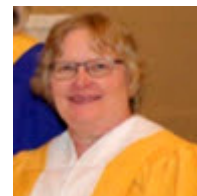




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*Judy Konechne
State Regent*

State Regent's Remarks/Reminders

Blessings to each of you!! As we travel thru the advent season and move closer to and prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, may we reflect on the precious gifts we have received in the past year. "Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good' Psalm 106.1. May the blessings of our Lord touch each one of you and bring you joy, peace and good health in the coming year.

There is a bundle of info in this newsletter giving you additional time to prepare reports and contest entries before convention. Please watch for the next Our Lady of the Prairie newsletter in January with convention registration and additional information.

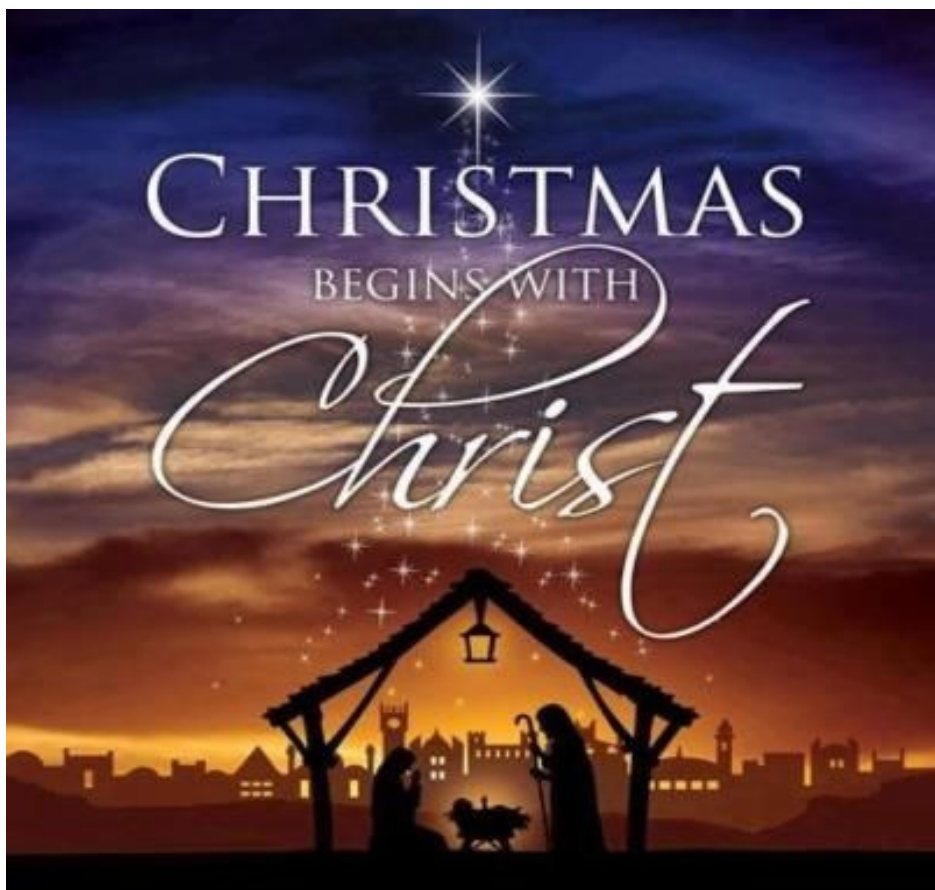
Be thinking of filling the offices on the State Level. There will be at least one opening as I will be ending my term. Please pray on this if you are at all interested in a position on the State Level.

I am attaching a thank you from National Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Anderson.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very Blessed New Year to each of you — Judy, regent

PRAYERS:

- For all members and their families suffering from illnesses.
- For all members and their families suffering from the loss of a loved one.
- For all members, past, present and future.
- For continued growth in membership
- For our Bishops, Priests and Deacons to guide us closer to the Lord.
- For Vocations
- That all CDA Courts will have a prosperous new year.



