

# Our Lady of the Prairie News

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## Another First for South Dakota CDA

The 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial SD Catholic Daughter Convention will convene on Saturday, April 17, 2021 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding by 4:30 p.m. Leading the one-day convention will be First Vice National Regent, Susan Moné, the SD State officers and State Chaplain, Fr. Jim Friedrich. This digital event has taken planning and consideration of how to accomplish all that can be done, in one short day. There is a tentative agenda for the day inside this issue, but remember these times could change, depending on events as they come up. The state officers will keep the meeting flowing and everyone attending should be on time, use the mute button to alleviate background noises and to be ready for changes as they come. There are openings for two of the state officer positions, State Secretary and State Treasurer. Nominations from the floor, per national bylaws, will be called for. A vote will be held, for those that are nominated, providing she has mailed the paperwork to state regent, Brenda Anderson with a postmark of March 8, 2021 or earlier.

Ballots for the official slate of officers announced and for the 2023 nominating committee will be mailed to each of the Court regents. Regents will see that each of the delegates receive a ballot. ALL ballots are to be returned to the state regent and must be postmarked by March 29th. The ballots are to be in one envelope with the court name on it. These will remain sealed until the election committee opens them on April 16th.

Overall, it seems that in the past few years, there have been several *firsts* for the South Dakota Catholic Daughters. The *first* National Convention in 2018, the *first* State Convention in 2019 in a town that didn't have CDA and hosted by multiple courts, in 2020, the *first* global pandemic that canceled workshops, retreats, court celebrations and regular meetings and now in 2021, the *first* ever digital State Convention where you attend from any location. All members of your court can join this convention from a shared or private location, free of charge. Plan a day together with the SD CDA leadership and realize that obstacles or challenges can be met when working together, because - We are called to Serve.

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## Special Speakers Available Online at [www.cdaskouthdakota.com](http://www.cdaskouthdakota.com)

Two of the speakers scheduled for the convention in Spearfish have agreed to have a presentation for all of us in a different manner. Each will share with us the topic that we would have heard, but now it will be on the state website as a video. They may use YouTube, but nonetheless, the topics they will speak are very interesting. Selecting one of these videos will be a great way to have a program for the courts at any time throughout the year. Be sure to look for the videos that will be on the website by the time we hold our April 17 digital convention.

Here is a summary of the topics:

*"From Trafficked to Treasured" - Kelly Patterson*

Kelly has survived the un-survivable and now shares her message of the hard truth of what happens, how it happens and how to survive something as terrible as sex slavery.

*"Sioux Spiritual Center -Cause for Canonization - Nicholas Black Elk"*

Dr. Carole Brown, has been the director of the Sioux Spiritual Center since 2018, but had visited it many times, with her grandparents living a short distance from it. With over 30 years in ministry, Dr. Brown is honored, to oversee the Spiritual Center. It is a sacred place of spiritual retreat for Native and non-Native Catholics to feel the healing love of Jesus Christ. She explains why and how, Bishop Robert Gruss opened the cause for canonization of Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk in 2017.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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### **State Regent—Brenda Anderson**

"Where two or more are gathered, there is Love." And scripture confirms that God is present among us as we gather. If we recognize, that God is present and with us, this togetherness is the epitome of Unity. Uniting with God daily is what we do or say or how we treat others. In our acceptance or rejection of words and actions, God is with us at every moment. WWJD! Remember that? What would Jesus do was another reminder of how we unite with others. Would He be happy of our actions? Would he just shake his head and wonder what happened? We should unite our actions with our desire to serve both our Lord and our neighbors.

Unity can be many things - unity with God through our prayer life, unity with our spouse and family, or unity with our team of CDA sisters. That unity is a blessing for me as your state regent. I feel that although 2020 was a year of loneliness and despair for many, I have felt your support and love through the prayers offered for my family and myself. This is the CDA Unity that shines in our dark days. Being united with our CDA sisters at meetings is a battery recharge, but that will not be possible this year; not possible to hug that regent you know because you've stood in line with her or the CDA Sister you shared a story about your dying family member. We as women 'unite' our lives not only with conversation and actions with others, but it seems that it is also a vital part of who we are. This Covid-19 separation from our family and friends proves that uniting with them is so much more important than what we may have thought in the past. We have taken our time together almost for granted. Do we take our relationship of unity with God the same way? We can say, well tomorrow I'll read scripture, tomorrow I'll have time for the silence so to listen for his word or God knows I'm busy, I'll pray later. Really? The time is now.

