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## National Regent's Message

Helene Shepard,  
National Regent



Dear Catholic Daughters,

As I sit down to write my very last National Quarterly, I can't help but ask the question: **Where did the past two years go?** They have been filled with much joy which comes to each of us as a result of our service. Yes, they have also been filled with much work as we travelled throughout the Nation.

At this time, I want to thank each of you for the wonderful work that you have done in your courts, parishes, and communities. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude for all your dedication and service. I can only say that your reward is great with the Lord and with that reward comes the peace and joy that you deserve.

Elections will take place in all our local courts and new officers will be elected in May and installed for the next two years. Thanks to those who have said **yes** and stepped up to the plate to serve for 2018-2020. We must also thank those who have served for the past two years. No doubt, you will continue to serve in other capacities in your local court. God will bless you for your generous spirit.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the **57th Biennial National Convention** which will take place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I hope you are sending in your convention and hotel reservations, making your travel plans and reviewing the convention agenda so as to make the most of the experience. The State Officers of the State Court of South Dakota have been working closely with **Vickie Feist, Convention Chairman** and the National Board to make this a wonderful experience for all who attend this convention.

There will be many workshops that you can attend, so

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that you can return home with lots of information to share with the members of your court.

### Workshops on Tuesday:

**Leadership:** presenter Sherry Nilles

**Spirituality:** presenter Olga Samaniego

**Legislation:** presenter Margaret Sitte

**Family:** presenter Essie Walker

**JCDA/Youth:** presenter Arline Rich

**Campus Courts:** presenter Peggy Guckin

**Membership:** presenter Emily Guilherme

### Lunchtime Workshops Thursday & Friday:

**NCOSE National Center on Sexual Exploitation  
Catholics for Freedom**

**Labouré**

**Parliamentary Chats**

**Catholic Mission Association**

**Population Research Institute**

The full agenda of the convention is enclosed in this issue of the Quarterly. There will be a **Spiritual Concert** performed by **Kathy Troccoli**, a Grammy nominated, Award-winning, contemporary Christian music singer, songwriter, author, and speaker, on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Denny Sanford Convention Center. I am sure you will not want to miss this event.

As it is every week for CDA, Friday we will be a red, white and blue day honoring our service people. So, remember to pack your red shirt. There will also be a **Walk/Run for Love** for the benefit of our National Projects and Charities. We will meet in the arena for the group picture at 6:30 am. You can still order a shirt and register for the Walk. If you are not able to attend the convention you could still be part if it by sending in a sponsor sheet with your donation to help our Projects and Charities.

On Wednesday and Thursday we will have the opportunity to attend Adoration and Benediction followed by Mass at 9 am. Friday Mass will be at 5 pm.

It is bitter sweet closing this final message in the National Quarterly. It is important, that I thank each of you for your wonderful service for the past two years. I am so pleased that you have carried out the theme, "To Serve the Lord with Gladness."

God bless you. I look forward to greeting each one of you in Sioux Falls this coming July.

In Unity and Charity,

*Helene*

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## Note from Fr. Frederick Fangmann, past Iowa State Chaplain:

May the CDA of Iowa have a beautiful Easter and springtime. Just a note to thank you for all the nice cards and prayers. You truly have a 'power of prayer.' As I write this your prayers, etc. are working. As I write this, I am doing a lot better than I was doing at Christmas. Thank you and may the Risen Lord continue to bless you and your families. I have great memories as when I was State Chaplain. Continue your good work for the Church, Fr. Fangmann

## 'LABOURE' HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generosity in 2017! Because of you, we were able to help 36 men and women work through our program. You helped us rescue 36 vocations that otherwise would have

been lost to the Church! Thank you for being a part of that joyous story. We feel blessed to have you as a part of the Laboure' family.

As a small sign of gratitude, we've organized a Mass for you and your intentions during each month of 2018. These Masses are being said in 12 of our alumni's communities across the country! To put a face to the community, we've created a special magnet that reflects the Laboure' alumna and his or

her community saying the Mass for each month. We hope that this magnet will become a fixture on your fridge as the year goes on. When you see their joyous, smiling faces, please know that you were a critical part of helping them realize their vocations and the vocations of many others!

May God bless you in 2018. We look forward to having you involved with Laboure' for many years to come.

*With gratitude, The Laboure' Team*



## Letter from Our National Director

Susan Moné, Mesa, Arizona

“The Lord has Risen, Alleluia!” When I last wrote it was Lent and we were preparing for Easter and the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour. Now we awake to a wonderful time of year. Spring is in the air, the flowers are blooming, the trees have filled out with new foliage and the snow is finally gone for another season. It’s a time of new beginnings in so many ways, spring weddings, 1st Communions, Confirmations and graduations. And in our church we just celebrated our “Birthday” on Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon the

apostles to guide them as they when out into the world to spread the Word of God. Pentecost was the beginning of Christianity and the apostles were “A Fire” with the Holy Spirit.

In our Catholic Daughters it is also a time of new beginnings with election of new officers in our local courts. Thank you to those officers who have served your courts the past term. I pray that your time in office was enjoyable and rewarding. And I know that you still have much to share with your courts and the new officers when they need.

Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers. A special thank you for stepping up and saying YES to our Lord and to your members. You are the strength to keep your court moving ahead as you continue your courts activities and you bring new ideas to the court. You will be in my prayers as you go forward to lead your members. It’s time for you and your members to be “A Fire” with the Holy Spirit. He gives us His gifts to use to spread God’s word in all we do. In Iowa you have a wonderful example to follow as you celebrate Anna Baxter Day in memory of a woman “A Fire” for Catholic Daughters.

Another new beginning comes in July for the Catholic Daughters at our 56th biennial National Convention in Sioux Falls, S.D. I look forward to seeing those who will be attending. Your delegates will speak for all Iowa Catholic Daughters as by-laws are changed and

new officers are elected to the National Board. We have all been blessed to have the wonderful leadership of our National Regent, Helene Sheperd the past 2 years and wish her the very best as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. Our National Regent Elect, Olga Samaniego, will take over leadership with her new board and the Holy Spirit’s guidance. It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve as your National Director the past two years.

Summer brings a time of rest and relaxation with vacations and family gatherings. My prayer is for a wonderful summer for all of you. Be safe and enjoy. Stay “A Fire” with the Holy Spirit and for Catholic Daughters of the Americas as you continue to “Serve the Lord with Kindness”.

*Peace and blessings,  
Susan Moné  
National Director*



## A Message from Our Chaplain

Rev. Timothy Schott, Carroll, Iowa

Recently I read a story that I found inspiring. It comes from John Dear, a peace-activist and author. I will try to paraphrase the story for you.

Mr. Dear wrote about friends who moved to a big city in California. Anne is a lifelong peace activist, wife, mother of five, and a secular Franciscan. She and her husband, Terry, deliberately bought a house in the middle of a run-down neighborhood that suffered poverty, unemployment, violence, racism, crime, and general neglect. It was one of those neighborhoods most people try to escape as soon as they have enough money.

There was much fear and suspicion in the area. The houses in the neighborhood were separated by fences. People kept to themselves and did not “neighbor” very much. The county, the city, the Church all seemed to have given up. Not much hope.

