

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 are the months we highlight Abuse Awareness.



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.

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.

FOCUS: Fellowship of Catholic University Students which does work with college students in keeping, strengthening or restoring their Catholic faith.

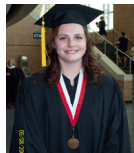
The House of Mary Shrine: is located approx. five miles west of Yankton on Lewis and Clark Lake. The Marian Shrine is set in a natural setting inviting all to retreat and worship. The Holy Spirit hermitage was funded by the SD Catholic Daughters in 1984. The shrine includes Holy Stairs, Living Waters, 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. This is a SD project.

Mother Teresa Endowment: Provides financial assistance to individuals or couples experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and those who may be considering abortion because of limited financial resources.

Scholarships to Catholic College: Since 1990, CDA sponsors scholarships, to Mount Marty College. Local Courts and Individuals are encouraged to support these scholarships through donations and memorials. Form on SD Website and sent to: Mount Marty College

Office of Advancement
1105 W 8th St Yankton SD 57078

This is a wonderful way to remember a deceased CDA member



Radio Rosary Real Presence Radio: is a lay apostolate Catholic talk radio network in the US with 4 signals in South Dakota. RPR is dedicated to sharing the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Church. It has an impact on our Bishops, Priests and listeners.

Respect Life Office: Diocese of Sioux Falls and parishes assist mothers and families with challenging pregnancy and are looking for encouragement, financial, emotional or spiritual support.

TV Mass ~ Sioux Falls and Rapid City Dioceses: Financial donations are given at the Biennial State Conventions to the Bishops. This helps support the mass that is aired on TV for those that are unable to attend mass for some reason.

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.



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.

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!

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.

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 poetry, art, computer art and music adult divisions.



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



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"

CDA National Charities

Apostleship of the Sea, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic Extension, Catholic Relief Services, Disaster Relief, Human Life Int'l, Missionaries of Charities, North American College

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 items, especially during the Christmas Season.

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 completion on 12-08-17.



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 USA and its Territories.



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.

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

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 Life Intl truly builds a pro-life culture.



Missionaries of Charity (The Sister of 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.



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 men and with the 'Laboure' Society for the ladies.



Victory Junction is in Randleman, North Carolina. This new charity was introduced to members in 2025. Victory Junction is a Serious Fun Children's Net-work that serves children dealing with serious medical conditions and chronic illnesses. Families are served from all over the United States and some countries. Victory Junction is connected to Adam Petty, the grandson of NASCAR driver Richard Petty. Adam visited children in the hospital. He told his family that he wanted to open a camp where children could engage in typical activities and enjoy themselves. Unfortunately, Adam was killed in a race car accident before he could make his dream come true. To honor Adam, Victory Junction Camp was formed. Read more at: info@VictoryJunction.org.

CDA National Projects

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

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 lives of the families who have this new place called home.



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.

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.



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.

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 Catholic religious congregations.

