

The regular **meeting of Court Immaculate Conception #322** was called to order by Regent Karen Selensky on Tuesday, **September 3, 2024** at 7:15 pm at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish hall. Roll call of officers found three of the officers were present. The minutes of the June 2024 meeting were read and approved.

Regent Karen Selensky asked if there were any guests present. Alvina Reichert was a guest of Regent Karen Selensky and Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum. Alvina Reichert joined the Immaculate Conception Court #322 and was given a welcome packet by Regent Karen Selensky.

The correspondence was read:

- Rose Gleich funeral handout
- Pat Bosch funeral handout
- Cleta Martin funeral handout
- Bismarck Care Center Luxury Bingo Invite
- Assumption Abbey Newsletter

Marella Krein reported the passing of Patrick Bosch, Son of Past National Regent Claudia Bosch. Patrick passed away on Monday, July 22, 2024 in Utah. Many may know that Claudia also lost her daughter Tana last year. Please keep Claudia and Patrick in your prayers at this difficult time.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,742.44 as of August 31, 2024. The report will be filed.

### **Old Business**

Regent Karen Selensky asked members Virginia Dolajak and Marella Krein, who attended the 2024 National CDA Convention in New Orleans to provide a report from the convention. Rita Mastel was not able to attend due to an illness.

Virginia Dolajak reported the following:

- The opening mass took 15 minutes for the procession of all the robed officers and clergy. Two different Bishops said mass.
- The National Director, Fr. Shenan J. Boquet gave the homily. His term as National Director is ending and he will be returning to be the Human Life Director.
- Johnette Williams from the EWTN Women of Grace was the keynote speaker. She said the role of women is at the foot of the cross. The attack on women is the attack of the unborn.
- A speaker on the Louisiana Project presented the next day. It was reported there are more than 49 million human slaves. The largest coming from the United States that are bought and sold. Now, it is one of the largest reasons for organ procurement. A large donation was given to this project. At the second mass, we collected over \$5,000. PBS did a show on this topic called "Turning the Tide".

- Joann Lacheny was the speaker the following day from a group she started called Momentum. She is a single mom and would like to start this in every parish. Sometimes they feel isolated and alone. She hosts a three day retreat for the whole family. They have adoration, scripture and discipleship. It started in Canada. She started the first chapter in the Texas. NCR and other magazines have carried her story. It offers love and support for single women who are raising their children alone.
- Fr. Shenan Boquet, talked about the Good Samaritan parable and had more words to say: "We all need to help each other. He said a family in New York was wearing garbage bags for clothes. He stopped and gave them money to buy clothes. He actually witnessed people crossing the street to avoid them. Reading of the Good Samaritan story, we should all ask ourselves: "Am I the I who stopped to help the man or am I the one who hurts him the first place?"
- A company is making a movie called "The Carpenter", similar to "The Chosen". National CDA gave them \$25,000 for seed money. A 20-minute version of the movie was shown. NCDA gave them \$15,000. We collected \$5,096 at mass to give them as a donation. They need \$9 million to produce the movie.
- Speaker for Catholic Extension from New York said they always served overseas and now they are going to serve US Catholics in the states. CDA gave them \$5,000.
- Territorial courts – means if a state has four or less Courts in a state, they do not qualify for a state court. They do not attend the National Convention. National is working on this. It was reported they have 14 territorial courts. Only 4 states out of 50 were not represented at the National Convention.
- A collection of \$5,096 was given to the Rosary Ministry from one of the masses. This movement was started by Fr. Patrick Peyton and his motto. "The family that prays together, stays together".
- Marella Krein reported from the 2024 National Convention:
  - Bylaws were passed (seven) some bylaws were referred back to committee for the next convention, and some failed.
  - The Robe committee shared the survey results out of 1044 courts, 926 responded to the survey (89%). Motion was made to wear white tops, black bottoms, black shoes, and a medallion. Motion passed. The medallions will have different emblems on it representing the office being held. Medallions will need to be purchased through the National CDA.
  - Share magazine - to save costs, go to the National CDA website and select the option to send the Share magazine by email.