Next Deadline for the State
Newsletter is
January 10, 2025



*Open Your Heart to God's
Love & Listen to Him. ☪*

Attached is a new State Officer, District Deputy, Regents, and State Chair listing

PLEASE PLEASE—Review your information— PLEASE PLEASE

Regents, review meeting date, charter date, address, phone number and email address to verify for accuracy. If there is something highlighted in yellow, the information is missing.

EDUCATION CONTEST - the new themes for the 2024-2025 year are:

He who forgives an offence, seeks love. Prov 17:9

OR *How do I feel when I forgive?*

The forms and instructions are on the cdasouthdakota.com and under 'resources ->forms -> Education Contest with the correct name to send the entries to is on the forms. Make sure you send the entries to the proper Chairman by March 1st or they may not be forwarded to the correct place in time to be judged.

Delegate Forms:

You should have received in the mail from National, the delegate forms for State Convention. Please discuss and elect delegates at your February meeting or before to have the forms returned to me by **March 1st**. Please return indicating the names and addresses. Remember you must have names down or you will not be allowed a vote at convention. If you have no one going, it should be indicated and returned also. All must be returned. You may send by snail mail or scan and email the form to me at

sdcdaregent@gmail.com

Basket Raffle for State Convention—Have you thought about what to put together as a basket for the raffle fund raising at the convention. Since it worked so well and we had many comments about having them on the Website so that those not in attendance may also buy chances on them. Courts, please have your basket together by **Feb. 28th**. Please send a picture of it to sdcda1918web@gmail.com with a listing of what is in it. It will be posted with a number on it so others can buy chances. Then make sure you bring it to convention so it can be displayed and chances can be sold on it there also. If you don't make the deadline, please send the picture in anyway to be added to the listing. If you are not coming to convention—please send your tickets to the address at the top of them which can be found on the website—convention. **If possible—please put your basket in a clear plastic bag or covering to keep the basket together at the convention. Thank you.**

Robe Survey Results **beginning January 2025**—Ceremonial Dress Code

White Dress Blouses: Simple, all white blouse. No visible cleavage or sheer fabric, no sleeveless blouses, tank tops, crop tops or t-shirts.

Dress Skirt: Simple, all black to the knee or longer.

Dress Pants: All black dress pants, No capri pants, exercise pants, leggings, black jeans.

Shoes: All black shoes. No flip flops or boots.

Jewelry: Officer Medallions on Ribbons are to be worn at all ceremonials. To be ordered from CDA store once received there. All jewelry should be small and simple.

DO NOT destroy your robes until further instructions are received from National.

State Convention in Spearfish, SD

Save the dates of April 10-13, 2025.

Begin making plans to attend this. We want to have a great response as this is the one postponed during covid. Let's have all the courts represented in 2025. Watch for the State Newsletter coming out in January with details, registration, and all information.

Be putting together a raffle basket as these will be put on line for all members to purchase raffle tickets and join in the fun.

Work on selling grocery raffle tickets as this will help support the convention costs.

PLEASE: use the info below and make sure your membership rosters are up to date with National. You will be billed for membership as of September 30th or March 31 which ever billing it is. Remember—you must pay the amount you are billed even if your membership list shows less.

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**Membership Updates to State and National-
Where does it go!**

***New members—mail completed form to State Secretary and the National Office.**

***Deceased members, address changes, email changes, resignations, forfeitures — may be emailed or mailed to:**

STATE SECRETARY

Mary Kay Zimmerman
616 Sterling St
Vermillion, SD 57069
sdcdasec@gmail.com

NATIONAL CDA

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
10 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023
gertrude@catholicdaughters.org
Or **cdaroster@aol.com**

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES—Thank you.

