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Sioux Falls Diocese Installs Bishop Donald DeGroot



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St. Joseph Cathedral was filled with anticipation, prayer, music and people from around the Sioux Falls diocese on Thursday, February 13th to witness the ordination and installation of Bishop Donald E. DeGroot by Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, the Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda. The Cathedral was filled with Seminarians, Deacons, Priests, Bishops and Arch Bishops from around the SD and MN area. Bishop DeGroot is the ninth Bishop of the Sioux Falls diocese. Other Bishops and the years they have served are: Bishop Martin Marty, 1889-1895; Bishop Thomas O’Gorman, 1896-1921; Bishop Bernard Mahoney, 1922-1939; Bishop William Brady, 1939-1956; Bishop Lambert Hoch, 1956-1978; Bishop Paul Dudley, 1978-1995; Bishop Robert Carlson, 1995-2004 and Bishop Paul Swain, 2006-2019.

Bishop DeGroot grew up in Minnesota on a farm. He’s excited to be in our rural communities to visit and to pray with all of us as he travels around for his Bishop Masses. He attended the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul MN and was ordained into the priesthood on May 31, 1997.

South Dakota Catholic Daughters were honored to welcome people from all across the Midwest at the reception held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center serving cake, coffee and punch. A special highlight was at the end of the evening when the CDA members were led in prayer and a special blessing from Bishop DeGroot. We welcome you, Bishop DeGroot, and look forward to helping you along the way. May God bless you with good health and joy.

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State Regent—Brenda Anderson

I am grateful for each of you that take the time to read our state newsletter from cover to cover. You will undoubtedly recognize that our theme is "Growth". It is spring and planting season is upon us. Our ability to grow is a gift from God. As small children we grow in size, intelligence, work and social abilities. I believe we never stop using the gift of growth throughout

our lives. I can ask you then, are you still growing? Have you tried to expand or grow your understanding of what God tells us daily? Do you read faith based materials? It's never too late to start if you currently do not. It's a good thing.

And now, growth with your members. Some of our courts have done very well with getting new members. Shout out to Ct. St. Rita, #534, Watertown with 11 new members since September. Ct. St. Agnes #687, Vermillion welcomed 7 members. Great job ladies! We know that gaining new courts is the fastest way to increase our state membership numbers and we haven't had any new courts since September, in Chamberlin. WHERE will that next new court be? We cannot wait until it's convenient or even to think, 'that's not my responsibility'. It is all of our responsibility, just as I reported at our convention about one year ago. Everyone shared a place or location that would benefit from having CDA in their parish and with Catholic Daughters in the parish, the parish does become stronger. Maybe just a few of you can work together to get a court started nearby. Talk with our Membership Co-Chairs, Cheryl Schaefers and Deb DeFries; or any of your state officers for assistance. We are here to help you and we need to get our good intentions turned into actions.

Another request I have for all of you is to ask the ladies you know that live near a court in another town. Recruiting those friends and family to join a court will help grow our current courts and benefit all of us. New members need to know how much CDA means to each of you. Talk about it when you are with other Catholic women. Some of us can't imagine our lives without our CDA sisters and yet some of you have not gotten to that point. You will, by being present; present at the meetings, present by working on projects and present in prayer. If we all seek others, we will gather in and growth will be ours. We are Called....to Serve.



State Chaplain—Fr. Andrew Dickinson

A new bishop! A new shepherd! Thanks be to God! February 13th was a cold day but a wonderful day. Whether you were there in person or watching from home it was wonderful for us to welcome and receive our new Bishop, Donald DeGroot.

As I sat in adoration that day, about an hour before his Ordination Mass, I was struck by how wonderfully God had provided for us with a new Shepherd. At Pius XII Catholic Newman Center and St. Paul's parish in White we had been praying religiously (pun intended) that God would provide us with a holy bishop and I think He has. My heart overflowed with gratitude to God for His goodness all throughout that long Mass.

Now—as they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating—so we shouldn't canonize Bishop DeGroot just yet. We will learn over the next 10+ years if these good first impressions are true. And besides, making him a saint would mean he's dead, and we don't want that. Rather I hope you will join me in being emboldened to pray all the more!