Our Catholic Daughter projects and charities, on all levels, local, state, and national need us maybe more now during this crisis. How many in your community have lost their jobs or need to visit the Food Pantry? What do we do? It is now, that we as SD CDA, should be acting with "Unity and Charity" feeding, sheltering and loving the least of my brother. That is how we can unite with God, taking care of those that we are able to.



### **State Chaplain — Fr. Jim Friedrich**

UNITY: the very prayer of Jesus as the Last Supper (Jn 17:21), an identifying mark uniquely present in the Catholic Church (CCC 813-16), and a key work of the Catholic Daughters. Ordinarily it is most nourished by joint efforts on a concrete matter. I will propose we take a look at our church's Confessional. Let me explain. Once upon a time I met Fr. Tony Imberi in the Chancery hallway and asked if he could hear my confession and we looked for a private place to do so. Over the years I've met twice monthly with a couple other priests for Bible study of the upcoming weekend readings and often enough we'd find a place to hear each others' confession: once in a parish hall furnace room, an empty room in the rectory, one of our cars - I treasured the fact that the Sacrament wasn't hindered if we didn't happen to be near the church Confessional! As Fr. Imberi and I found an empty meeting room, he told me that during his military chaplaincy he had seen a Confessional in Germany that was like a small chapel; it made it clear that this Sacrament is an act of worship. This came to mind when I arrived as pastor in Artesian and found a mere kneeler, a narrow cloth draped in front of it, and a chair on the other side along the wall of the sacristy. I've seen room for improvement when I arrived in Wagner and found the Confessional room also being used as a storage place for part of a church pew and kneelers. To help with privacy we resorted to playing a CD outside the Confessional. Since then I've hung a rich, purple curtain in Wagner and Dante Confessionals on one wall and put acoustic ceiling tiles on the other walls, framing them with beautiful dark oak, to sound proof the Confessionals. A large icon of Christ the Good Shepherd now adorns the Wagner Confessional; I'm envisioning a Good Shepherd statue for Dante. Is the Confessional in your church sound proof? Is it a noble, worthy place of worship of God's mercy and healing? Are there readily found some good aids for 'how-to' and Examination of Conscience? Are you and others seeking the grace of the Sacrament regularly for spiritual growth? Can the Catholic Daughters be united in asking these questions and offering assistance?



### **1st Vice State Regent — Judy Konechne**

Thank you for all the prayers, kind words, thoughts and actions with the passing of my brother. We are into the Lenten season and I pray that you have pledged to grow in your faith with the Lord. Say YES when asked to become a district deputy or state chairperson.

This is the time of year when local courts need to look at expanding and growing in the CDA world. Working as a team, we make the tasks at hand an easy one. Work on unity in your court and invite new members to strengthen your courts with new ideas and more hands to lighten your tasks. Hope to see you all virtually at the state convention on April 17th.



### **2nd Vice State Regent — Michele Sage**

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6), Paul writes "I, then...urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call..." In this new year, we need to come together as one unified group of Catholic Christian women and work together to protect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death; we need to put any hatred and racial bias aside and work together as one in Christ's body and a unified Church. We need to come together as one sisterhood to serve God and the church in any way we can during this unprecedented period in our history. We need to join together in prayer for all our sisters across the US and around the world to help support those that have been affected by the pandemic, with illness or death of a family member. We need to pray for those working on producing adequate supplies of the vaccine so that everyone of God's children can receive the vaccine in a timely manner. May God bless all our efforts as we try to stage a unique State Convention and that you are able to join us virtually, and that we may soon see each other face-to-face.

#### **Highlights from Pope Francis' 2021 Lenten Message:**

- Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.
- Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.
- Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us "as communities and as individuals" to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

Taken from <https://www.catholic.org/lent/story.php?id=85191>



# LENT

## **State Board**



### **State Treasurer — JoAnn Hoffman**

Blessings to our sister CDA members. We are approaching spring and our State CDA Convention. We have had a rocky road with all the obstacles of Covid-19. BUT we have turned to Jesus to help us with many difficult decisions. We are women of faith and must unity in our faith. Our prayer warriors have been called upon so many times. When we unity in prayer for a common cause we are powerful. Our Blessed Mother Mary is our the patroness of our organization. We unity our hearts in prayer with Mary.