Anne and Terry considered it

“perfect,” a prime location for doing Christ’s work. They got settled and began to visit their neighbors on the block and across the back alley. Their visits led to invitations to coffee and to shared playtimes for their children.

They began to invite two or three neighbors at a time so folks would meet each other. Not everyone jumped at the chance. But gradually some people came to know each other by name as well as the faces and names of their children.

After about a year Anne and Terry dismantled their back alley fence to make it easier to visit back and forth across the alley. Eventually some others did the same, at first a few boards and then the whole fence. Then they decided to till a small plot in their backyard for a neighborhood vegetable garden. They invited others to plant some things and to help care for the zucchini, peppers, tomatoes, onions, and beans.

The neighborhood was changing. “When we took down the fences between our yards,” Anne said. “We were also taking down the fences in our hearts. That’s when the fear and suspicion began to slip away, and we really began to know and love our neighbors and experience a kind of peace with one another. At the center was the garden. We were sharing the earth.” Their backyard became a locus for a sense of belonging.

After two years, five families were involved. They began to gather in Anne & Terry’s backyard on Thursday evenings to talk about gardening, cooking, their jobs and children, their neighborhood, and the coming weekend. One by one they reached out to other neighbors, gave them seeds for gardens, and invited them to their Thursday evenings.

One Sunday after church Anne and Terry sat out in the backyard. One of the neighbors joined them. They talked about what they had heard in their churches. Soon this became a regular event for their little neighborhood group. One would bring juice, a couple others would bring coffee, another brought rolls. Some in the group actually joined a church so they would have something to talk about when they gathered.

In their broken-down piece of the world Anne & Terry had planted a garden that included spiritual seeds as well as veggies. Gradually hope replaced despair. A small community was born and began to flourish. People stopped thinking about escape. Instead they invested in what they had begun to share and built together. They began to own their neighborhood.

This outreach, this investment is what each of us is called to do.

We can complain about what is wrong. We can blame others. We can withdraw into our own guarded, insured, nicely-fenced, protected, independent worlds. Or we can choose to make a difference for good, to invest in a better world with others.

Many believe our government is broken. The vast and deep institutional bureaucracies seem unwilling to overcome partisanship, to actually gather people into a common purpose and good. We have become too large, too impersonal, too self-interested.

Perhaps we detect a similar situation in our Church, our parishes, our neighborhoods, our organizations. We can be quick to withdraw and to criticize: it’s not

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My Dear Catholic Daughters,

Not far from where I am writing you, there is a statue in Times Square of Father Francis P. Duffy, the well-known priest who served as chaplain during World War I. Father Duffy, who died in 1932, was born in Canada before immigrating to the United States, where he earned a doctoral degree and was ordained a priest. He dedicated his life to serving his country: first, during the Spanish-American War, then during the First World War. His bravery and dedication to his men earned him many accolades; he is still the most decorated priest in the Army's history. More importantly, however, he also gave his life to God: as a priest he served not only the spiritual needs of soldiers, but also as a pastor of two parishes in New York and a seminary professor. Toward the end of his life he was also instrumental in combating the anti-Catholic sentiment of his day, arguing that one can be both a faithful Catholic and loyal American.

Another "Duffy" (though unrelated) whom I am sure is especially dear to you is Mary C. Duffy, Supreme Regent from 1923 – 1950. Miss Duffy was also an immigrant, arriving in the United States from Ireland as a young girl. In her life, too, we see an inspiring model of service. During her tenure, the Catholic Daughters of America not only emerged as an independent organization, but substantially increased service and outreach to communities across the country and internationally—an effort that continues with tremendous impact today thanks to all of you! Under her leadership, the Catholic Daughters of America carried out countless charitable works throughout the Great Depression, and demonstrated extraordinary generosity during World War II. Though these activities were never about recognition, Mary Duffy was awarded one of the most prestigious papal honors, the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal, by Pope Pius XI.

Both Mary and Fr. Francis Duffy exemplify the story of American Catholics: immigrants who were fiercely

## A Message from the National Chaplain



devoted to helping others in service of God and country. That story continues today through your commitment as Catholic Daughters of the Americas, as well as through the work of so many other Catholic organizations. What is the next chapter in this legacy of service? In what ways will you, Catholic Daughters, advance the fine tradition of Mary Duffy in the twenty-first century?

I am sure these will be just some of the topics for discussion at the 57th Biennial National CDA Convention, this July 17-22 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It will be a time of prayer, reflection, and action, as well as great warmth and friendship. On Friday, July 20, I am honored to be celebrating the God and Country Mass with you—I hope to see many of you there!

Behind the statue of Father Duffy in Times Square is a large Celtic Cross. On it is inscribed Father Duffy's name and some of his achievements, along with a simple epitaph, which I hope may someday be ours as well: A life of service for God and country.

May God Bless you and your families!

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York

## Are We Good Stewards? Or Simply Owners?



Fr. Jeffrey Maurer  
National Clergy Consultant

Dear Catholic Daughters,

Winding things down...as a priest we are used to knowing that we can be called to another parish should the need arise. Most of us do not particularly enjoy it, some would rather not think about it and often it causes many tears on both ends of the altar.

But it is a good reminder that no one is irreplaceable and that's a helpful thing. Stewardship, not ownership, is what you and I are called to in our lives as disciples, and as Catholic Daughters. It's with great thanks to Helene Shepard and the National Board, some of whom will also be moving on, but it is also a new opportunity for all of us as we hand over the stewardship to our new (almost crowned) National Regent Olga Samaniego.

This time of year is when courts have new Regents... or not. Perhaps it's also a time to look at how our local courts are either beehives of stewardship or bastions of ownership. Sometimes this can be a challenging question. It's always easier to go with "the old dependable" in any organization. Sometimes a court, even against the Bylaws will have the same regent for 18 years!

Perhaps this summer, when things are slower, Regents and courts could develop "a three-deep plan" for which three ladies would make a suitable Regent in the coming 6 years. It's sometimes difficult to hand over control but it's only when we see the future with others can we actually have a healthy outlook for it.

I'm writing my last quarterly article. It's with a certain sadness that I hand over the reins as well, but I know that if I've done a good job, the organization can live without me...because it's not about me, or you but all of us with the Lord. May God bless your summer and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

God bless you, Father Jeffrey Maurer

## Sr. Mary Paul Writes...

A Sister received a letter from her nephew. It had a hundred dollar bill in it. She thought: 'I don't need this. I know what I'll do. I'll give it to someone in need.' She looked out of the window and saw an indigent man. She put the bill in an envelope with a note saying "Don't Despair". Then she threw it out of the window. It landed at the man's feet. The next day he went to the convent and rang the door bell. The Sister answered. The man said, "Here is your \$8,000.00 dollars. Don't Despair came in first paying 8 to 1."

## Chaplain ...

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my responsibility...let someone else fix it. I like my "fences" where they are.

If something is broken we can sit back and complain OR we can work with others to make it better.

Positive change is the consequence of individuals (like Anne and Terry) making re-

peated small choices to do Christ's work, to reach out, to invite, to take down their fences, to share.

