



CATHOLIC
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OF THE
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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 for all.

YEAR AT A GLANCE:

May:

May Crowning Program & Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt in Sleepy Eye

June:

Priest Appreciation/Salad Luncheon

July:

No meeting

August:

Pillow Cleaning/Potluck Picnic



GABRIEL

COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



MAY 2023

Next CDA Meeting: Tuesday May 9th at Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca 7pm to socialize and make business decisions. Rosary at 6:45pm. Crowning of Mary ceremony.

CDA State Convention Fun!

Hooray CDA has been around for 100 years! At state convention April 20-22, 2023 CDA members from all over Minnesota celebrated 100 years of Faith, Hope, and Love, with a cake and other activities which will be described in more detail on pages 4-7 of the newsletter. Also pictured is our regent Pat Foley, vice regent Lori Mickelson, and member Sue Harguth celebrating Patriotic Friday at the convention.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The 2022-2023 year of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Sacred Heart #1424 is winding down. Our last meeting of this year will be held May 9, 2023. At this meeting we will be honoring Our Mother Mary with A May Crowning. We will recognize the members who have reached their fifty-year anniversary of membership in the past two years. And of course, there will be some business for us to discuss. We will not meet in the months of June or July. That doesn't mean that we won't be busy. We will still be having the Salad Luncheon in June. Then in August we will meet for our potluck picnic in the park on August 8th. And then we will be off again for another busy year!

Court Sacred Heart has accomplished so many things this year. We have helped out the CDA state and national projects and charities by paying our dues and fees for the projects. We have helped out Sacred Heart Church and School with the Fall Festival, Winterfest, teacher appreciation lunch and gifts, donation for a water heater, donation for the marathon, sponsoring an ad in the church bulletin and on the website. We have helped Pregnancy Options with a Baby Shower and donation of money. We supported four seminarians with prayers, cards, and gifts. We helped a family have a better Christmas by supplying gifts for them. Members have filled Fr. The's stomach once a month with our treats as part of CDA Priest Appreciation in recognition for all that he does for the parish and as Court Sacred Heart's Chaplain. We supplied gifts of rosaries for the First Communion Students from Sacred Heart and the Janesville Tri-Parish. And we supplied tie blankets for the Confirmation Students from Sacred Heart and the Janesville Tri-Parish. We will be having our first CDA Retreat at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye on May 6th. And we have supported each other with our prayers when we have lost a member, when a member has lost a loved one, during illness and for other needs.

I want to thank all of the members who have helped us attain these and so many other goals. I need to thank the officers who give of their time and talent to keep the organization running smoothly. They take care of all the behind-the-scenes things that you may not see. I also want to thank all the members who helped us out with so many projects. I want to recognize all the members who take your time to attend meetings and help make those tough decisions. I know it would be so much nicer to stay at home in the evening, but you give your time to come to a meeting. I want to thank those members who have said "yes" when asked to chair a Circle of Love or other project. I especially want to thank those members who volunteer before they are even asked. And I want to thank those members who can no longer help in a physical way but keep us in your prayers. We can do nothing without prayer. I want you to know that I appreciate each and every member of Court Sacred Heart.

I thank Court Sacred Heart for sending Lori, Sue and I to the state convention. Check out the newsletter for more convention news. It is very beneficial to attend a convention, to get new ideas and just refresh ourselves.

I hope all of you have a blessed summer. I look forward to seeing you at The Salad Luncheon and then at our first meeting, the pot-luck picnic in August.

In Unity and Charity,
Pat Foley, Regent
Court Sacred Heart #1424

Pictured is regent Pat Foley, vice regent Lori Mickelson, and member Sue Harguth at state convention.



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Minutes from April 11, 2023, CDA Meeting

Rosary was led by Deb Wobschall, Spiritual Enhancement Chair.

Our Guest Speaker was Gina Little, Executive Director of Pregnancy Options, located in Faribault. Pregnancy Options offers free pregnancy services such as Pregnancy Testing, Ultrasounds, and STD/STI Testing in the Faribault, MN area, with a satellite office opening – hopefully – in the next year in Owatonna. **Important news Gina shared is that** the center's annual revenue is expected to drop by approximately 40% because of the new Minnesota law which will require Pregnancy Options (and all others) to provide abortion services in order to receive annual state funding. Pregnancy Options does not, and will not, provide abortion services. Our court collected donations of diapers, clothing, and baby supplies, along with cleaning supplies and paper products which were presented to Gina. Our court also gave Gina a monetary check donation of \$200.00 for Pregnancy Options.