Turning to all the adjustments we're making for state convention, I hope you will take time to tune in for our first virtual convention. We would have loved to be able to unity as one in Spearfish, but we felt as a board that was to get a risk. So we will unity and gather in small groups around our kitchen table, in our meeting halls, and we as a board in Redfield in the parish hall. It will be a full day with trying to conduct and present our convention. So in unity, I pray that you will be with us on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. See you on the zoom box.

#### **Spring 2021—Court Financial Reviews**

All Courts need to contact their District Deputy to schedule a Financial review. This is to be done and mailed to the National office, to the State Regent and State Secretary with a deadline of **May 1, 2021**. Thank you.



### **State Secretary — Deborah Burdick**

Are you planning to attend our virtual/digital convention?! Although we'll be missing the companionship of all being together for four days, the state board is working hard to provide a convention that will unite us through Zoom. It will be quite different, but we feel it will be beneficial for everyone as we have information to share, an election to hold, and we'll get to hear from our new State Chaplain, Fr. Jim Friedrich.

The basket drawings is a big part of convention, so we'll be including basket drawings through-out the day. Another drawing that draws a lot of attention is the Grocery Raffle — who will be the winner of \$1200 this year?! Whose wall will the "Peace Be With You" by Amanda Konechne be gracing? Although we'll be doing the drawing's different this year, we sincerely hope you'll participate as if attending a 'normal' convention. These drawings offset convention and our state newsletter "Our Lady of the Prairie" costs. The three drawings will further unite us as we all look forward to seeing who the winners are.

Even though our convention this year will be very different, we hope everyone will find unity as CDA members by spending this day together even though we are spread throughout our beautiful state of South Dakota.

Thanks to all for giving me the opportunity to serve you as State Secretary. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the State Board and you, the members, over the last two years.



## National News

### **National Representative — Susan Moné, First Vice National Regent**



Little did we know what was ahead as we all said Happy New Year 2020. We began with hope and anticipation for the coming year. And then came March and WHAM! In comes Covid-19 and our world changed drastically in ways that none of us could have ever imagined. All of us have had to deal with many challenges and learn to rethink everything in all aspects of our life. We all have suffered as family, friends and CDA sisters dealt with having Covid-19. We missed family and friends we couldn't be with and prayed for those that were so alone and unable to have visitors. Many have dealt with the grief of losing a loved one to this terrible virus attacking our world. Often these loved ones died without family at their side or the ability to receive last rites. Families suffered at home feeling so helpless.

As we now welcome another New Year we have hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, but it will still be weeks or months to get back to whatever "normal" will be for us. This Covid-19 has brought so many back to prayer and an increased compassion for these in need. It has been so rewarding to see the many ways that people, especially my CDA sisters, have reached out to help those in great need.

During this past year we as Catholic Daughters we have had to rethink how we could conduct the business of our courts. It's been a real challenge and we had to think outside the box, to use our imaginations in order to hold meetings, do financial reviews, elect officers for our local courts and have installation of those new officers. I have watched with amazement the resiliency of the CDA all over the country in seeing the unique ways that courts have managed these tasks and gone above and beyond to help each other. And I hope that all of us are coming out of the Covid-19 with a deeper faith and stronger prayer life.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to the ladies who have gone out of your comfort zone for the welfare and continuation of our organization and accomplish the work at hand. When we get back to "normal" I want us to be able to jump right back in Unity and Charity as we work for the Lord after all the bumps in the road of 2020.

Your State Board is working hard to make all the plans for the SD State Convention in April. So, I am hoping that anyone that wants to run for office has prepared your paperwork and mailed it in. Also, by now that every court has elected delegates for the convention. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 your State Board has made the difficult decision to hold your convention virtually. Plans are being made for this and you will be receiving information on how this will work. It's especially important that because this is being done virtual that your court elect your delegates, so you retain your vote. I will be there with your State Board as we travel these uncharted waters. Keep your board in prayer for this journey for South Dakota Catholic Daughters. I know your board will make it a success. We will move forward in Faith not fear.

God brought us to this challenge and has brought us through (almost) it. I pray every day for my CDA sisters everywhere and I know that working together, WE CAN DO THIS!