This summer think about Anne and Terry and their story. Think about all the "neighborhoods" around you. What's not working? What small steps can you take to make things better, to do Christ's work? It probably will require your "taking down a fence" in your heart and mind. Are you willing?

## Court Mary of the Assumption #1976 Baby Shower

Layette items were donated to Circle of Life Mission in Strawberry Point, IA.

Baby quilts and layette items were donated from the Blessed Trinity Cluster to their Mission parish in Rutledge, Tennessee and large quilts were given to a nursing home in Rutledge,

also.

Baby quilts, diapers and clothing were given to the Clarity Clinic in Dubuque, Ia.

Several lap quilts were delivered to the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids, Ia. Throughout the year many lap quilts are delivered to senior citi-

zens and to nursing home residents in the local area by our parish nurse.

Pictured are Betty Werner, Committee Member of World Wide Issues, Elizabeth Callan Vice Regent, and Caroline Nachtman, Chairwoman of World Wide Issues. Many other Catholic Daughters



from Court Mary of the Assumption #1976, Manchester, Iowa, assist with the charity quilts and mission donations.



## Letter from Our State Regent

Jan Grundmeyer, Manchester, Iowa

Dear Catholic Daughters,  
I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and observing nature at its best. I can't remember when the grass has been greener or the trees prettier than this spring.

I know that you have been busy with Catholic Daughter activities for several months. Thank you for all of the Circle of Love reports that were sent in to the State Chairmen as well as the many Education and Newsletter Contest entries sent to State. Awards for these at the State Level will be presented at Anna Baxter Day.

We also appreciated your promptness sending in your Financial Reviews, National and State Dues and your LifeSaver Campaign donations.

Congratulations to all the Local Court Officers who were elected in May as a new officer as well as those remaining in their

office for another term. Your leadership is so valuable to keep your court unified, active and involved in all the good work of the Catholic Daughters. Being an officer is a truly rewarding experience. Please send your list of Local Court Officers with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to National and your State Regent, Jan Grundmeyer, as soon as possible so your court will receive all correspondence.

Summer will bring many special events for the Catholic Daughters. Anna Baxter Day will be held in Iowa City on June 24, 2018. Please send registrations for the day to State Secretary Rita Carlson by June 13th. We hope to see many of you there. Please see more detailed information in this issue of The VOICE.

We are looking forward to a big Iowa delegation at the National Convention in

Sioux Falls, South Dakota in July. By now all early registrations and motel and meal reservations should be sent in. The number of members from your court wishing to attend the State Dinner on Thursday evening, July 19th should be sent to Jan Grundmeyer via email or US mail. Bring your gold Iowa CDA shirt if you have one to wear to the State Dinner. Friday will be a red, white and blue day honoring our service people. All officers should bring their CDA robes to wear to the Installation Mass on Saturday. Your robe should be the proper length which is eleven inches from the floor with white shoes. Please contact a State Officer if you have questions or concerns about the convention.

We have three courts celebrating 100 year anniversaries in 2018. Court Fidelis # 342 in Wesley will celebrate on August 18th. Court Castile # 49 in Waterloo will hold their celebration on September 12th and Court St. Rose # 350 in Dyersville will celebrate 100 years on October 21st. Sincere congratulations to all of these courts. Thank you for your dedication and work to keep your court successfully active in spirituality and service for those many years.

The locations for the Fall 2018 Workshops have been determined. We will be

meeting in Council Bluffs on September 8th, Mason City on September 15th, Spencer on September 22nd and Cedar Rapids on October 6th. Thank you to the courts in these areas for hosting the workshops in the fall. Workshops are for all Iowa CDA members. If there are topics you would like addressed or ideas you wish to share, please let a State Officer know. More detailed information will be coming to the Local Court Regents and will also be published in the fall issue of The VOICE.

We continue to search for District Deputies as we have several courts waiting for a DD. Please pray that this might be a way you could serve the Catholic Daughters. Let your State Regent, Jan Grundmeyer, know if you or someone you know is interested in serving in this capacity. Thank you to those who have stepped up recently to become a District Deputy.

May you all have an enjoyable and healthy summer. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at the CDA activities during that time. Bless you as you continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus through the Catholic Daughters.

*In Unity & Charity  
Jan Grundmeyer  
Iowa State Regent*



## From the Desk of Your Editor

Karen Kasparbauer, Manning, Iowa

Springtime blessings. Finally we can enjoy the colors of God's world.  
Thank you to all Courts who shared your

articles and pictures for this issue. Iowa Courts are really busy doing projects for the Lord.

It is so nice seeing the projects and getting ideas to work in the Circle of Love.

In this issue, four of the seven Circle of Love Chairmen gave a summary of projects received for the National contest. The remaining three Chairmen will have a summary in the next Voice issue. Winners of the contest will be announced at the Anna Baxter Day gathering.

Keep sending changes of membership and addresses to Kaye Stock Arndorfer so we can keep the Voice mailing list up to

date. With some changes in the Priest assignments and changes with your Chaplain/Spiritual Advisor, let me know of these changes. Also, with some churches closing or going to the cluster/oratory status, let me know of these changes.

Have a safe and fun summer. See some of you at the National Convention!

*Karen Kasparbauer  
1st Vice State Regent  
Voice Editor*

## Catholic Daughters/ Women's Retreat

**October 12-14, 2018**  
**American Martyrs Retreat House**  
**2209 N Union Rd**  
**Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613**

**Title: Woman Full of Grace**

Theme: How each of us as human beings is full of God's grace and because of that grace we are transformed into the person of Jesus Christ.

**Retreat Director: Fr. Jim Starbuck**  
Fr. Jim was ordained a priest for the

Oakland Diocese of California. He served in the military as a surgical nurse and later, after his ordination and a time in parish work, as a Chaplain. Fr. Jim lives in Cedar Falls. He gives retreats, missions, renewal days, is a spiritual director, and he has a healing ministry. He speaks from his heart sharing his own relationship with Jesus and the work of the Spirit.

Arrival is at 8:00 p.m. Friday and departure after lunch Sunday.

The cost of the retreat is \$135.00. A \$25.00 deposit secures your reservation and is credited to your offering for the retreat.

To register or for questions, contact AMRH at one of the following:  
Email: dbqamrhsec@DBQarch.org  
Phone: 319-266-3543

## IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SPONSOR ANNUAL RETREAT!

**Submitted by Past State Regent, Darlene Moritz**

Are you in? This is your chance to give yourself a little gift of time, prayer and recollection. Each year the Iowa Catholic Daughters have helped sponsor this Iowa Catholic Daughter Retreat in Cedar Falls at the American Martyrs Retreat House. If you have not been there before, you need to go. You are provided your own space (own room), meals (that are delicious), and most importantly, your special time with Jesus.

So, mark your calendar for October 12-14, 2018 for YOU AND JESUS! Do it now before someone or something gets in your way. Send your \$25.00 to hold your space. The balance can be paid when you arrive. Take a car load from your court. Make it extra special with your court members, or if your car isn't full, ask neighboring courts if someone wants a ride or better yet; ask a woman from your church who is not a CDA member yet. ARE YOU IN?