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If you have pictures or articles you would like in the next State Newsletter, please send to the Editor –Carol Grode-Hanks at

sdcd1918news@gmail.com

You are able to send pictures of activities and or articles to the email address above anytime but by *January 10th* DEADLINE to be in the next State newsletter

“It is in prayer that we discover the glory of God. And it is by living what we discover in prayer that we become the glory of God.”

Matthew Kelly

Happy Anniversary to the following Courts!

December:

12-1	St. Mary #1423	Redfield	78 years
12-3	St. Teresa of Avila #2325	Beresford	35 years
12-5	St. Thomas Aquinas #1949	Madison	59 years
12-12	Immaculate Conception #582	Aberdeen	104 years

January:

1-11	Ct. Margaret Mary #2453	Mitchell	26 years
1-16	Ct. Madonna #1952	Plankinton	59 years
1-23	Ct. St. Patricia #271	Sioux Falls	109 years

February:

2-18	Ct. Holy Heart #163	Woonsocket	113 years
2-22	Ct. St George #2688	Hartford	10 years
2-27	Ct. Joan of Arc #846	Milbank	101 years

“Best Wishes and Blessings to each of You for continued success!!”

We all need prayers from time to time, Please send your prayer requests to:

Michele Sage at:

sdcdavice1@gmail.com;

she will get your message out to all the regents who can pass them on to their membership and our *Prayer Warriors* can shower heaven with prayers. Amen.



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Mandy Konechne, editor

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National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org

South Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention Report Checklist

Information Documents and all forms are on the SD website

www.cdasmouthdakota.com - Resources—Forms

Please send the documents to the officer listed by the deadlines (all are 2025) given:

Mail to: JoAnn Hoffman, 2nd vice state regent, PO Box 716 Parkston, SD 57366 sdcdavice2@gmail.com

Nominations for Court of the Year by **Feb 15th**

Nominations for CDA Member Achievement Award by **Feb. 15th**

Mail to: Mary Kay Zimmerman, state secretary, 616 Sterling St Vermillion SD 57069 sdcdasec@gmail.com

Charitable contributions with completed form (dated 10-25-24) **by Feb. 15th.**

Checks payable to SD Catholic Daughters

ALL, both state and national dues, MUST be paid before the State Convention for Delegates to be seated.

E-Mail to: Michele Sage, 1st vice state regent, 125 Gilley Ave, Brookings SD 57006 sdcdavice1@gmail.com

And copy to Judy Konechne state regent, PO Box 76 Kimball, SD 57355 sdcdaregent@gmail.com

Typed or word document report with an overview of activities since the 2023 state convention Please keep this to one or two pages only.

Local Regents (If you are a new regent, work with the past regent on this report)

District Deputies and State Chairs—please submit a report of your activities for past 2 years

Typed or word document report of your Deceased members since last convention

Typed or word document report of your New members since May 2023

An Ad for the Program booklet to be published. Separate sizes and prices are included. Info attached.

DEADLINE for all these is Feb 15th and will be put in the Convention program booklet

E-Mail to: Judy Konechne state regent, PO Box 76 Kimball, SD 57355 sdcdaregent@gmail.com

By Law changes - Voted on by your court and passed - **by Feb. 15**

Resolutions to be considered -Voted on by your court and passed - **by Feb. 15**

E-mail to Kim Euker 6604 S Crane Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Website Contest entries - **by February 15th**

Mail to: Rene Brand 3507 Ivy Ave Rapid City, SD 57701

Newsletter contest entries - **by March 1st** - Regents received information in Sept 2024, also on website.

Bring your Scrapbook to the Convention for judging, by noon on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Mail to: Susan Urban 38426 255th St Plankinton, SD 57368 justme@siouxvalley.net

Local Education Contest first place winners - **by February 15th**

Mail: **CIRCLE OF LOVE Reports** to the State Chairman listed on each of the forms. (forms on SD website) mailed to-**by February 15th**

THANK YOU for completing these items by the deadlines.