Our prayers brought us a bishop with the heart of a father for his priests. Let us pray that Bishop DeGroot will continue to grow into his many responsibilities so that he may live them out with grace, integrity, and courage. Certainly our Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, will hear our prayers for the man the Church has given to us as our bishop. Surely our Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, will answer our prayers to strengthen and embolden the man the Church has given us.

Let us pray with holy boldness and receive with humble gratitude. Thank you Lord for our new bishop, a sign of your love for us. You do not leave your flock untended!



1st Vice State Regent — Judy Konechne

We are into the Lenten season and I pray that you have pledged to grow in your faith with the Lord. Hope to see you at the retreat in Brookings as part of your growth process.

This is the time of year when local courts work on gathering and electing new officers for their courts. Think about it and look at expanding and growing in the CDA world. Say YES when asked to become an officer. Working as a team of officers, makes the tasks at hand an easy one. Your thoughts may look at bumps in the road. Don't let them stop you. Grow by recognizing those bumps and learn by resolving them as a team. Your success in the future of CDA is clearing the bumps as they appear. Also, we as State Officers are here to assist with smoothing out the bumps and grow your courts. New members are a great way to grow your courts with new ideas and more hands to lighten your tasks.

National Convention in Dallas, Texas is soon approaching. If you haven't made plans to attend with your fellow South Dakota CDA ladies, please pray on this and consider it. This is another way to grow in the CDA family of treasures and broaden your knowledge of CDA. You deserve to enjoy one after the hard work you put in for the last one. There will be learning and fun! May God bless each and every one of you during this Lenten season and may you have a Blessed Easter.



State Treasurer — Deborah Burdick

Spring is almost upon us – a time for growth as we enjoy the spring flowers, baby calves, the snow melting and green grass starting to grow. Growth opportunities are all around us as we head through Lent and on towards

Easter. Lenten retreats, giving up bad habits and starting new habits to aid us in our spiritual growth are all important. What are you doing to promote spiritual growth?

Your state board is looking forward to growth in many different areas of CDA:

****growth in numbers attending our Lenten Retreat in Brookings – what a great opportunity to meet our State Chaplain Fr Andrew Dickenson as we all grow spiritually.**

****growth in numbers of those riding the bus to Dallas – what a wonderful occasion to get to know your CDA Sisters from around the state! It's cheaper than flying!**

****growth in South Dakota CDA membership numbers – we've got our eye on a couple of potential courts – please pray that everything works out and ladies come forward as officers for them.**

****growth in court leadership as our court nominating committees are thinking of their new officers – have a serious conversation with God as to whether you need to be answering His call to step forward and be a leader**



2nd Vice State Regent — Michele Sage

Happy Lent! Yes, Happy Lent! So many of us feel that Lent should be something sad, mournful, unpleasant, but it doesn't have to be. It is true that Lent leads us to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday, but it

also leads us to the ever abundant love He has for us which is poured out as He suffers this cruel fate. But as we witness His glorious resurrection, we come to realize how much He loves each and every one of us, even this lowly sinner. It is this love that He shares with us that we need to nurture and let grow deep in our hearts. As these last days of winter fade away to the new and vibrant days of spring, let this love He has given us grow; let it spread across the world to brighten our hearts, our local courts, our state, our nation and all of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas wherever they may be. Let this love grow our membership, let it rekindle a love for sisterhood, let it bring back those sisters that have been discouraged, displeased, disappointed by our previous acts or words. Let our efforts be like the first rays of sunlight to a new spring blossom, warm, tender, caring. Let the Love of God nourish each new blossom as it grows in each of us. Have a Blessed Easter!



State Treasurer — JoAnn Hoffman

Blessings this Lenten season of 2020. When we think of the word growth, what is the first thing that comes to mind. Is it growth in our relationships with our spouse and other family members? Is it growth in our spiritual relationships with our Lord? Is it growth in the time we spend with the Lord in prayer? Is it growth for our CDA courts in membership? Is it growth in our financial matters?

Lent can be thought of as a dark time in our church calendar year by some, but it also can be the growth of our spiritual life. During this Lenten season my prayer for our CDA members is growth in our prayer life. It might be saying a few decades of rosary on your way to work or as you are laying in bed waiting to fall asleep. Prayer can be calming time for your mind and restorative for your body. Our parish family often offers several prayer opportunities during Lent. Take the time to attend as many as possible. More importantly is to attend these prayers times as a family.