*Approved by State Regent, Jan Grundmeyer*



## 'Reading Across America Day'

Cedar Rapids Court #1768 participated in "Reading Across America Day" March 2, at St. Pius X School, reading "Dear Pope Francis" to students in 2nd and 3rd grade. "Dear Pope Francis" is a compilation of letters and drawings from children across the world asking Pope Francis questions, and the Pope's replies, receiving several book awards. A copy of the book was donated to the school's library, with a Cedar Rapids Catholic Daughters Court #1768 bookplate on the inside cover. Catholic Daughters found it to be a very positive experience for both the students and themselves.



## Education Winners

Court Ave Maria, #302, Des Moines: Msgr. Richard Chamberlain, our chaplain and our financial secretary Nancy Kunens are pictured with the three local winners of the poetry, essay, art and computer art contest. They are Rosie Tatz, Abraham Manley and Ricardo Boqero.



## Court #1550 awards 65-year member

Regent Marilyn Tilley presents Mary Conrad with her 65 year member pin at Our Lady of the Assumption court #1550 meeting in Lohrville in April 2018. A goal of the court is to recognize and honor our longtime members for all they have contributed over the years. Photo by Vice Regent Carol Lee.



## EXHIBIT TO PROMOTE AWARENESS ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND COMBAT VICTIM BLAMING

Briar Cliff University Catholic Daughters Court established in the University Atrium the exhibit "WHAT WERE YOU WEARING"; which is designed to educate persons concerning victim blaming in a sexual assault. This exhibit consisted of clothing worn by the survivors of sexual assault and narratives of what the men and women experienced and how they healed.

The exhibit shows that victims are not to be blamed for their clothing choice.

The Siouxland Council on Sexual and Domestic Abuse worked with the students on the exhibit which is based on the book, "WHAT WERE YOU WEARING."

Pictured is CDA Campus Court members MacKenzie Lien and Olivia Matz.



## Court Ave Maria # 269 awards 50-year member

Court Ave Maria # 269, Sioux City Sheryl McGowan (left) was presented with her 50 year member pin from Paula Kohn (right), Regent of Ave Maria #269 from Sioux City, IA.



## Court Castille #49 awards scholarships

Court Castille #49, Waterloo, recently awarded 2 \$750 (each) scholarships to local senior girls who will be attending college in the fall.

Scholarship recipients on the left is Isabell Werner, of Dysart, IA (Union High School, of LaPorte City) and St. Mary of Mt Carmel (Prince of Peace Cluster). Parents are Mark and Robin Werner; On right is Hanna Clasen, of Waterloo, IA (Columbus Catholic High School) and St. Edward's Church, Parents are Anthony and Dana Clasen.



TOP LEFT: Court St. Anthony #330, Council Bluffs, IA. TOP RIGHT: Court Our Lady of Fatima #1492, Manning, IA. ABOVE LEFT: Court Our Lady of Holy Rosary #2476, Glenwood, IA. ABOVE RIGHT: Court St. Maria Goretti #2498, Portsmouth, IA.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Robe Ceremony – Local/Campus Court

Beginnings and endings are important, especially in an Order such as ours. We are a sisterhood working together to do God's will. We are also witnesses to the Risen Lord and what it means to live a life of service. As such, it is important that we have strong officers who will watch out for the good of the order and help guide and gently lead others into service. Holding an office at all levels of our organization is a commitment of time and resources, not only on the part of the officer but on the part of her family who must share her with others as long as she is in office.

When an officer leaves one office, she does not quit caring about the responsibilities of that office. Instead, she helps someone else to use her gifts to assume those duties so that she can undertake new responsibilities and explore different avenues of service. In this way, the court, whether it is state or local, benefits from both experience and new ideas and fresh insight. The robe ceremony today represents the changing of the guard. The passing down of a robe represents mentorship, shared responsibly, and the

willingness to embrace change. It also represents continued support, enduring friendship, and the passing of the torch.

\*The treasurer will now pass her robe and give her promise of support to the treasurer elect.

\*The financial secretary will now pass her robe and give her promise of support of the financial secretary elect.

\* The recording secretary will pass her robe and give her promise of support to the recording secretary elect.

\* And now, the vice regent will pass her robe and give her promise of support to the vice regent elect.

\*At this time, the regent will pass her robe and give her promise of support to the regent elect,

Now, I invite the membership to offer their thanks and show their appreciation to those who have given so much and who will continue to give of themselves to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court \_\_\_\_\_ #\_\_\_\_\_, (city and State).

# WEB BYTES

## Summer 2018

By Chris Peiffer  
IA CDA Webmaster

Thank you to all of you who have sent encouragement and support on my new adventure as webmaster! I look forward to working with you all and have already learned a great deal about the ins and outs of our state website. Rita has been a great teacher! She has done a wonderful job serving in this role and deserves much credit for the high quality of site. Big shoes to fill!! Please be sure to thank her when you see her.

Just a bit about me...I've been a member of Court McDermott #504 in Washington for over 20 years and have served in every office except Recording Secretary (because I have really poor handwriting which is why I work with computers) and just finished a term as treasurer. I also served a term on the state board as First Vice Regent and editor of the Voice. I really enjoyed that!

I retired a year ago from my profession as a securities representative for a financial firm. My husband, Rich, and I have two children and eight grandchildren. I have been blessed! One of my goals upon retirement was to find a way to serve the church and my faith. Having a background working with computers and software, when Rita mentioned she needed a little help, I thought it might be a good fit.



The IA CDA website plays a large role in the state board's ability to keep our members informed. It, also, gives each individual court a place to shine and to share ideas and accomplishments. But a website is only useful if its information is relevant and current and that's where you come in...

The next couple of months will be filled with events and activities: National Convention, Anna Baxter Day, officer installations, anniversaries, etc. I would love to be able to showcase them all on the website. Please help me accomplish this by sending me your pictures and information. Send either by email to rpeiffer@cloudburst9.net (please put CDA in the subject line) or snail mail to 2240 Hemlock Ave, Keota, IA 52248.

I expect there may be a few bumps along the way, but I hope to be able to maintain the high quality that Rita, and Sheila before her, set for our IA CDA website. I ask for your patience as I work my way thru the learning curve. Pray for me!

Your Sister in Christ  
Chris Peiffer

# Local Court News



## Cedar Rapids Court #1768

Cedar Rapids Court #1768 made Easter Favors for the retired Sisters of Mercy residing at Sacred Heart Convent in Cedar Rapids. Under the direction of Catholic Daughter Mary Lou Hess, members filled the Easter favors with beautiful flowers and sweet treats. When the favors were delivered the day before Easter, the Sisters were so delighted and grateful. Pictured l to r: Sister Carol Anne Heitgen, Mary Lou Hess, Bernie Vandewalle



## Court Ave Maria #302, Des Moines

Court Ave Maria #302, Des Moines contributed baby clothing and diapers to our local Birthright drive.



## Court St. Pius X #1714 Jesup

Two speakers presented information about the "Sisters Water Project" on August 14, 2017. They help bring clean water to Honduras and Tanzania.



