



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:

November: Memorial Program for Deceased CDA Members

December: Christmas Party and Adopt a Family

January: Winterfest Bake Sale

February: Education Contest, Pie and Pop Fundraiser with K of C

March: Easter Ham and Pie Raffle

April: Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Pregnancy Options Baby Shower

May: Crowning of Mary

Schoenstatt Retreat

June: CDA Salad Luncheon

Priest Appreciation

July: No Meeting

August: Potluck Picnic and Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School Staff Luncheon

GABRIEL

COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



NOVEMBER
2023

Next CDA Meeting: Tuesday November 14th. Rosary at 6PM!!! Meeting at 6:20PM!!! Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca. Memorial Service for Deceased Members of CDA.

WELCOME FATHER GLENN FRERICHS AS OUR CHAPLAIN!

At the October 2023 Monthly Meeting, Court Sacred officially swore in our new chaplain, Father Glenn Frerichs. As part of the ceremony we learned about the Chaplain's duties, such as being a moral guide for our group. Father Frerichs addressed the group and stated that he plans on attending some meetings/events of the CDA and is willing to help our organization and us as individuals in our parishes. Father Frerichs was presented with a pin by Vice Regent Lori Mickelson.



Our Annual Sales of Gummy Bears for Habitat for Humanity!

On Saturday October 7th Court Sacred Heart Stationed at both Waseca Walmart and Waseca Bomgaars retail stores to collect donations and hand out gummy bears to those shopping out in the community. The donations collected will go to Habitat for Humanity. Pictured are the following: Chairperson, Bea O'Brien, Linda Groh, and Carol Condon. Thanks to all who helped with this cause!



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The month of November is dedicated to the souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2nd. As Catholic Daughters we remember those women who dedicated their lives to Catholic Daughters and have gone to their eternal rest. We pray that they have entered Heaven and can spend eternity praising God. For those who haven't quite made it there, we pray that their time in Purgatory is shortened, and they can soon enter into eternal life with God. Mass will be offered for the deceased members of Catholic Daughters at 8:30am on November 14th. We will remember those Catholic Daughters who have passed away during the past year during our meeting that evening. According to "The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2020, All Souls Day on November 2nd, for the month of November, which with the exception of the last two days, fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.

November is also the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. Every family celebrates this a little differently. Some families live too far away from each other, so they have no one to celebrate with. When you are making plans for Thanksgiving, try to remember those who have no one to spend the day with. Invite them to share in your meal. They will feel better having someone to spend the day with, and you will feel better knowing that you have given someone a special day. Thanksgiving in Greek is "Eucharistia", so the body and blood of Christ is the true Thanksgiving meal. Maybe you can make time to attend Mass on Thanksgiving and receive the true Thanksgiving meal. Then give God thanks for all that he has given you in the past year. I pray that you and your loved ones will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving together, remembering all the gifts God has given you.

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

DUES DUES DUES

After much debate, dues for Court Sacred Heart #1424 have been set at \$35.00 per year. This change was made because National CDA raised dues two years ago and the state raised their fees this year. Please speak to one of the officers if you are unable to afford your dues. There are funds available to help you. Also, if you are over 85 years of age, you can opt out of dues by letting the financial secretary know. We unfortunately do not know the age of our members, or if they desire this benefit.

DUES ARE TO BE MAILED TO OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

Patty Masberg
624 6th Ave SW
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SAVE THE DATE

The Sisters of Schoenstatt will be providing a retreat for the members of Court Sacred Heart on May 18, 2024, from 9am to 3pm at their retreat facility in Sleepy Eye. The cost will be \$25.00, which will include muffins, coffee and juice upon arrival, lunch at noon, and a light snack before returning home. The members who attended last year found it to be a very worthwhile experience. It is also a great way for us to honor the Sisters, who we have adopted as the religious group that our court prays for.



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October 10, 2023 CDA Minutes

Call to Order - 6:20p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer - Deb Wobschall

Program - Installation of Fr. Frerichs as Chaplain of Court Sacred Heart #1424 - Father was installed by Pat Foley and presented with a CDA Chaplain pin.