Our state Chaplain is offering a Lenten retreat in Brookings on Saturday March 27th. Aren't you excited to meet our new state Chaplain Fr. Andrew Dickenson? I am! I hope you have saved the date to attend his Lenten Retreat to gain growth in your faith. Hope to see you on the bus to Dallas this summer for National Convention.

National News



National Representative

My Dear CDA Sisters in Christ, Happy and blessed Lent! We are now almost halfway through Lent and heading to the pinnacle of our Catholic faith, the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It wasn't long ago that we celebrated the birth of Christ at Christmas. Now we are traveling through the 6 weeks of the sacred season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we received ashes on our forehead as a reminder that this life on earth is temporary, that we are "Dust and unto dust we shall return." We have these 6 weeks to spend extra time in prayer to form a closer relationship with Jesus. Jesus invites us to come to Him. Besides our private prayers during Lent, I hope that as Catholic Daughters, that your courts are hosting special prayer services or retreats not just for the members but open to all woman of your home parishes. I will be coming to South Dakota the end of March and I hope to see many of you at the state retreat. During Lent we are asked to fast and sacrifice. I think we all remember as children giving up candy, movies and our favorite toy. As an adult I encourage rather than giving up something, to DO something that takes extra time and sacrifice; to maybe help in a homeless kitchen, gives alms from the money you saved by your fasting or cook meals for a neighbor that lives alone. Maybe there is someone that you don't get along with or have a grudge with and so throughout Lent, make an extra effort to be kind to that person and see Christ in their face. Who knows, maybe by the end of Lent you will have made a new friend! As you fast and sacrifice remember to hold it in your heart and not on your shoulder so that you don't make your Lent harder on others. The Lord made it His mission to bring us joy, so be joyful.

It's that time of our CDA year to be preparing for elections in our local courts. I encourage you to pray and discern accepting an office in your court if the nominating committee calls you. You can do it and your court needs you. It is an honor to serve your court as an officer and having new woman in a leadership position brings new news and energy to your court. There will be training sessions and past officers, State Officers who can be resources for you and of course the procedure manual in the TOTT (Tools of the Trade) which gives you the guidelines to follow in your position. Remember if you say YES to your court, you are saying YES to the Lord and His will carry you through it.

I pray that all of you have a very fruitful Lent and Blessed Easter and I hope to see you the end of March and/or in Dallas for our National Convention.

God's peace and love,

Susan Moné,

Second Vice National Regent

Check the state website for more information:
www.cdassouthdakota.com

***Next State Newsletter Article Deadline:
June 7th, 2020***

Membership Co-Chair—Cheryl Schaefer

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. State Regent Brenda Anderson shared with me a quote from National Regent Olga Saminego, "Who will fill your shoes when you are gone?" We have had a BOGO contest going on for years. Bring one guest to a meeting, get one member! Let's take a few minutes to concentrate on that.

As a woman, we cannot pick our predecessor in many of the roles we fill. Are we going to pick the next wife for our husband or mother of our children? Are we going to pick the next person to take our job in the workplace? Probably not, but we can encourage the woman who can take our place in Catholic Daughters.

As a busy mother of seven children, it took years for my involvement in CDA to blossom. Getting to the National Convention in Omaha was the gentle rain that sprouted the seed of my involvement! Please do not assume that women of your parish do not want to join, or do not have time. One of the best reasons I have heard for joining Catholic Daughters is "I worried that Catholic Daughters would be just one more thing on my to do list. What I have found is that it has covered many of the items on that list. I have wanted to support many of the charities and projects that Catholic Daughters supports, and through membership, I AM."

As exciting as it is to have two new courts in our state, it is even more important to grow membership and excitement in our existing courts. I ask each of you to take the BOGO challenge seriously. Who will you choose to take your place?

2020 Local Elections

This is the year, now is the time. ALL local officers will be elected for a two year term, through 2022. If you were elected in 2018, you may run for a 2nd term in your office, per national bylaws. If you see or feel that another member would be a great officer, please encourage them to consider running for an office. We all have a talent of some sort and maybe CDA is the way to develop that talent God entrusted to you. Here's the timeline:

March—elect three to be the nominating committee; cannot serve if they were on that committee in 2018.

April — present the slate of officers

May— further nominations from the floor and Election is held

June—Installation Mass or ceremony of new officers

Reminder – Delegate forms for National Convention must be returned by March 15th to the National office, with a copy to state regent, Brenda Anderson. If you have 0 attending, you still must return the form.