## Court Regina Mundi #1737

CDA Court Regina Mundi #1737 from St. Benedict Parish, Decorah, IA helps to support the students who won the state competition to go to Washington DC for National History Day. Pictured from left are St. Benedict School teacher Patty Lien, students Jaden Weis, Jenna Hartz, and Chloe Dixon, and teacher and CDA Financial Secretary Colleen Wetli.



## Court Joan of Arc #524

Court Joan of Arc #524 participated in the state court project to help victims of domestic abuse. In the picture, left to right are Kathleen Green, chairperson with Regent Ann Bahn presenting a \$574.00 check to Char Schafer, director of Muscatine Center for Social Action - live-saver campaign. April 29, 2018



## Mary of the Assumption Court #1976

On March 18, Court Mary of the Assumption #1976 hosted a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast. Because of the generous freewill donations and the labor of many of our members, we were able to raise over \$1400.00, which will enable us to fund scholarships and donate to several charities and our sister parish in Rutledge, TN. The waffle breakfast is one of our major fundraisers throughout the year.





# Local Court News



### Cedar Rapids Court #1768

Cedar Rapids Court #1768 invited Catholic women of Cedar Rapids to a CDA Welcoming Brunch on Saturday, April 14, at St. Wenceslaus Church, serving a delicious brunch of homemade egg casseroles and coffee cakes, along with orange juice and coffee. Everyone brought their favorite coffee cup and shared their story of why it was so special to them. Three CDA members spoke about why they joined Catholics Daughters, and our Regent

told of the many spiritual and charitable activities and projects of the Court. The Welcoming Brunch, hosted by our Membership Committee of Elaine Boes, Chair; Georgia Stoeber; and Ann Terfehn, was a win-win, that is a win for our Court to share with other ladies just what Catholic Daughters is all about, and a win for the ladies who experienced the friendly, caring women of our Court. The ladies are, left to right: Diane Reyland, Elaine Boes, Noreen Koch, and Linda Sadler.



**Court Ave Maria, #302, Des Moines**  
Court Ave Maria, #302, Des Moines furnished cookies to the Veteran's Hospital in Des Moines for the veterans.



### Court St. Pius X #1714 Jesup

Our CDA display at our parish open house on September 10, 2017.



### Court Presentation #1460, Farley

Court #1460 had May Crowning on May 15, 2018. They also celebrated their 70th Anniversary in December 2017.



### Court Joan of Arc # 524, Muscatine

Court Joan of Arc # 524, Muscatine, welcomes new members. TOP: Pictured left to right are Vice Regent Marsha Moupon with new members Kristine Duggan and Krista Moore. ABOVE: (l to r) Sherry So, Regent Ann Bahn, and Susan Krueger.



### Court Craigie #94, Iowa City

Marci Ockenfels of Court Craigie #94, Iowa City, proudly displays her 50 yr CDA pin. Regent Carole Olney is at her right. The cancelled check on the table represents her first dues payment.

# Local Court News



## Our Lady of Victory #983, Ossian

At our April CDA meeting, 50 year membership pins were presented to four members. They are (l to r) Cleon Hageman, Jeanette Miller and Kay Heying. Dorothy Weiland was unable to attend. We thank these ladies for their fifty years of membership and service to our court. May God continue to bless them in their lives.



## Our Lady of the Assumption Court #1550, Churdan

Second Vice Regent Kaye Stock Arndorfer speaks at meeting in Lohrville of Our Lady of the Assumption court #1550 with members from Churdan, Lohrville, and Lake City. Also pictured: Regent Marilyn Tilley, Secretary Catherine Carey, and Financial Secretary Cathy Sabus. Photo by Vice Regent Carol Lee.



## Court Joan of Arc # 524, Muscatine

Court Joan of Arc # 524 of Muscatine collected items for a baby shower for the United Way of Muscatine at their March meeting. Pictured left to right are Vice Regent Marsha Mouzon and Regent Ann Bahn.



## Court St. Francis #1290, Belmond

Senior Scholarships were given to Kobe Negrete, Stefany Naranjo, and Sergio Suarez from Court St. Francis #1290.



## Court Regina Mundi #1737, Decorah

CDA Court Regina Mundi #1737 from St. Benedict Parish, Decorah, IA and the Knights of Columbus of St. Benedict Parish sponsor two \$500 scholarships for high school seniors. Pictured from left: KC representative Brian Franzen, and KC recipient Emily Franzen, CDA recipient Abigail Tousseint and CDA member Colleen Wetli.



## Court St. Pius X #1714 Jesup

Our annual CDA Banquet on April 9, 2018. Our Regent, Nancy Kies, is socializing with guests.



## Court Ave Maria #269, Sioux City

Court Ave Maria #269, Sioux City, selected Ramona Blair (right) as their 2018 Catholic Daughter of the year. Paula Kohn (left), Regent, presented her with the CDA plaque.

# A Warm Welcome to Our New CDA Members: Summer 2018

49	Waterloo	Leanne P. Sherburne	408	Spencer	Josie Hibbing	1768	Cedar Rapids	Grace Meyer
216	Fort Dodge	Jennifer Crimmins	408	Spencer	Patricia Monnahan	1768	Cedar Rapids	Noreen Koch
216	Fort Dodge	Jennifer Ann Crimmins	495	Independence	Felicitors Ojinnaka	1797	West Bend	Allie Wirtz
216	Fort Dodge	Leslie Nagel	524	Muscatine	Sheryl Wieskamp	1945	Ankeny	Teresa Hannasch
216	Fort Dodge	Barbara J. Wagner	858	Ames	Patricia A. Cooper	1945	Ankeny	Grace Chalin
216	Fort Dodge	Janine K. Lynch	858	Ames	Marilyn Hegland	1945	Ankeny	Betty McQuinn
216	Fort Dodge	Janis Kuhn	1585	Milford	Lynette V. Cook	1945	Ankeny	Brenda Anderson
269	Sioux City	Nadne E. Ruden	1710	Graettinger	Jennifer Hough	1945	Ankeny	Sue Murphy
283	Algona	Carol Reding	1737	Decorah	Betsy Hadley	1945	Ankeny	Margaret Gebel
283	Algona	Julie Winkel	1768	Cedar Rapids	Janice Kaye Casey	1976	Manchester	Lori Cole
284	Britt	Karen Reinhart	1768	Cedar Rapids	Roberta M. Peters	1976	Manchester	Diane Hammell
321	Oelwein	Pat A. Vinson	1768	Cedar Rapids	Cheri Philipp	1976	Manchester	Jane Sparrgrove
388	New Hampton	Amanda Husak	1768	Cedar Rapids	Diane Reyland	2476	Glenwood	Margaret Popp Reyes
408	Spencer	Lois McCarty	1768	Cedar Rapids	Kit Umscheid	2515	Spirit Lake	Mary Schmitz
408	Spencer	Heidi Kirschbaum	1768	Cedar Rapids	Mary Kaufmann			

# Local Court News



### Court Joan of Arc #388, New Hampton

The 1st graders from St. Joseph School brought a favorite book and read to our members following our Hobo Soup and Sandwich Luncheon.