### **State Scrapbook Contest - Canceled for 2021**

The State Board has decided to cancel the State scrapbook contest for 2021 due to the complexity of gathering the scrapbooks, the return, and the judging from afar. The next state convention is in Sioux Falls in 2023 and that will be where the judging for terms, 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 will take place. Awards will be given for each 2-yr. term. Presenting a digital scrapbook has been asked about and perhaps will be something for the future. If this is something you or your court is interested in doing, please let the new state regent know.

### **SOUTH DAKOTA PAST REGENTS**

My dear CDA members, I know that Covid-19 has made an impact on your life in many ways. We need to keep praying for all people of the country and world. But we must try to keep those close to us safe and healthy. The State Convention has been changed for safety and zoom has become a new way to communicate for many. I encourage you to consider how to get as many members safely together for the Zoom convention. Please read and share all communications from your State Board.

As part of the Convention, **Past Regents** were to meet and elect officers, amend the bylaws and make our charitable donations. But we are not going to be able to do this. The State Court did offer to give us Zoom access so we could meet. After speaking with the other officers we decided to postpone the meeting AGAIN. We plan to meet in person in September with whoever can attend. I pray that you will all be willing to come together for a meeting and prayer.

As Past Court Regents, we are asked to be a support for the membership and current officers. Sometimes it is through prayer and other times it is by telling the officers what a good job they are doing. Our courts are struggling to meet and need a lot of support. Remember if you have served one term as Regent you are welcome to participate in the Past Regents organization. In some courts, the past regents have a separate meeting and activities. If you have an interest in starting and have questions, please call.

Yours in Christ,

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### **State Leadership Chair – Bernice Cizadlo**

As you have been informed previously, I am finishing out Charlotte Hoverstadt's Leadership Chair position for this term. Charlotte had sent out several articles on leadership previously so please review those as well.

The past year has been difficult and presented many challenges and that is where real leadership kicked in for many courts. Did your court have an event that you have been doing each year, but had to make changes to do that event? Leadership is not just about the head officer or the chair but is exhibited by any and all members who helped to implement changes and bring about a successful event. If your court had such an event at any time during this past term, that event certainly qualifies as a leadership program, as anyone who is able to adjust to changes to bring about success certainly exhibits one of the main traits of a leader.

### **Military Projects Chair – Colleen Leer**

I would like to jump forward to May, we begin the month by crowning Mary Queen of Heaven and earth. The month she first appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima giving them the message to daily pray the rosary. Now more than ever Her message needs to be practiced. In the November Newsletter I talked about saying the Patriotic Rosary. Since 1999 the president has proclaimed May as Military Appreciation Month, paying tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. There is a Democratic group in DC now, it will be critical for us to pray for our Military leaders as they are being tasked to support worldwide conflicts, humanitarian disaster efforts, both international and domestic, and will soon be fighting battles to defend their budgets and personnel strength against the mind sets of political perceptions on what is needed to provide assistance for people of all races and religions.

Don't forget the young servicemen and women. Reach out to them by going to: [uso.org/message/force](http://uso.org/message/force). You will be able to either select a message or send a custom note. It's a quick and simple way to let them know they are not alone and have the support of the country they are defending.

We close out the month with Memorial Day which offers us an opportunity to remember those in our parish and community that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, in most cases leaving behind grieving young families, their parents and siblings. This year I believe we should also remember those first responders, especially policemen, patrolmen and medical personal, that lost their lives within our own country due to the pandemic and the social strife and turbulence we are enduring.

I end by saying I am looking forward to the State Convention, even though there will be no hugs we will still have prayers and laughter.

### **2021 Court Anniversary Celebrations**

May our Blessed Mother continue to guide and inspire each of these Courts. Special wishes to Ct. St. Agnes #618 celebrating 100 years in May. Congratulations!

#### **January**

11-1999	Ct. Margaret Mary #2453, Mitchell	22 years
16-1966	Ct. Madonna #195, Plankinton	55 years
23-1916	Ct. St. Patricia #271, Sioux Falls	105 years
27-1924	Ct. Joan of Arc #846, Milbank	97 years

#### **February**

2-1912	Ct. Holy Heart #163, Woonsocket	109 years
22-2015	Ct. St. George #2688, Hartford	6 years

#### **March**

3-1929	Ct. St. Ann #1121, Pierre	92 years
4-2012	Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Lemmon	9 yrs
25-1990	Ct. St. Christina # 2336, Lennox	31 years

#### **April**

20-1947	Ct. St. Monica #1436, Faulkton	74 years
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#### **May**

2-2010	Ct. St. Kateri Tekakwitha #2635, Faith	11 years
10-1972	Our Lady of Lourdes #2056, Hot Springs	49 years
15-1927	Ct. Little Flower #1054, Highmore	94 years
16-1950	Ct. St Thomas #1533, Humboldt	71 years
17-1925	Ct. Willard #967, Yankton	96 years
22-1921	Ct. St. Agnes #618, Brookings	100 years

### **District Deputy – Paulette Fischer**

The Serenity Prayer has become my mantra during the pandemic. I suspect it has also been the prayer of the Officers of the four Courts I assist, as they have struggled to keep the embers of CDA burning in their courts during this challenging year.