Spring Financial Review -

Please get your calendars out and look for a couple of dates that will work for your Spring Financial review. Contact your District Deputy or State Representative and see what works best for her. She needs to be at one of your reviews every 12 months, per our national by-laws. Many courts meet on the same night which can be difficult for some of the DD's. Be considerate and schedule now so that all of you; local officers and DDs can come meet for your review. And finally, remember to always mail a copy (or email) to:

- State Regent
- State Secretary
- District Deputy

Mail the **original signed form** to:

CDA National Office

10 West 71st Street—New York, NY 10023

SD CDA Scholarships Awarded

Recipients have been chosen for the two SD CDA Scholarships, one to each of the private colleges. The winners are the following young ladies:

Mount Marty—Ashley Hengelfelt, in the radiology tech program

Presentation College — Shawnee Mollman, in the nursing program

We congratulate and applaud these young ladies on their selection and wish them well. We thank you for your gifts given as memorials or other donations. All are appreciated. Please continue to share what you can with these Scholarship endowments; for even in this, We are called To Serve!

Dear State Board,

Thank you for your generosity in funding the Catholic Daughters Scholarship. I am very honored to be the recipient of this award. I am currently a Junior in nursing school. Thank you for your generosity and for enabling me to pursue my professional potential.

Sincerely,

Shawnee Mollman

SAVE THE DATE—STATE CONVENTION

Plan your time in April 2021 to be with us in Spearfish. Our state convention will begin on Thursday April 15th with speakers and workshops, continuing on April 16, 17 and concluding by noon on Sunday April 18th. It will be a wonderful time for coming together as CDA sisters.

State News

State Leadership Chair – Charlotte Hoverstadt

Thank you for the many interesting reports that I received on leadership. We have some very good leaders in our organization, but we can always use more. "The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them." -John Maxwell. Remember this!

According to one source, the ten best qualities of a good leader are honesty, the ability to delegate, communication, a sense of humor, confidence, commitment, a positive attitude, creativity, the ability to inspire, and intuition. Doesn't that sound like an active Catholic Daughter? It takes leadership to do any project, big or small. Our court attended the movie, Overcomer; we remember our senior members in local rest homes in various ways; and we will be assembling a "Welcome Home" package for a soldier returning from Iraq. These are just a few of the simple projects on our agenda, but they require leadership. What can you do to inspire leadership in your court?

State Newsletter Chair – Janice Stainbrook

I am inviting all courts to consider developing a newsletter in their courts. Why have a court newsletter?

- They are a wonderful tool to educate new members (or even old-timers) all about Catholic Daughters.
- They help members to understand how they are part of our national and state levels of the order.
- They communicate to the members of your court current activities, upcoming events and special projects the court may be planning.
- They are interesting to those members that are unable to attend meetings due to illness, being homebound or because of work, school, or family responsibilities
- Leaving copies of your newsletters in the church or distributing them to women of the parish can go a long way to pique interest and bring in new members!

The state convention is coming in 2021 and we will hold a contest to judge your newsletters. You need only 3 to enter. That is one every 4 months. Some the courts do one each month and others do one every two-three months. Please remember that your newsletter doesn't have to be in color and can be only one page as long as it covers your local, state and national CDA news. Do you have members that also work or volunteer in your local community? Do you have crafters that donate to local charities? That's news. Let people know. Soon you have enough to do a newsletter! I would love to see more than 5-6 newsletters in the contest. Good Luck! If you need some critiques you can email me a copy at wildman@santel.net

****Inform **Motivate **Inspire****

State News

District Deputy – Paulette Fischer

I am a member of St. Patricia Court in Sioux Falls. Although diverse in community size, number of members, resources, and number of years they have been a court, all four of my courts are dedicated to the same CDA Mission and the Circle of Love, and have a very visible presence through their ministry in their parishes.