All those in attendance were invited to share coffee, soda, and treats prepared and donated by Connie Ockwig and Lori Mickelson.

This meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.

Roll call of officers: 4 officers present, Treasurer Carmen Battenfeld, Financial Secretary Patty Masberg, Vice Regent Lori Mickelson, and Regent Pat Foley. 11 Members were in attendance. Visitors were Gina Little and Betty Hager, District Deputy, who oversaw our Financial Review which was held prior to this meeting. Betty reported that our books look good, and those keeping the records are doing a good job.

Sue Harguth moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting as printed in our newsletter. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report was printed for members. Current available funds are \$10,832.96. Check was written for \$229.05 to reimburse GERALYN KASSEL for the cost of supplies for the 1st Communion gifts.

Reports of Chairmen –

Financial Review - this review went well tonight. Thank you to Betty Hager for attending.

Ham and Pie Raffle/Pie Sales – A motion was made to earmark the anonymous \$100 donation received during the pie sales and ham raffle for Sacred Heart School/Religious Education. Seconded, and approved. Net proceeds from this project was \$461.41. Committee had discussed holding a turkey raffle in November with pie sales, because this one went over so well. There was no discussion against this. Prior to drawing for the raffle winner, Father The prayed over all the raffle tickets, blessing those who participated or donated in any way. Winner of the pie and ham was Deb Wobschall.

Confirmation Blankets – Connie Ockwig reported that we need 29 blankets for the joint parishes of Janesville and Waseca for the students this year. Anyone wishing to donate money, fleece or help tie the blankets is welcome! Help is needed. Linda Groh arranged two dates to make blankets: April 26, 10am at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center in Waseca (mask is required) and April 29, 1 pm at Bridgewater in Janesville. All members are encouraged and welcome to help. Please let either Pat Foley, Linda Groh or the committee (Lori Harris, Connie Ockwig, or Lori Mickelson) know if you can assist. Please bring a sharp fabric cutting scissors or rotary cutter and a cutting mat, if you have these.

Unfinished Business –

First Aid Kits – Shirley Skorczewski was not able to attend, but asked to have this information passed along. She will purchase bandages to add to the first aid kit located in the Treanor/Campion Center. The kit in the church (located in the side room) is already well stocked.

Pillow Cleaning – our spring date is April 17 - this Saturday. Those helping with the first shift should be there approximately 7:30 am (Geri Kassell, Deb Wobschall, and Shirley Skorczewski). Second shift begins at 10:30 am – Lori Mickelson, Carmen Battenfeld, and Connie Ockwig. An ad was placed in the Waseca Pioneer for \$30 (Carlson's Pillow Cleaning will reimburse half of that.) Next date for Pillow Cleaning is August 6. If you would like to help in August, please contact Pat Foley.

Schoenstatt Retreat – this retreat will be on May 6th, on the Lake by Sleepy Eye. Those attending can join the carpool, meet at the T/C Center at 7 am, and leave at 7:15. Approximately 1 hour and 20 minute drive. Retreat ends about 3 pm. Dress code: Casual, no jeans.

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New Business -

Silent Auction Baskets for State Convention – Shirley Kern and Patty Masberg each put together a basket for our court to donate to convention. Checks were written for \$25 to both Shirley and Patty for the cost of making each basket.

State Convention is April 20 – 21 in Detroit Lakes. Attendees from our court will be Pat Foley, Lori Mickelson, and Sue Harguth.

Our next meeting will be in May with May Crowning as our program.

Door prize drawing was held – the winners were Betty Hager, Sue Harguth, and Bea O'Brien.

Membership Prayer was recited as our closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lori Mickelson, substitute for Lori Harris.

The Sanctity of Human Life!

At the state CDA convention it was emphasized to be praying to protect human life. Here is a prayer that CDA would particularly like us to use and pray at our meetings and as often as we can:

Prayer to Protect Life

Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us.

Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.

Gracious God, I pray that with your Grace, I and all people will reverence, protect, and promote all life and that I will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled and the elderly. I pray too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do with wisdom, love and courage.