Regent Karen Selensky thanked Molly Freidel who continues to work closely with her and updates the website and social media sites.

Regent Karen Selensky thanked all members that assisted and donated to the July Rummage/Bake Sale Fundraiser. It was reported that \$1,721.46 was raised. Virginia Dolajak made a motion to pay the Ascension Church \$200 for the use of the facility for two days, seconded by Johanna Nagel. Motion carried.

Regent Karen Selensky thanked the following members for assisting Mother Mary Joseph and the Sisters with their newsletter project: Delores Friedt, Mary Roehrich, Kathy Mangan and Amy Schmidt.

Regent Karen Selensky reported on the Day of Recollection held on Saturday, August 17 at the Church of Corpus Christi in Bismarck. The day began with rosary, mass, a light breakfast provided by Corpus Christi church, an inspirational talk from Fr. John Paul Gradner, adoration and reconciliation. Twenty-six members participated.

### **New Business**

Regent Karen Selensky reported the membership book is completed and available for everyone to take. She thanked the officers for their assistance in helping to complete the book. She asked if you know any of the inactive members to take their books with to deliver them. An email will be sent as well to pick up the new membership books. Mary Ann Morford asked about making a donation to Corpus Christi for use of the facility and to the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit for the card and bingo party. Regent Karen Selensky mentioned the recent donation of \$1,500 to the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit for their capital campaign plus an additional \$100 for using the space for meetings. No further action was taken.

- Regent Karen Selensky reported that Fr. Ehli met with Regent Karen Selensky and Financial Secretary Barb Thorson on August 20. He congratulated both officers and said he is excited about new women joining Catholic Daughters in the upcoming year. He said he has many employees in his office that should be invited to the meeting and encouraged to join.
- We shared the inventory list of the items we have stored in several different places (see attached).
- Fr. Ehli offered some great solutions. He would like us to continue our meetings at Cathedral. Room 3 in the lower level of the church is a great meeting room that will fit about 40 people. It has a kitchenette and storage options. He offered to store the card tables in the garages behind the church since they are used once a year. He offered to store the minutes and the scrapbooks in a fireproof area in the Cathedral office. He offered to store any other items that are not used on a regular basis, in the garages behind the Cathedral. The flags can also be moved into Room 3 storage. He asked if we would like to have the Blessed Mother statue permanently displayed in either Room 3 or the parish hall. We would be able to place the Regent plaques in Room 3 next to the Blessed Mother. The parish hall could be a bit more difficult to place the Regent plaque

there. We are able to use the parish hall for our potlucks. It is stated in the Tools for Trade that "No officer should have her back to the membership. Members should not have their backs to the officers". Therefore, Room 3 would be a better meeting room space or set up a head table for the officers.

- The Day of Sisterhood is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wilton, ND and is scheduled from 9 am to 4 pm. All are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Mary Baer if you plan to attend. Virginia Dolajak reminded members to wear purple.
- Regent Karen Selensky recommended that the September 2025 date for the first meeting be changed to September 9 so Fr. John Paul Gardner is able to attend, due to the Clergy Conference being held the week before.
- Sign-up sheets for the potlucks were passed out to the members to sign up to bring items for the Mexican Potluck on Tuesday, October 1. We encourage everyone to please sign up and dress up Mexican style.
- A sign-up sheet was distributed for the Pinochle Card Party/Bingo and Bake Sale. Volunteers are needed for all three areas and someone to please chair each section. Wording will be developed for the bulletins and sent to Virginia Dolajak. All baked items will be marked. Discussion took place on the cost for the Pinochle Card party be raised to \$6 per person as well as for Bingo and \$25 per family for Bingo. Johanna Nagel will check with a few places on what they charge and let Regent Karen Selensky know. It was agreed to charge \$25 per family for Bingo.
- The newsletter was mailed on August 24. Newsletters will be emailed in the future to anyone who has emails and mailed to those that do not.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1 starting at 6 pm for a Mexican Potluck with rosary and the meeting to follow at 7 pm.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with 30 members attending.