each meeting, and hold several retreats to support our members' spiritual growth. It was a year of connection and collaboration for our court. This past year, our court has made an effort to be even more flexible and reflective in our work. The Pandemic has forced us to contemplate what the Lord needs us to do. What is important? What do we value? What is extra? Our year began like most other courts - meetings, a new member installation, planning our fall dinner, and engaging in a variety of charitable and spiritual works. We remained active until our first scheduled fish fry in Mid-March 2020. Community attendance was strong. For many in Flandreau, it was the last social event they attended before we headed into lockdown. Members started meeting via zoom in April of 2020. They could join on their computer or on their phone, allowing individuals to join, if/as they chose. As a court, we reflected on what we should continue to do and what we could do without. We focused on our faith, family, health,

education, and work. Our court decided to cancel some events. Despite the pandemic, members continue to find great joy in creative collaboration to support our parish community. Since starting our new CDA year, we enjoyed planting a Mary's garden and having it blessed, planning a community eucharistic procession, celebrating CDA Sunday, praying the living rosary outside with religious education students, and supporting our youth and families in need through the local Angel tree project. Through focused engagement with our parish community, we raised more than twice the funds we had anticipated. The court more than doubled our giving to needy families. As I close my regent report, I reflect on our most recent CDA "event," an at home spiritual retreat in February focused on Love. I am grateful for our members, giving what they could when they could in a time when their roles of mother, daughter, spouse, friend, neighbor and educator have taken so much time and energy. The phenomenal women continue to give so much to make our court and parish strong.

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Vickie Feist, Past State Regent, Court St. Ann #1121, Pierre