St. Christina Court of Lennox/Tea "changed one of the things they could" by moving their meeting night to the second Thursday of each month to increase attendance. I hope this past fall you saw at least one of the five beautiful, eye-catching Sacred Heart or Immaculate Heart of Mary billboards on key thoroughfares in Sioux Falls, which were sponsored by Court St. Christina of Tea.

Courts have been creative in finding alternatives to their traditional fundraisers. For example, St. George Court in Hartford had a brown bag raffle after parish Masses one weekend. Another one of their fundraisers was selling pre-ordered frozen cinnamon rolls. Visit St. George Church in Hartford, or their parish Facebook site, to see the beautiful restoration of the statues and Stations of the Cross that has taken place in the church. CDA Court St. George was a major sponsor and donor for this amazing project. Mother Teresa Court has made good use of Zoom to conduct business, and has held a couple raffles... one for groceries, and an online, virtual raffle.

During the pandemic, all Courts have experienced the heartache of the deaths of a significant number of their members, including a couple of officers. Perhaps, the Lord is starting a heavenly CDA Court with their mission to be Prayer Warriors for those of us who still have a little work to do.

## State Convention

### CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Per National virtual guidelines, the number of committees that we will need has been limited to the following:

Nominating Committee: Currently: Karen Schaefer, Chrm; Ct. Our Lady of Fatima #1518 Orient Polo; Kathy Feuerhelm, Ct. Mother Teresa #2510 Sioux Falls; Deb Souvignier, Ct. St. Christina #2336 Lennox; Carol Nygaard, Ct. St. Teresa of Avila #2325, Beresford and Lorraine Moser, Ct. Immaculate Heart of Mary #2654, Lemmon.

*\*\*Nominations are needed for this committee for the 2023 Convention in Sioux Falls and should be emailed to Brenda Anderson, state regent by Feb.15.*

Election Committee:

*Completed ballots that are returned per instructed will be counted and announced by: Susan Mone', 2nd vice national regent; and Out-going state officers, Brenda Anderson and Deborah Burdick.*

Minutes Committee:

Deb DeFries, Chrm. Ct Our Lady of Lourdes #2056; Hot Springs; Patti Loeffler, Ct. Willard #967 Yankton; Leslie Petersek, Ct. St. Maria Goretti #1584, Colome

*To review the 2021 convention minutes within 30 days of receiving them from the State Secretary.*

Bylaw Committee:

Per current national guidelines, bylaws and resolutions cannot be discussed over web or zoom type meetings. If your Court has written, reviewed and approved a bylaw or resolution, please mail it to State Regent Brenda Anderson and the board will review and present to national for their review.

All other committee items will be done by the state officers as needed.

### How do I get connected to this Zoom Convention meeting?

1. Before Saturday April 17, type in the web browser line: **www.zoom.com**
2. Click on go to download (this is a free download for you to use at any time you want a zoom meeting)
3. Big blue button comes up—Download—click this
4. At bottom of screen you will see: open file—click on this; a box pops up, zoom installer. Let it run through to the end. Be patient
5. The zoom home page comes up with four buttons. Click on the blue button that says JOIN
6. Enter meeting ID : **81785882113**
7. Password is: **CDA**
8. You can try this before our convention day, so you'll be ready to go.
9. You may be asked your name, which you should give your court name.
10. Finally be sure that your audio (or microphone symbol) is on and also your Video (moviecamera)
11. IF you have any problems, please call someone (friends or family) for help. Or any state officer.
12. On April 17, find the zoom icon/symbol (looks like a movie camera) and click it on to connect!