Silent Roll Call of Officers - 4 officers and 12 member present

Approval of Minutes - Sep 12, 2023 minutes approved as printed in the Gabriel. Geri Kassel motioned to approve the minutes, seconded, vote taken and passed.

Reading of Correspondence - Lori Harris read a letter of thanks from Father Frerichs for our donation to the Fall Festival live and silent auction.

Treasurer's Report - Read by Pat Foley

Date	Check #	Description/Pay To	Amount
9/12/2023	5865	Shirley Kern	\$57.32
9/12/2023	5866	Court Madonna #839	\$25.00
9/12/2023	5867	Court Joan of Arc #129	\$25.00
9/12/2023	5868	Sacred Heart Fall Festival-Kids Games	\$200.00
9/12/2023	5869	Pat Foley-Newsletter Stamps	\$66.00
9/29/2023	5870	Waseca County Pioneer	\$60.00
10/1/2023	5871	Solutio Inc.	\$284.00

Reading of Bills - None

Reports of Chairman

Fall Festival Country Store - Connie Ockwig and Lori Mickelson reported that it went well. We had great help and plenty of donations. Total brought in for the Church was \$1578.65

Fall Festival Auction of Pillows - Patty Masberg and Lori Mickelson reported the pillows from both the live and silent auction brought in a total of \$470.

Gummi Bears - Bea O'Brien reported that 400 bags of gummy bears were delivered to hand out at Wal-Mart and Bomgaars. Over \$500 was collected. The exact amount will be counted and reported by Patty Masberg at the next meeting.

Socktober - Joann Earle is heading this project and collecting the socks from the basket in the Church. All socks collected during October will be donated to the Waseca Neighborhood Service Center to be given away and not sold.

(Meeting Minutes to be Continued on Next Page)

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Unfinished Business

Budget - The yearly budget was discussed. Lori Mickelson made a motion to change the SH Web Page fee to \$284, the TBD Fundraiser to \$316, total income change to \$7946 and total expenses to \$7946. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed. We need to add \$200 to next year's budget for the donation to the Fall Festival Carnival committee to buy prizes. All membership is welcome to attend the yearly budget meeting.

Dues - Discussion about dues was continued from the September meeting where there were two motions from the floor. One to keep dues at \$30 and one to raise dues to \$35. Vote was taken by ballot with a majority voting to raise dues to \$35. Members may drop off their dues at the Church office, bring them to a meeting, put them in the collection basket in a marked envelope or mail them to Patty Masberg at 624 6th Ave SW Waseca, MN 56093.

Maui - A monetary collection from members present at the meeting was taken to aid those affected by the devastating fires.

Robes - Pat Foley reminded everyone to vote for changes in formal wear for the CDA. This is available on the National CDA website.

New Business

CDA Sunday - Sunday October 15th

Seminarians - Shirley Kern. We support 4 seminarians throughout the year with notes and gifts/gift cards.

Education Contest - All are welcome to participate in the art, poetry, and photography categories. The theme is Luke 1:78. Entries are due by March 1 to Carole Schumacher.

Financial Review - Pat Foley reported that the financial review will be Oct 24, 2023

A Trip to the Grand Old Lady in New York - Pat Foley announced there is a drawing for this trip in the CDA quarterly report and encouraged members to fill it out.

Business from the Floor

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Linda and Andy Groh are raising money for the cause and will be running a marathon in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Judy Thomas made a motion to donate \$100 from our CDA. It was seconded, voted on and approved.

Financial Secretary's Report - none

Announcements

Patty Masberg had some Forever Stamps she donated to be used by our court.

Lori Mickelson noted that on page 51 of the SHARE CDA magazine there is an article and picture of dolls created by Sue Harguth's mother-in-law, Char Harguth.

Pat Foley announced that the Schoenstatt retreat will be on May 18th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with a cost of \$25 which includes coffee, donuts and lunch.

There will be a Rosary Rally at noon on Saturday, Oct 14, 2023 for life from conception to natural death and for our country.

Jane Christian announced she will be attending the Beloved Women's Conference 2023: Bride of Christ put on by the Diocese November 11. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool please contact Jane Christian.