2019-2020 SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIAN REPORT

Vickie M Feist, Chairman

ID	Name	Charter	Start Date	End Date	Status	Charter Regent	Charter Members	1972	1981	1991	2001	2011	2021
126	St Rose of Lima	Huron	6/26/1910	9/1/2019	Disbanded			180	131	102	66	33	
163	Holy Heart	Woonsocket	2/18/1912		Active			92	92	68	67	54	36
271	St Patricia	Sioux Falls	1/23/1916		Active			614	527	525	318	179	103
280	Sacred Heart	Parkston	6/11/1916		Active			218	148	118	134	84	78
368	Sancta Maria	Dell Rapids	9/7/1919		Active			93	54	64	64	62	55
441	Margaret Mary	Mitchell	1/25/1920	7/31/1993	Disbanded			459	318	221			
521	St. Mary	Flandreau	7/23/1920	12/15/1928	Disbanded								
534	St Rita	Watertown	7/25/1920		Active			247	225	221	214	129	91
547	St Frances	Gregory	10/17/1920		Active			95	69	71	57	46	45
560	Joan of Arc	Parker	1920 & 3/5/44	2/1/1974	Disbanded			31					
582	Immaculate Conception	Aberdeen	12/12/1920		Active			225	194	172	160	84	40
618	St. Agnes	Brookings	5/22/1921		Active			104	83	85	72	69	63
687	St Agnes	Vermillion	10/2/1921		Active			202	180	137	131	99	94
700	St. Rose of Lima	Wagner	11/20/1921		Active			166	140	146	91	80	102
702	Morning Star	Mobridge	6/8/1922	8/1/1969	Disbanded								
708	St. Mary	Elkton	1/22/1922	10/1/1934	Disbanded								
719	St. Cecilia	Elk Point	2/26/1922	6/28/1938	Disbanded								
846	Joan of Arc	Milbank	2/27/1924		Active			137	129	115	81	57	35
916	St. Rita	Rapid City	11/23/1924		Active			265	229	200	154	151	124
923	Ave Maria	Lead	11/24/1924	11/21/1929	Disbanded								
967	Willard	Yankton	5/17/1925		Active			178	137	238	193	156	113
991	St. Eustace	Deadwood	2/21/1926	11/21/1931	Disbanded								
1014	Mary Imelda	Winner	6/6/1926		Active			142	119	194	151	116	70
1054	Little Flower	Highmore	5/15/1927		Active			48	44	38	28	35	47
1087	Sumter	Sumter	3/25/1928	10/1/1931	Disbanded								
1114	Veronica	Presho	12/2/1928	10/9/1933	Disbanded								
1121	St. Ann	Pierre	3/3/1929		Active	Ruth Beacom	29	135	105	101	90	110	90
1130	St. Elizabeth	Sturgis	5/24/1929	2/25/1938	Disbanded								
1132	Mystical Rose	Lenmon	7/21/1929	2/14/1943	Disbanded								
1362	St. Elizabeth	Colman	7/16/1944		Active			81	71	45	37	27	23
1423	St. Mary	Redfield	12/1/1946		Active			40	30	29	47	68	58
1432	St. Bernice	Turton	3/29/1947	3/2/2011	Disbanded			65	49	44	25		
1436	St. Monica	Faulton	4/20/1947		Active			65	48	50	48	51	52
1518	Our Lady of Fatima	Orient	8/14/1949		Active			56	49	32	18	23	32
1533	St. Thomas	Humboldt	5/16/1950		Active			83	74	65	56	42	30
1584	St. Maria Goretti	Colome	11/18/1951		Active			65	73	61	53	45	50
1653	St. Joseph	Marion	10/1/1953	6/10/1997	Disbanded			25	23	19			
1699	St. Patrick	Kimball	6/5/1955		Active			166	148	140	121	86	86
1708	Our Lady of Peace	Flandreau	11/13/1955		Active			79	97	113	101	70	68
1767	Our Lady of Sioux City	Mission	10/23/1957	9/30/1997	Disbanded			44	42				
1825	St. Theresa	Lake Andes	11/18/1959	10/1/1998	Disbanded			52	47	36			
1827	St. Pius X	Waubay	11/29/1959		Active			38	52	61	50	54	39
1949	St. Thomas Aquinas	Madison	12/5/1965		Active			44	36	63	40	48	59
1952	Madonna	Plankinton	1/16/1966		Active			40	57	56	54	32	29
2056	Our Lady of Lourdes	Hot Springs	5/10/1972		Active				42	23	49	42	23
2066	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Berlesford	1/14/1973	5/23/1983	Disbanded								
2325	St. Teresa of Avila	Beresford	12/3/1989		Active	Sally J Dolan	20			38	58	59	41
2336	St. Christina	Lennox	3/25/1990		Active		14			28	57	70	71
2397	Queen of Peace	Spearfish	1/15/1995	5/1/2018	Disbanded	Mary Ann Kortmeyer	25				29	37	0
2453	Margaret Mary	Mitchell	1/1/1998		Active						36	82	80
2510	Mother Teresa	Sioux Falls	9/10/2002		Active	Kathy Feuerhelm	41					67	63
2512	Our Mother of Mercy	Centerville	12/8/2002	5/6/2014	Disbanded	Elizabeth Perry	14					19	
2516	St. Katharine Drexel	Roscoe	6/11/2003		Active	Diane M Albee	32					28	34
2545	St. Scholastica	Yankton	10/3/2004	3/31/2010	Disbanded	Luana S Johnson	14						
2560	Our Lady of the Rosary	Dakota Dunes	11/13/2005		Active	Mary M Parker	23					31	37
2635	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	Faith	5/2/2010		Active	Michele Hulm	16					17	22
2654	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Lenmon	3/4/2012		Active	Connie Bootz	29						39
2688	St. George	Hartford	2/22/2015		Active	Tracy A Ketcham	39						42
2754	St. Joseph	Miller	7/1/2019		Active		40						49
2757	St. James	Chamberlain	9/9/2019		Active	Angela Hanzlik	12						24
SD	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE		5/31/1918		State Court			4574	3862	3719	2950	2542	2237

* Does your court have the missing charter regent/members on your court charter or in your historical court minutes? Please send info to VickieCDA@gmail.com. Thanks much for your help!

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