### St. Rose Court #350, Dyersville

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, St. Rose Court #350 of Dyersville, met on Wednesday, May 10th, beginning with Mass and blessing at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier. Following Mass, a picnic lunch was held at the KC Hall to honor those members celebrating milestone anniversaries. Pictured are those celebrating 60 year membership: (left to right) Doris Hermsen, Marilyn Prier, Clara Hoeger, Germaine Theisen, and Grace Menke. Those unable to attend were Mary Weber and Clarabelle Baum, each 75 year members. Also unable to attend were 60 year members Frances Brunkan, Ann Steffen and Juliann Ungs.



### Court Ave Maria #302, Des Moines

Lisa Risvold, Regent of Court Ave Maria, #302, Des Moines, presented Bishop Joseph Charon with a \$500 check to support the seminarians.



### Court Joan of Arc #524

Court Joan of Arc #524 of Muscatine awarded at their May meeting the 2018 CDA scholarship winners. Pictured left to right are Scholarship chairman Laurie Ludman, Kaleigh Bell daughter of Darrell and Melissa Bell (plans to go to Iowa State University in prevet and agricultural biochemistry), Meghan Custis daughter of Kevin and Laura Custis (plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in English), Julia So daughter of Herman and Sherry So (plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in marketing), and court Regent Ann Bahn. The winners each received a \$1,000 college scholarship.



### Court St. Pius X #1714 Jesup IA

On May 14, 2018 we had our May Crowning and CDA Recognition Night. Margaret Steffen and Louise Burger were presented with 50 year pins for their 50 years of service and membership to our court.



### Our Lady of Victory #983, Ossian

At our April Meeting, we were honored to have Laura Brincks, a member of our Court, to give a very interesting and informative presentation on Master Gardening. We appreciate her taking the time to give this presentation.



### Court McDermott #504

Catholic Daughters Court McDermott #504 met Wednesday, April 11 with 28 members in attendance. Carol Malichky from Riverside and a Board member of the Domestic Abuse and Violence of Washington County was the speaker for the evening. She told of their work in the county and what she does as a board member to help with their work. She is pictured with a board that tells their story. After her presentation, a meeting was held and members helped pack May Baskets to be distributed May 1st to members of the parish who are shut in. Plans to sponsor the graduation celebration for the parish were made. It will take place May 20 after the 9 am mass.



### Court Craigie # 94, Iowa City

Holding the rosary books given by Court Craigie #94 is the First Communion class at St. Patrick's Church, Iowa City. Court members Joan Davis & Elaine Carmichael presented the gifts to them.

## YOUTH

### Circle of Love

Your Court's involvement with our youth is a win, win situation for Catholic Daughters. A wide variety of projects are happening that fit the needs of our young people in their parishes. Some projects have interesting additions, as in addition to awarding prizes for contest winners, Courts have invited the winners for a meal, to be the entertainment, or have held the judging in a local café for public input.

Many support the sacramental programs with appropriate gifts – rosaries, key chains, medals,

booklets. A Court gifts new parents with a Baby Bible when their child is baptized. Many teach CCD. One Court held a food drive contest between the religion classes with the winning class having pizza! Another Court has members praying in the Adoration Chapel during class time.

Scholarships are awarded by Courts. One Court awards the dollars for the second semester of the freshman year. Money is also donated for youth to attend conferences. One Court has a very involved program to support Seminararians. Grocery receipts are collected, and angel trees are supported with Christmas gifts. Your challenge is to continue or find a project, or projects to support your youth, parish, and Court.

*Angie Beem, Youth Chair*

## SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT

Our Catholic Daughter courts are providing our members and community multitudes of ways to come closer to our Lord...closer in Spirit and closer to all peoples. Our Courts have Catholic Leaders and are committed to the mission of CDA.

The Spiritual Enhancement reports indicate how our Courts plan with the peace of Jesus and Mary in their hearts.

Many Courts have Priest appreciation programs to build community and show gratitude to our Priests. One program is as follows: The goal for this activity was to lift up our Priest in prayer in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, which he had indicated he needed more than any fancy meal or potluck. All six parishes in our cluster were strongly encouraged to join our Court in the programs. Holy Hour began following 8:30 AM mass and consisted of lighting a votive candle for Father's intention, followed by a Morning Offering for Priests, a Rosary, Litany for Priests, silence and time for meditation, and a Prayer for Priests by St Therese of Lisieux (Patron of Iowa Catholic Daughter Courts). The impact from this Holy Hour is that we all came to realize that there is something beautiful and powerful about holding up a Priest to the Lord for focused prayer. Another Iowa Court held a Priest Appreciation with a social and this also built community and showed gratitude to their Priests.

An Iowa Court brought purses to their meeting and then filled with articles for the women at their local

domestic abuse center.

A Ministry Fair was held in the Gathering Space and church by a Court....Come..Serve..Grow was their theme. People could come directly from Mass and participate in a spiritual atmosphere with greeters, coffee, breakfast, door prizes, and each table in the fair was decorated and had a presentation of its ministry.

A Court established a prayer support program. They have members who support prayer requests by e-mail and another group that supports requests by phone

Our Courts are very dedicated to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. Many Courts make rosaries and give them to various organizations. Many Courts pray the Rosary at visitation and funerals. Many Courts pray the Rosary at their meetings. During the past year several Courts had programs with devotion to our Lady of Fatima. Some members prayed Spiritual Rosaries with music and singing added to the prayers. Also the Rosary was prayed naming individuals in prayer with each bead. Our Courts give a Rosary and a CD with the prayers of the Rosary. One Court held a Patriotic Rosary with the Knights of Columbus. They held it out-doors.

Prayer is so powerful is the theme that carried from one Court's report to the next report.

Your own Guardian Angel and your own Patron Saint.....Pray for you.

*Blessings  
Cleo Harder  
Spiritual Enhancement  
Chairperson.*

## LEADERSHIP IN THE CIRCLE OF LOVE

By Darlene Moritz, Chair

As you CDA members know, Catholic Daughters are working on the 'Circle of Love' set by our National officers. Leadership is one spoke of the wheel and this year here in Iowa, 27 courts responded with their reports. However; two were received late and my report as your State Chairman for Leadership was due to the National Chairman for the Circle of Love, Sherry Nilles by April 1st. Two courts reported nothing to report in Leadership.

Some courts are working hard to gain their newest members and providing programs of interest at meetings. Making CDA more visible in their parishes with Pie Sales, helping community food banks, a web page started with information on CDA, hosting graduation receptions and fall workshops. Gifts and food for the unfortunate at Christmas time, scholarships, attending the state convention, involving more members of their courts in programs, bringing in a speaker on leadership. Many good works are being done in the

Iowa CDA Courts and we are proud here in Iowa of the involvement that our members put forth.

Remember 'Abbott and Costello' and their baseball team that they wanted to explain to the folks in the audience. It was 'Who's on first and 'What's on second and 'I don't know' who's on third and the confusion this created. The manager "Abbott" is trying to explain to Costello the positions being played on the field. It was total chaos. It made for real enjoyment and laughter for everyone but it was frustrating for Abbott and Costello. That same scenario can be somewhat the same in our court meetings if we let it.