Living God, I praise and glorify you as
Father, Source of all life,
as Son, Savior of our lives,
and as Spirit, Sanctifier of our lives.

Amen

Tying it all Together for Our Confirmation Students

By: Linda Groh

On Wednesday April 26, 2023 Linda Groh and Sue Harguth from the Catholic Daughters went to Lake Shore Inn (Monarch) in Waseca, MN, and tied blankets for our confirmation students with the people who reside there. Ann Clayton from CDA was also working there and assisted as well. There were fun conversations and the time went by quickly, all with the goal of helping our youth keep the Catholic faith. Thank you to all those who help with the confirmation blanket project.



At the State CDA convention, our new State Regent Monica Capra, being installed by her husband, an ordained Deacon, and our new State Chaplain who was also just installed.

ANY WOMAN 18 YEARS OR OLDER, WHO IS CATHOLIC, AND DESIRES TO BE A MEMBER, MAY JOIN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS.

MINNESOTA STATE CDA NEWS
NEWS FROM THE CONVENTION
By Pat Foley, Regent

The 50th bi-ennial convention of The Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas was held from April 20th to April 22nd in Detroit Lakes MN. The theme of this convention was “Celebrating a Century of Faith, Hope and Love”. as the Catholic Daughters celebrated 100 years in Minnesota. Attending from Court Sacred Heart #1424 were Pat Foley, Regent, Lori Mickelson, Vice regent, and Sue Harguth, member.

Membership in Catholic Daughters of the Americas has decreased greatly. Twenty years ago, there were 2403 members and 31 courts in Minnesota. Ten years ago, that had declined to 2370 members and 30 courts. One year ago, the membership was 1724 with 27 courts. We can see that in our own court. A few years ago, we had over 120 members. We now have 100 members. Much of this is because our older members have passed away and we are not getting new members. We need to find new members if we are going to remain viable.

A resolution was put forth to increase state dues by \$1.00 per member per year, going from \$4.00 to \$5.00. Another resolution was put forth to increase the State Fundraiser by \$1.00 per member per year, going from \$4.00 to \$5.00. The reasoning behind both resolutions was due to the large decrease in membership, the ability to fundraise was decreased during the pandemic, and expenses have increased due to inflation. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Another resolution that was brought forth was that Minnesota CDA members pray at each of their court meetings for a change in heart by all God’s people to promote in practice and in law, the value of all human life from conception to natural death. This resolution passed unanimously.

The new state officers are: Monica Capra, State Regent
Cathie Nelson, First Vice State Regent
Linda Oderick, Second Vice State Regent
Linda Schoens, Secretary
Diane Hyatt, Treasurer

The new District Deputy for Waseca, Medford and Owatonna is Tracie Peterson.

All of the 50-year members were recognized from each court. The members from Court Sacred Heart who have attained 50 years since the last convention are Rosalie Grams, Judy Hagen, Barb Hoehn, Karyl Miller, and Barb Thorndale. Certificates were given to the regents to bring back to these members to recognize their years of membership. We hope that these members will attend our meeting in May to receive their certificate.

Court Sacred Heart had applied to Minnesota CDA for The Women’s Religious Grant. We have been awarded a \$500.00 grant that will be given to the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to help with the cost of refurbishing the door to the chapel!

Court Sacred Heart had also applied for the Habitat for Humanity Grant. But the grant went to Court St. Charles. Ground-breaking will be May 6, 2023. CDA build days will be September 16, and October 14. All CDA members are invited to attend the groundbreaking or to assist with the build on CDA build days.

Awards were handed out for the Circle of Love, and other projects that our members participate in throughout the year. Court Sacred Heart received third place in the Education Circle of Love for the project, “Funerals and Catholic Doctrine”. The project that was highlighted was when we had Sam Steffel come to speak to our court in January.

Court Sacred Heart also received “Honorable Mention” in Leadership and Membership. Lori Mickelson wrote up the reports for these two areas. She used the Winterfest Bake Sale as the theme of how we increase our leadership, how members take the lead in a project, and how our members come together to make a project work.

The next Minnesota State CDA Convention will be held by Court St. Anne from Medford, with the assistance of Court Owatonna and Court Sacred Heart. It will be great to have a convention so near to us again, making it easier for more members to attend and participate.

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My Return to Detroit Lakes – The location of the 1st Convention I attended.