### Convention Info:

- ♦ Ballots will be mailed out to all Court Regents on or before March 15, 2021
- ♦ Election/voting instructions and credential form will be included; fill out and return with ballot
- ♦ Ballots MUST be returned to State Regent with postmark of March 29, 2021 or earlier
- ♦ Convention programs will be mailed out to all Regents for their delegates, in time for the convention
- ♦ Programs will have all submitted reports from: State Officers, Local Regents, District Deputies and State Chairmen. All Charitable contributions made by your Court, Letters from our Bishops and National Officer, Court Ads and more.
- ♦ If your report was not sent to Michele Sage in time, it will be printed later in the official 51st State Convention minutes. All DD's and Regents are asked to submit a report of activities to Michele
- ♦ Lunch will be a 30 minute break. Plan a brown bag or crock pot lunch for anyone you are with
- ♦ NO robes will be needed for this convention
- ♦ Please pray for a successful convention done in a very unconventional way.
- ♦ Patience and understanding will help as we navigate the day— thank you.

## WANTED

South Dakota CDA is currently looking for the following positions:

**District Deputies** – Any past local regent is qualified to become a DD to serve the next term. She must be willing to guide, communicate and inspire the courts assigned to her, file reports, travel to assist annually with a financial review and to attend the state convention. A full description of duties is found in the Tools of the Trade. Benefit package includes DD black robe, training session, ideas, and projects seen from those courts, great food served at celebrations and prayers from all. There are five openings. Ultimate benefit- become one of the famous 'marshmallow girls'. If you are interested in this position, please contact Michele Sage, DD supervisor

**State Chairmen** – Any SD CDA member who would like to serve the state as a Chairman in various areas. There are several openings. Duties include: Communicating with the State Regent and State Chairman Supervisor about the area she serves, sending and receiving forms from state or national as needed to or from the courts, reporting on the progress or growth of your special focus and attend the state convention. Optional: travel to visit and or present program at a local court. Benefit package includes training with the state, prayers, and acknowledgement of a job well done. If you would like to become more involved at the state level by becoming a state chair, please contact Judy Konechne, Supervisor for the State Chairmen.



## **Slate of Candidates for State Office**

The 2021 Nominating Committee has presented this slate of candidates for election for the term 2021-2023. Thank you to Karen Shaefers, chairman; Kathy Feuerhelm, Carol Nygaard, Deb Souvignier, and Lorraine Moser who served on this committee.  
*State Regent: Judy Konechne, Ct. St. Patrick #1699, Kimball*  
*1st Vice State Regent: Michele Sage, Ct. Agnes #618, Brookings*  
*2nd Vice State Regent: JoAnn Hoffman, Ct. Sacred Heart #280, Parkston*

*State Secretary OPEN no nominations submitted*

*State Treasurer OPEN no nominations submitted*

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, State Regent Brenda Anderson will ask for nominations from the floor for these offices. Anyone interested in serving for any of the offices, is welcome to do so. Per National by-laws, paperwork needed must be mailed to Brenda by March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions on this, please call Brenda.

## **Tentative Convention Schedule**

### **Saturday—April 17, 2021**

#### **7:50—Log on to Zoom.com**

Brenda Anderson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2021 SD CDA Digital Convention meeting

Time: Apr 17, 2021 07:45 AM Central Time

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- 8:00 Opening, Welcome, Install State Chaplain
- 8:30 Convention overview, notes and procedure
- 8:45 Memorial service
- 9:15 Roll call of Courts, Q & A
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Speaker—1st Vice National Regent, Susan Mone'  
President of Past Regents, Barb Wiechmann
- 10:45 Standing rules, Fin Review Comm
- 11:00 Minutes, Election Report
- 11:30 Nominations from the Floor and  
Voting for Candidates
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:40 Come to Order, Art raffle drawing
- 12:45 Elections Results, Education awards
- 1:30 St Faustina award, Lifesaver and Scholarship report
- 2:00 Lifetime achievement award, Court of Year
- 2:20 State Chaplain Fr. Jim message
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 1st Vice National Regent, Susan Mone' - final remarks
- 3:20 Invitation to 2023 convention—Sioux Falls
- 3:30 Spiritual Chairman—Patty Fiegen
- 3:50 State Regent, Brenda Anderson, final remarks
- 4:00 Newly elected State regent and officers intro
- 4:15 Final raffle drawings - Grocery
- 4:25 Closing Prayer and dismissal

•Basket drawings will be done throughout the day.

•This agenda subject to time change, as needed.