June is here with baseball and it means this year that some are installing new leadership in their respective courts or holding on to some officers for a second term. Congratulations to all! And as you officers take the baton (or bat) from a former officer, keep in mind that they are still there to help you in your position whenever you ask for help. We don't just hand off the baton and say, "Good Luck". And as in a baseball game, it is a team effort. One may be at first base, but help is needed to get home. Officers may be playing the infield but the members of CDA help field, encourage and do what they can to help every inning. Leadership is coming together to get it all done.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Iowa City for Anna Baxter Day and the announcements of many accomplishments of the Iowa CDA Courts.

*Approved by State Regent,*

## STATE OF IOWA CIRCLE OF LOVE REPORT – EDUCATION

**State Chairman:  
Janet Laubenthal**

Thank you to the twenty-seven courts of Iowa who sent in a Circle of Love Education report! It is a difficult task to choose one project as all of the events held are worthy of recognition.

8 Courts – Education Contests - Young people shared their faith in God in

the different categories. Awards and treats were given out at Masses where there was special music and the rosary was prayed; or at court meetings where families were invited for a meal and often times new members were gained.

6 Courts – Scholarships were awarded to young people who answered the question: "Why is my faith important to me?" The courts gave from \$150 to \$500 to

a girl or boy who wants to continue their education, helping them to enrich their hopes and dreams throughout their lives.

Courts held the following programs or projects:

- Natural Family Planning booth at Iowa State University College
- Made diapers from t-shirts and sent to Honduras
- Shared the importance of "Recycling"

as proposed by Pope Francis

- Donated "Mass" booklets to emphasize the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist
- Held "Kids for Christ" during Advent, summer camp and at a Catholic School Mass
- Presentation of local Speech Student - "Shoeless Joe Jackson" who dressed in a

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# PAST REGENT'S DUES and ANNA BAXTER DAY

by Immediate Past State Regent,  
Darlene Moritz

Thank You to all the courts who have sent in the \$1.00 for each Living Past Local Court Regent to help defray the cost of Anna Baxter Day in a timely manner. This year Anna Baxter Day Celebration will be in Iowa City on June 24th at St. Wenceslaus, 618 E. Davenport St. I have been asked what this Anna Baxter Day is all about. Well, Anna Baxter was the ONLY National Catholic Daughter Regent from Iowa and thus her name is pinned to this fun day for all the Iowa Catholic Daughters to enjoy. It is always on the off year of the state convention. And it is rotated around the state so that more members can attend. It doesn't mean that here in Northwest Iowa where I am, we can't attend though. It means more of a commitment and maybe a fun weekend to share a motel room with our 'Sisters in Christ'. We will learn the winners of Education Contest, Circle of Love, Newsletters and Websites who will be sent to the National Chairmen. In July this year at the National Convention in Sioux Falls we will listen for "Iowa" to be called winners again

at the National level. It is also a great opportunity for sharing of ideas and getting together with other CDA Members.

Now the question to all Iowa Catholic Daughters to be thinking about will happen not too far off in the future as Iowa has a great possibility of another National Regent from Iowa to take the ranks in a couple years. Should we keep the name 'Anna Baxter Day' or change this fun day name to something else? Talk it over!

Some past Local Court Regents are active in a Past Regent's Club. They might have coffee or plan a fun day doing something together that they wouldn't do by themselves. Does your Local Court have a Past Regent's Club? Maybe you can start one and you never know who you will run into that might be interested in CDA. You may be a Past Regent, but we always keep working for the betterment of our courts. Plan one soon and keep sharing your leadership.

And thanks again to all past living Local Court Regents for your support and we'll see many CDA members in Iowa City!

*Approved by: State Regent, Jan Grundmeyer*

## CDA State Officers Meet With the Iowa Bishops

On May 17, 2018, the Iowa Catholic Daughters of the Americas Board members met with the Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless Bishop of Sioux City Diocese, the Most Rev. Richard Pates Bishop of Des Moines Diocese, and the Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula Bishop of Davenport Diocese. Missing was the Most Rev. Michael Jackels Archbishop of Dubuque Archdiocese. The meeting was held in Ankeny, IA at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church hall. Also present was Tom Chapman, Executive Director, Iowa Catholic Conference.

Jan Grundmeyer, Iowa State Regent, opened the meeting with a prayer and made introductions. She gave a brief history of the Catholic Daughters, our motto and our purpose. A map of Iowa with towns marked where CDA Courts reside was shown. An introduction of the Circle of Love was given.

Karen Kasparbauer, First Vice State Regent and Editor of the Voice, discussed with the Bishops projects done throughout Iowa on the Quality of Life issues and Family. State projects Lifesaver Campaign and Fall

Food event were presented. Copies of the recent Share, Voice, booklet Iowa Catholic Daughters – Who We Are, and pamphlet Local Court Chaplain were given to the Bishops.

Kaye Stock Arndorfer, Second Vice State Regent, spoke on the Spiritual Enhancement projects (State Rosary Project, adopt a Seminarian project).

Rita Carlson, State Secretary, discussed the Leadership roles in CDA (State and Local Officers, District Deputies, workshops held, State Convention activities).

Deb Steger, State Treasurer, presented Education and Youth projects done by CDA Courts (scholarships given, support for youth conferences, Education Contest, education of priests donations).

All attendees discussed Legislation matters and how CDA members can influence legislation with prayer and activities, speaking out on current issues.

State CDA Board Members will work with the Bishops and Tom Chapman to increase CDA presence throughout Iowa.

## IOWA CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO CELEBRATE ANNA BAXTER DAY

All Iowa Catholic Daughters are invited to gather in Iowa City on Sunday, June 24, 2018, to commemorate Anna Baxter, the only member from Iowa to serve as National Regent. This event hosted by Court Craigie # 94 in St. Wenceslaus Church in Iowa City is for all Catholic Daughters to celebrate together in the year opposite of the State Convention. There is a 10:00 am Mass available for anyone wishing to attend.

Registration if from 11:00 – 11:30 am. All local court Regents have the registration form. Lunch, entertainment and awards will highlight the day. We plan to conclude by 2:30 or 3:00 pm with someone winning a beautiful stained glass cross made by Roger Arndorfer and door prizes being given out. Plan to join the Catholic Daughters for a day of fun!

While in the Iowa City area there are a few attractions that might be of interest to you. Project Green Garden Tour 2018 will be Saturday, June 23rd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The website is [www.projectgreen.org](http://www.projectgreen.org). The Capitol Building downtown dating back to 1840 is beautiful. The Amana Colonies and Herbert Hoover Presidential Library are nearby. There is also a Museum of Natural History as well as Coral Ridge Mall, Nile Kinnick Stadium and Devonian Fossil Gorge.