Court St. George, Hartford, observed their 5th anniversary on February 22. One of their projects has been distributing St. Gerard medals to mothers and expectant mothers in their parish. St. Gerard is the patron saint of motherhood. St. Christina Court, Lennox/Tea, will celebrate their 30th anniversary on March 25. They grant two \$400 scholarships, conduct a toiletries collection in their parish for Children's Inn, and sell rosary booklets as a fundraiser. Their Spring Salad Luncheon is a major fundraiser. Mark your calendars for this year's event on April 25th. Court St. Thomas, Humboldt/Montrose, will celebrate their 70th Anniversary in May. Their projects include White Ribbons against pornography, Christmas gifts for Veterans to give family & friends at Christmas, collection of paper products for the St. Francis House, and prayer partners for Confirmation candidates. Fundraisers include a Rummage and Bake Sale. Mother Teresa Court, Sioux Falls, assembles Dignity Bags for Children's Inn, sponsors monthly Bingo at Good Samaritan Retirement Village, sews art bags for the Banquet, spiritually adopts two unborn babies and donates baby items to the Alpha Center, participates in the WRAP campaign, and collects pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. They award a yearly scholarship, and give funding support to two seminarians. Fundraisers this past year included a Tour of Tables and a Grocery Raffle.

District Deputy — Bonnie Spratte

These past few months have been a learning experience. Only have 2 courts in this district for now but working on getting more AND these 2 courts are very active. Court Our Lady of Lourdes, Hot Springs, is busy working on next year's convention to be held in Spearfish. This court assisted with the Parish Country Hoedown, held the Right to Life Walk, made epiphany popcorn balls, leads the Rosary at Masses and will do the Soup and Bread on Fridays during Lent. Court St Rita, Rapid City, worked the Right to Life booth at the fair, had a table at the Cathedral ministry fair, 15 ladies signed up for an extra hour of adoration at Cathedral Perpetual's adoration, took meals to members when needed, helped the Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving dinner and attended Pierre's Right to Life rally.

They were busy hosting a Retreat with Fr Mangan on February 29th. Court St. Rita has volunteered to assist where needed at the next State Convention in Spearfish. Both courts setting dates for financial reviews and elections.

District Deputy Supervisor — Michele Sage

With the new spring, we look to our District Deputies to help with the installation of new officers. The District Deputies are there for you, the local court Regent, to help and guide you through the process of nomination and election of new local officers. Please let your DD and State Officers know when you plan on having your installation ceremonies so that we can plan on attending.

Military Projects Chair — Colleen Leer

As we are going through this Lenten season preparing for the celebration of Easter, let us remember, especially, to say a prayer for all the military members that are suffering and contemplating suicide. There is a concerted push by the active duty and Veterans organizations to bring awareness to this growing problem. Check into local organizations as well that are coming up with events to bring help to those that are in need. How many homeless in your area are veterans that are too ashamed to come forward for assistance? One way you can help out military families, check to see if your local American Legion Auxiliary units are collecting coupons to "Support Our Troops". *Expired coupons less than one month past due, will be accepted.* As a woman's organization, let us also focus on any woman veterans in your area. Woman veterans often don't get identified as veterans, and they tend to feel invisible. According to the VA there are 2 million living woman veterans, making up ten percent of the veteran population. We also have Memorial Day coming and I know many courts place flags at the graves of the veterans in the local cemetery's. Whatever you do, please remember all servicemembers and their families in your prayers, especially those deployed.

Court St. Rita #534—Watertown

Court St. Rita reached out with hearts and hands to feed the hungry at the Watertown Banquet for the Hungry on February 17th. The



ladies started preparing the meal at 10 a.m. and when ready, served 167 meals. Fr. Fox was on hand to witness the work of the membership. Watertown is fortunate to have not only the Catholic Daughters assist with meals but also other service organizations within the community. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink"



Matthew 25:35-36



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Court St James #2757—Chamberlain SD

Mass of Institution of a New Court was held at St. James Parish in Chamberlain at 6:00 pm on September 9th, 2019. Fr. Andrew Swietochowski, Chamberlain presided. Thirty five women signed up to join, with 15 women at the Mass to pledge their membership.

Immediately following Mass, State Regent Brenda Anderson congratulated the new court and talked about Catholic Daughter’s dedication to Our Blessed Mother Mary and the importance of serving God as Mary did, with Charity. The first officers of Court St. James #2757: Regent Angela Hanzlik, Vice Regent Bonnie Hosek, Recording Secretary Peggy Hanzlik, Financial Secretary Theresa Bubulke, Treasurer Deb Nies and Spiritual Advisor Fr. Andrew Swietochowski were installed by State Regent Brenda Anderson. After the meeting, everyone gathered at the Parish Hall for lunch. Sister Court St. Patrick, Kimball served lunch to over 50 guests, Catholic Daughter members from around the state with a total of 14 courts represented.