Reminder of the memorial Mass for deceased CDA members on November 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting date: Nov 14, 2023

We will have a memorial for our deceased members.

COLLECTION FOR MAUI

The National Catholic Daughters had asked if each court would consider donating money to a fund for the residents of Maui that were affected by the wildfire last summer. Court Sacred Heart had voted at our September meeting to take up a collection from members at the October meeting. Our members donated a total of \$92.00. This money will be sent to the National CDA office, and they will send it onto the Diocese of Maui. Thank you to the members who were so generous.

There are three new courts. Court St. Clara of Assisi from Waynesboro VA, Court St. Rose Philippine Duchesne of Phoenix AZ and Roses of St Mary of Brownsboro AL.

Win a trip to the Grand Old Lady in New York City!

The National CDA is offering a contest to raise funds for the upkeep of the National Office in New York.

The trip will include 4 days and 3 nights stay at the Grand Old Lady in New York City (dorm style), 5 Broadway tickets up to \$200.00 each, 5 Travel Vouchers for \$500.00 each and 5 food vouchers for \$250.00 each. Entries are \$50.00 each and should be purchased by January 5, 2024. Only ladies and girls are eligible to stay. Guests must arrive on a Thursday and leave on a Sunday. The date of the trip will be agreed upon by the National Regent and winner and must be taken by June 15, 2024. Entries are \$50.00 each and should be purchased by January 5, 2024. The drawing will take place at the Marh for Life in DC on January 18, 2024. Tickets can be found in the Fall Share Magazine or downloaded at www.catholicdaughters.org. They are to be mailed to Connie Dronette 610 Pitre Street Sulphur LA 70663. This would be a fun trip to take with your CDA sisters.

The themes for the National Education contest have been announced. They are: "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky. Luke 1:78" OR "How does my love shine for others?" Who can participate in the contest. Any Catholic Daughter may submit an entry in the areas of poetry, art or photography. Students in grades 4-5 can submit entries in the areas of essay, poetry, art and computer art. Students in grades 6-12 can participate in the areas of essay, poetry, art, computer art, music or photography. Carol Schumacher is the chairperson for the education contest. You can contact Carol or Pat Foley for more information.

THANK YOU

Linda Groh wants to thank Court Sacred Heart for the prayers and financial support for the half marathon her and her husband Andy are doing for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Should Catholics Celebrate Halloween

By: Regent Pat Foley

The information in this article was taken from the USCCB, Vatican News, and Catholic Mom sites. When I am preparing to write the regent's letter and other articles for the newsletter I spend time praying to God and the Holy Spirit to guide me. I never know what to write. This article was placed in my heart.

Halloween has become one of the most popular holidays celebrated in the United States. People spend large amounts of money on decorating their yards and buying costumes. And it is not just kids who are buying costumes. Adults buy or rent costumes and head to town to "party" in the bars. All of this can be good, clean fun. But, as Catholics, we should remember that this was first a Catholic celebration.

So, let's look at where Halloween comes from. Halloween is derived from All Hallow's Eve. Halloween is actually a Vigil of All Saints Day. All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. This is the day that the church sets aside to honor all the saints in Heaven, those who have been canonized by the church and those who are sharing in the eternal happiness in the presence of God, but not recognized by the church. We celebrate the memory of all of our loved ones who have gone before us and are now with God in Heaven. The following day, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. This is a day to pray for all the Souls in Purgatory.

So, what is the controversy? I think a lot of it comes from the secular world who has brought evil spirits into the celebration. This happened gradually with horror and vampire movies. Costumes became gorier, and decorations became gorier. We need to be careful not to give the evil one a way into our souls.

Now, what do we do because we all deserve to have a little fun. And it **IS** a fun day for children and adults alike. Be aware of what you are celebrating. Explain to your children or grandchildren what the real meaning of Halloween is. Try to stay away from costumes that depict evil. And before you and your children \ grandchildren leave the house pray the St. Michael's Prayer.

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protector against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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Providing More Information and Updated Information of Our Seminarians we Support through, prayer, cards, and gifts. There is always a list on each newsletter of contact information for our seminarians we support, but here is additional information of how far each seminarian is in their studies for year 2023-2024.