### PROPOSED AGENDA FOR ANNA BAXTER DAY

June 24, 2018 Iowa City, Iowa  
St. Wenceslaus Church 618 E Davenport St

<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	Registration	
<b>11:30</b>	Welcome – Carole Olney, Past Regent of Court Craigie # 94	
	Introductions and Regrets	
<b>Noon</b>	Blessing and Lunch	
<b>12:45</b>	Entertainment	
	Circle of Love Reports from Chairmen	
	Awards	
	Education Contest	Janet Laubenthal
	Website Contest	Rita Carlson
	Newsletter Contest	Karen Kasparbauer
	Lifesaver Campaign Report	Kaye Stock Arndorfer
	CDA Message	
	Drawing for Stained Glass Cross and Door Prizes	

## Education ...

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baseball uniform and told of Joe's life's struggles – which gave the court members insight in the local school's speech program

- Two young ladies spoke to a court, church and school on a new "Evangelist" program which created two new positions in the parish

- Court members spoke to 65 young ladies in their cluster parishes and hosted a brunch to increase membership

- White Ribbon Campaign against Human Trafficking - handed out pens "Pray to End Human Trafficking and Pornography and Domestic Violence" and sponsored a speaker

- Held a seminar entitled "Understanding Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgender" – discussion on the Catholic

Church's position took place

- Sponsored "Camp Courageous" speaker; visited and gave donations to provide year round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families

- Supported Catholic school library with bake sale and community coffee

- Holy Land program by court members
- Visited to "Mary Hill Shrine"

- Hosted a Ministry – Stewardship Fair at their parish. The ladies built an atmosphere and created interest by serving beverages and food and offering door prizes and giveaways at 14 different ministry tables. The fair gave the parishioners a time to learn different ways they can participate and celebrate the good things happening in their parish.

Thank you again to all courts of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas who have done the Lord's work through their "Time, Talents and Treasures"!

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## Important Dates to Remember

June 2018.....	Local Courts install new officers
June 1, 2018.....	Deadline for advanced registration for National Convention
June 8, 2018.....	Deadline for hotel reservations for Ntl. Convention to assure group rate
June 13, 2018.....	Reservations for Anna Baxter Day due to State Secretary Rita Carlson
June 17, 2018.....	Father's Day
June 24, 2018.....	Anna Baxter Day – Iowa City (See details in this issue)
July 4, 2018.....	Independence Day
July 17, 2018.....	Workshops at National Convention
July 18-21, 2018 .....	National CDA Convention – Sioux Falls, SD
July 22, 2018.....	Going home day from National Convention
August 15, 2018 .....	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
August 18, 2018 .....	100th Anniversary Celebration - Court Fidelis #342, Wesley
August 22, 2018 .....	Deadline for submitting items for the Fall Voice to Karen Kasparbauer
Sept 3, 2018 .....	Labor Day
Sept 8, 2018 .....	IA Workshop Council Bluffs
Sept 12, 2018 .....	100th Anniversary Celebration – Court Castile #49, Waterloo
Sept 15, 2018 .....	IA Workshop Mason City
Sept 22, 2018 .....	IA Workshop Spencer
October 6, 2018 .....	IA Workshop Cedar Rapids
Oct 12-14, 2018.....	CDA/Women's Retreat – American Martyrs Retreat House – Cedar Falls, IA
October 21, 2018 .....	CDA Sunday
October 21, 2018 .....	100th Anniversary Celebration – Court St. Rose # 350, Dyersville

## Prayerful Memories

### **Court St Rose of Lima #6 – Carroll**

Rosella Berger  
Mildred Schelle  
Judith Ziegmann  
Darlene Riesberg

### **Court St Rose of Lima #14 – Emmetsburg**

Elizabeth Weishaar

### **Court Castile #49 – Waterloo**

Leona Witt

### **Court Craigie #94 – Iowa City**

Mary Grace Mayer

### **Court Santa Maria #179 – LeMars**

Vi Kellen  
Jeanne Niehus

### **Court Our Lady of Good Council #216 – Ft Dodge**

Irma Machovec  
Anne Kapustra  
M. Phyllis Hazel  
Anne Kapustka  
Rosetta Seaver  
Blanche McMahon

### **Court St Rita #321 – Oelwein**

Flora Mae Kisner

### **Court St Rose #350—Dyersville**

Gen Olberding

### **Court Mt Carmel #354 – Lawler**

Colleen Busta

### **Court Joan of Arc #388 - New Hampton**

Betty Tylee

### **Court Sacred Heart #408 – Spencer**

Mary Maurer  
Irene Stoll  
Pat Irby

### **Court Dolores #458 – Cherokee**

Helen Andersen Mendt

### **Court Isabella #642 – Garner**

Lila Zrostlik

### **Court Madonna #858 – Ames**

Phyllis Wirth

### **Court Dubuque #1287 – Dubuque**

Kathleen Kiefer

### **Court Our Lady of Fatima #1492 – Manning**

Wilma Voge

### **Court Maria Goretti #1545 – McGregor**

Marie A. Dickman

### **Court St Joseph # 1554 – Bode**

Adella Hoeger

### **Court Holy Rosary # 1602 - Anthon**

Geraldine Meylor

### **Court St Pius X #1714 – Jesup**

Bonnie Serfoss  
Donna Delagardelle  
Dorothy Ciesielski

### **Court St Frances Xavier Cabrini #1797 - West Bend**

Margaret Curans

### **Court Bishop Edward Daly #1945 –Ankeny**

Florence Gieseke  
Alice LaFolette  
Joan Wilkenson  
Loretta Tracy  
Doreen Stolze

### **Court Mary of the Assumption #1976 – Manchester**

Teresa Burkle  
Jeanette Tegeler

### **Court Our Lady of the Holy Rosary # 2476 – Glenwood**

Sally Malone

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March 13 - Colleen Guenther, Florence Johnson, Helen Halstead, Lucinda Schmitz, & Norma Freidhof really enjoyed tying this beautiful and colorful "bow tie" quilt; not shown is the tied "rose" quilt we also made that day.



ABOVE: Pictured are the models: L to R: Niki Maas, Mary Sandberg, Fran Hagemann, Ann Goward, Pat Cain and Diane Boyle



## West Union Court holds quilting days

Two quilting days were held and four quilts tied by Court Little Flower #814 of West Union. ABOVE LEFT: May 8 - Showing off the "red, white, & blue" quilt and "navy & lime plaid" quilts were Lucinda, Helen, & Norma. ABOVE RIGHT: May 8 - "Tying Up Loose Ends" on this quilt were Lucinda, Helen & Florence

## Waterloo court holds style show

Court Castille #49 Waterloo, IA held their annual Spring Luncheon and Style Show, April 25th at Blessed Sacrament Parish in the Anne Sulentic Parish Center. The event was attended by 200 women. Students from Columbus Catholic High School assisted with serving. Proceeds are used to fund scholarships and other charitable projects throughout the year. In keeping with our 100th anniversary, an added feature was a showing of Vintage clothing.



## Fr. Dole gives blood

Court St. Pius X #1714 Jesup, IA: Our CDA Chaplain Fr. Jeff Dole is donating blood at our CDA Blood Drive on April 24, 2018.



## Decorah court honors Education Contest winners

CDA Court Regina Mundi #1737 from St. Benedict Parish, Decorah, IA sponsored the local Education Contest. Pictured from left are the Poem Contest winners: First Julia Phillips, 2nd Alex Kane, and 3rd Aiden Burroughs. Art Contest winners: first Gabbi Dixon, 2nd Chloe Dixon, and 3rd Mara Pankow.