Court Our Lady of Fatima #1518—Orient/Polo

Our court has many connections to the military. Among our 29 members we have five women who are in or have served in the military, seven moms of 18 soldiers, and twelve wives of military members.

Veteran Suicide has received much publicity in recent years. Jacob Schaefer has a mom, four sisters and two cousins in our Court. While in the Marines, he had a friend who committed suicide. With all the talk about 22 veterans committing suicide each day, Jacob decided to do a personal “Veteran’s March” in 2017. He walked alone, not even telling his wife what he was doing. When his family found out, they joined him in 2018 to walk, including his 65-year-old father, who said, “If I am going to walk that far, we had better be making money for your cause!” In 2019, the Veteran’s Day march was held at the Dakota State University track. Court Our Lady of Fatima supported the walk, and asked the Polo American Legion Post 299 to help raise money for the cause. Over \$1,500 was raised for Mission 22, a veteran’s organization that brings awareness to suicide and supports the families of victims. Five of our Lady of Fatima members walked in support of the cause while other members joined in praying from home 22 rosaries for military members contemplating suicide, and the families of victims of suicide. About half of our members were involved, with their prayers or their steps.

The impact of this project was widespread: on Facebook, where it got hundreds of likes and shares, newspaper stories, and many minutes on television local news programs during the Veteran’s Day weekend. Most of the Facebook posts and newspaper articles had a link to Suicide Prevention Hot Lines. It is our hope that willingness to talk about suicide, and to recognize that help is available and just as necessary as for any medical condition, will make it easier for people to reach out for help.



Members of Court Our Lady of Fatima gather to bake and decorate hundreds of cookies for their annual Christmas Bake Sale. Money raised is used to support National and State Charities and Projects, as well as local seminarian and religious support, Masses for members and military, and local projects and charities.



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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.

NO CDA Member Left Behind

We don't want to leave anyone home when we travel to Dallas for the 58th Biennial National Convention. We leave Sunday, July 12th and return on Sunday July 19th. We have many seats still open and need to fill the bus. If you are a delegate, an alternate or simply want to attend as a member interested in learning more about CDA, please let me know as soon as possible. We want everyone to come with us, understanding a full week away can be a sacrifice but going to a national convention is wonderful and spiritual experience. For those that have reserved your seat, please mail your deposit of \$100 to Brenda Anderson, PO Box 111, Roscoe SD 57471 or you can pay the full amount of \$200. Call Brenda if you would like more details. We are a true CDA team and we promise to leave No member behind. Join us!

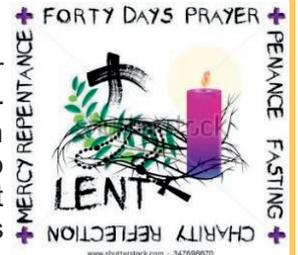
Celebrating a Century—100th Anniversary

- ⇒ Court St. Rita #534, Watertown, will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on August 16th at Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown, SD.
- ⇒ Ct St Frances #547, Gregory will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, September 20th.
- ⇒ Ct. Immaculate Conception, #582 will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on December 12th. Come celebrate in Aberdeen!

All State Officers and South Dakota Courts please mark your calendars.

State Lenten Retreat

There is still time to attend our State Lenten Retreat in Brookings on Saturday, March 28th. This will be your chance to take the time to focus on what Lent and what it offers to us through our Lord, Jesus Christ. The registration deadline has been pushed back to March 20th and we'd love to have you. The registration form is in the latest issue of the Ramblings of the Regent. If you need one, please contact Michele Sage or Brenda Anderson. Our new State Chaplain, Fr. Andrew Dickinson will be leading the retreat and we want all of you to meet and share in his message for all of us. We hope for to see You there.



March is Abuse Awareness Month

Our South Dakota State Abuse project began in 2000. The goal is to raise funds to assist victims of abuse in the Abuse Shelters across South Dakota. Each Court purchases bags of Lifesavers for their Abuse Awareness Fundraiser. Monies raised are divided 50-50 between the State and the local courts. Local courts can use the donations within their own communities to help those who have been abused.