By Sue Harguth

Traveling to the state convention in Detroit Lakes was just a bit unpredictable as weather in April can be. Soon as we got near Alexandria Minnesota the weather turned on us. The roads were not good, the snow was coming down in huge flakes and the winds were wild. But as usual, Pat Foley got us there safely.

Soon as we arrived and checked, we made our way to the hospitality room. A room where early arrivals can gather and get reacquainted. This is also where any court in the state can display items of their choosing. Some shared photos from past conventions, which you could take home if you knew anyone in the photos. I didn't see anything, so onto the next tables.

I was captivated by a display of dolls made up as Catholic Daughters, State Officers and Local Officer. Sort of replicating a meeting in progress. I soon found out these dolls belonged to the Waseca Court. Someone mentioned maybe find out where they came from and if anyone knew anything about the history of these dolls. I text my mother-in-law, Char Harguth to see if she remembered anything about the dolls. She quickly responded that she and Mardelle Harguth had made all the outfits and created the display for a convention. Mardelle passed away on Feb. 21st, 2000, right on her grandson Greg Harguth's birthday. Who is also my husband. Char was excited to hear this news and that they were still in existence. Char had joined Catholic Daughters in 1960. At that same time, Mardelle Harguth (her mother-in-law) was the local Grand Regent for Court Sacred Heart, for years 1960 to 1961. She had the idea to create this display for the convention, so she sought out Char's help in doing so. She had a little piano, so from there they created these adorable little outfits and items to make this display.

I was told that you came to meetings in dresses and heels, that was an expected dress code, not preferred. You can see with the doll display, that is exactly how Char and Mardelle made the members to look.

The mortarboards were the little graduation type hats on some of the dolls. These hats originally created and worn by Roman Catholic Clergy. Mardelle struggled with forming these and gave the task to Char. A lot of cutting and gluing fabric to make them how adorable they became.

If you look at the bottom left corner of the photo, you will see a wooden box with a handle and lid and marbles inside. This was used for voting at meetings. If you were in support of the vote, you picked a white marble, if you opposed the vote, you picked a black marble. This is referenced as Blackballing, a traditional form of voting in many organizations. Many of you may have already known about this, but I thought it was super interesting to learn about this process. We actually still have a box and marbles like this!

The full-size table top podium used in our Waseca CDA meetings was made by Johannes (Hans) Hayunga, he was the husband to CDA member Katherine Hayunga, who passed away in October of 2005. The painting of this podium was done by our CDA member Char Harguth.

Hope you enjoyed learning a little bit of this history. I cannot tell you how honored and excited I was to learn that the doll display was purchased and created by my husband's mom and Grandmother.



Here are more photos from State CDA Convention.



Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

In the wee hours of the morning, on Saturday April 15, 2023 residents of Waseca and the surrounding area rose from their slumber early with the urgent task of bi-annually bringing their pillows in for cleaning. There was a nice turnout and we are grateful for all those who helped with or supported this fundraiser. We had new, young client in attendance. Our new tagline is, "Having your pillow cleaned with help you to sleep like a baby."



April's Shower of Love and Life for Pregnancy Options of Faribault, MN.



On our April 12, 2023 CDA meeting we invited Gina Little from Pregnancy Options of Faribault to speak at our meeting. We have had her come to our meetings each year for quite some time, and even though she has been here multiple times there is always plenty to discuss in the regards of saving human life! Gina is filled with the same spirit and passion as always and had even more life affirming stories of how lives of children and parents were saved through their center. There was an emphasis as well how they kept their doors open during Covid while many agencies had shut their doors during that time.

Many prayers and action need to still be taken to protect life. A matter brought to our attention is that in our state there is legislation that would require organizations who receive state grants or funding to refer for abortions. While defending life has challenges, it is our call from God, and together we can persevere.

In the top left photo is the table of items we collected at our meeting of supplies needed for the operation of the center itself such as toilet paper and batteries, and of course the fun items for parents to earn for their children when they take education classes to become better parents and also for those in need. The picture in the middle right is showing how passionate Gina Little from pregnancy options of Faribault is as she speaks about their mission. The bottom left photo is of regent, Pat Foley presenting Gina Little with a check from CDA to help with operational expenses of the facility. We are grateful for all those who gave to our baby shower this past month and those who are sending prayers as well!



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