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Steps to Ordination

Legacy terminology	New terminology	Other terminology
	Propaedeutic	Regency, Journey, Spiritual, etc.
College I (Freshman)	Discipleship I	
College II (Sophomore)	Discipleship II	
College III (Junior)	Discipleship III	Pre-Theology I (entered seminary after college)
College IV (Senior)	Discipleship IV	Pre-Theology II
Theology I	Configuration I	
Theology II	Configuration II	
Theology III	Configuration III	
Theology IV	Configuration IV	Vocational Synthesis, Transitional Deacon
Pastoral Year*	Pastoral Year*	Formation Year*

*Option – not required for all.

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Why Don't Young Adults Volunteer in the Church?

By: Letter from the Editor, Linda Groh

Of course this article title sounds loaded or controversial, but it does get to a matter of contention in the church and other organizations in society that has been brought up. Bear in mind this article is the opinion of myself and not the CDA organization itself. Through the years I have heard things such as why don't more young people sign up to help, or on the other side, why don't the retired people do it, they have more free time. I am commonly grouped into the "young" group at this phase of my life, but our lifestyles are so diverse there is no way to encompass the views of all "young". I can start by saying, each phase of life has its advantages and struggles.

For volunteering, the advantages for the young adults there is commonly more physical strength and better health, less discouraging life experiences, fresh minds, and more energy, challenges are busy work, marital, children schedule, caring for loved ones, and not being viewed as having as much life experience. For the older adults, advantages are there is commonly less time commitments of work and raising children, they have wisdom and life experience, they have been there done that, and know what works and does not. Challenges though are declining health, declining physical strength, frustration with previous experiences, less energy, busy schedules with caregiving for spouse or relatives, commitments with grandchildren, traveling frequent, or possibly lack of transportation, and they may also be viewed as no longer having experience relevant to the "modern world". Either age group could have financial struggles.

As a younger parishioner one of the personal challenges I faced last year was when I volunteered with the church festival on a committee and volunteered to help sort donations, but we were not allowed in the parish building after 5pm, which did not work since at the time I worked most days from 6:30am-6:30pm. What happened is more people stepped up to help, but I missed out on an opportunity, and for security they probably have reasons, but just mentioning how it can detour those who work full time from volunteering. In a different parish my aunt showed up to help at a parish salad luncheon as she had every year for quite some time and was told by other volunteers to leave because she was too old. My aunt was able to still volunteer at other organizations for several years after that so I believe they were basing their decision on bias of her appearance rather than her ability to help with the event.

Usually most volunteering experiences are positive though and what is important to remember is that we all have something to offer, there is a value in having experience and been there and done that, but also merit in having fresh ideas as well. Both are needed. We also all have challenges so understanding that everyone has limits no matter their age. One thing we can do to help with challenges is think about other's needs and how we may overcome them. Pat Foley, our regent has been great at surveying our club to make sure our meeting time is convenient for as many members as possible. She has even made offers to help members in need of a ride to meetings or events. Do not be afraid to speak up, another idea I have if there is a need out there would be to provide childcare at our meetings. We have an adequate gymnasium in the school next to our meeting and older teenage children of members or spouses could provide the childcare if they take the proper training through the diocese. What I can say is that I am proud to be a member of CDA and the inclusion of multiple generations working together.

Last meeting we had quite a lively discussion about dues, and there were various opinions out there and all had merit. They were very different opinions, but all had the intention of growing our membership and maintaining club unity. It was great that all sides had a chance to voice their votes and then having a secret ballot to get an accurate vote, and taking input from those who could not attend the meeting. If we remember our CDA moto of "Unity and Charity" we will continue to make strides in bridging the gap of generations and keeping the faith of Christ alive through generations.

Thanksgiving Prayer

By: Linda Groh

Lord, Thank you for creating me. Thank you for creating our world, and all its creatures. Thank you for creating love, and creating a purpose in all of us. Thank you for giving us your son. Thank you for our safety this year, and for a safe harvest. Thank you for helping us through all our struggles, and celebrating with us through all our triumphs. Lord thank you for all the people in my life, thank you for all my experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Thank you for loving all of us. We love you and pray to love you better every day. Amen.





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