## **State Convention**

### **State Raffles**

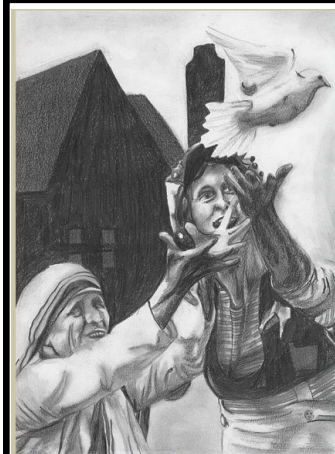
SD CDA has three fabulous raffles that anyone, anywhere can buy a chance on. Please share the tickets with everyone you know, who would like to take a chance and support CDA. Visit our website: [www.southdakotacda.com](http://www.southdakotacda.com) for ticket info. Reminder, make checks to SD Catholic Daughters.

#### **Grocery Raffle**

Have you bought your Grocery Raffle Tickets yet? YOU could win a year of groceries (\$100 month) from your favorite grocery store. Three additional prizes have been added for \$100 each to give everyone more chances to win. Share this raffle at your Parish events, with our family and friends. It's the perfect prize for everyone. If you don't buy many groceries yourself, you can always donate it to your local food pantry or to a family in your community.

Tickets are very reasonable: \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00 Send all tickets and money to: Colleen Thompson, State Fundraising Chrm., 1301 Farm Island Road, Pierre SD 57501. Thank you for supporting and promoting this state fundraiser. Winners will be announce on April 17 at our Convention.

#### **Art Raffle**



"Peace Be With You" by Amanda Konechne

National Education Division IV, art winner, Amanda Konechne, Ct. St. Patrick, #1699, Kimball, has donated her 1st place art work to the State for the Art Raffle. It is a framed and matted 16x20 and entitled "Peace be with You". This is the second piece of art that Amanda has donated in what she says is a series. The raffle tickets are 1.00 each/6 for \$5.00/12 for \$10.00 Tickets and found on our website. A sheet of tickets was also included in the last Regents Report and Review.

#### **Basket in a Box**

Having a virtual state convention made for a new way to display and encourage our traditional Gift Baskets from the South Dakota Courts. Each court will take a picture of their basket and send it to: [sdcdaweb1@gmail.com](mailto:sdcdaweb1@gmail.com). Amanda Konechne, our webmaster will get the picture displayed and give it a number. Each raffle ticket has a place to enter the number of the basket you want to win. Tickets prices are 10 for \$10 or 20 for \$24 and are available on our website. In years past, only if you attended would you get to buy a ticket for the basket you want to win. This year anyone can buy a ticket and win. The court sponsor will mail the basket contents in a box to the winner. There may be baskets from District Deputies, State Chairmen or State Officers too. Look for them at: [southdakotacda.com](http://southdakotacda.com). Select the 2021 Convention banner to see all the convention information, raffle tickets and more. If you need help, contact your regent or any state leader.



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(need this for dues and SHARE)

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\*\*One email with all these addresses will take care of it. If you have NEW MEMBERS, please mail the original membership form to the National office.

## Local News



Libby Heinemann, Court Our Lady of Peace #1708, proudly carries a banner for our court in the Walk for Life at the Capitol Building in Pierre, SD on Jan 31, 2021.

Check the state website for more information:  
[www.cdassouthdakota.com](http://www.cdassouthdakota.com)

## Convention Deadlines

### March 1

- Local Education Contest (per guidelines from National to Sally Dolan or Cleo Kast, state education co-chrm.)
- Local court website contest entry (per guidelines from National to Amanda Konechne, state webmaster)
- Local court newsletter contest (per guidelines from National to Janice Stainbrook, state local court newsletter chrm.)
- Lifesaver Project Report (to Carol Kling, state abuse chrm.)
- Bylaw and resolution changes approved by local court; to present to National (to Brenda, state regent)

**March 15** – Digital picture of your Court Basket for the “Basket in a Box” raffle (to Amanda Konechne, state webmaster) [sdcdca1918web@gmail.com](mailto:sdcdca1918web@gmail.com)

### April 10 - Raffle Tickets deadlines

- Grocery tickets (to Colleen Thompson, state fundraising chrm)
- Basket tickets (to Carol Kling, convention basket committee)
- Art/Picture tickets (to Deborah Burdick, state secretary)

**Next State Newsletter Article Deadline:**  
**May 15th, 2021**