

The regular meeting of Court Immaculate Conception #322 was called to order by Regent Karen Selensky on June 3, 2025, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit parish hall. Four officers were present. Thirty-one members attended.

No guests were present. Elvira Rogstad and her daughter Sharon Renfrow attended our June meeting. Elvira is Court Immaculate Conception's #322 oldest member at 96. She has been a member for 63 years and her daughter Sharon Renfrow was awarded for 25 years of membership. They are both members of St. Hildegard's in Menoken, ND.

The Minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented and filed as shown. Financial Secretary Barb Thorson reported only two members in arrears for dues.

### **Old Business**

As Maddie Abbott was unable to attend this evening, Regent Selensky gave a report on the meeting attended by Delores Friedt, Maddie Abbott and Regent Selensky for the start-up of the Junior Catholic Daughter's program (JCDA). Regent Selensky reported she met with Fr. Ehli and Joni Obrigewitch from Cathedral about the group being able to meet on Sunday afternoons starting in September 2025. They agreed and asked for dates. Regent Selensky will provide dates once they have been confirmed. Maddie has provided Regent Selensky her bio and she will reach out to the parishes to see if she is able to speak at some of the masses regarding the program. Regent Selensky reached out to CDA State Representative Sue Dyrness-Judd regarding program details. Sue will be getting back to her.

**Storage Space at the Cathedral** – Per their request, Fr. Josh Ehli and Joni Obrigewitch met with Regent Selensky. Card tables will be moved to the garages behind the school. The two totes of scrapbooks will be moved and stored in the Cathedral office. Other items will be put into totes that will fit into the cabinet in Room 3. Cash boxes will need to stay with the Court's Treasurer.

Fr. Ehli suggested the Blessed Mother should not be stored in a box. However, he suggested purchasing a Blessed Mother print to be framed and permanently mounted in the Cathedral cafeteria. Discussion followed with strong opposition to this idea. The statue is more appropriate for the May crowning. Regent Selensky will be relaying the message to Fr. Ehli. At this time, the Blessed Mother statue will be stored at Johanna Nagel's home until the September meeting.

**Rummage/Bake Sale**—Sign-up sheets for volunteers to set up, cashier, and take down were passed around. Set up will be Friday, June 13 at 8 am. The sale begins at noon Friday through Saturday and ending at 2:30 pm. Items we are looking for are bedding, linens, kitchen and bathroom items, rugs, books, games, puzzles and glassware. We will not accept any clothes, shoes, coats, stuffed animals, furniture, electronics, or Christmas trees. Also, stroller and large toy items such as slides, pools, and swing sets, will not be accepted. We need to pack up everything so Candace can pick up the items on Monday morning to donate to the Solen Thrift Store. Otherwise, we'll need to find different places to donate.

Baked items should be marked in whole dollars. Virginia Dolajak will be calling members without emails with detailed information.

### **New Business**

**Legislative Update by Bridget Turbide** (North Dakota Right to Life) reported two key bills were passed as follows: House Bill 1205 – Strengthening Safe Haven Laws by permitting the installation of safe haven baby boxes for mothers in crisis; and House Bill 1511 – Clarifying ND Pro-Life Laws to address concerns raised by courts about the clarity of North Dakota's abortion laws. NDRL successfully defeated two major pro-abortion bills. Turbide also explained the serious concerns regarding IVF practices and insurance coverage. Myrdal Amendment—a \$1 million educational campaign to raise awareness about North Dakota's resources for pregnant women and families was defeated. (see attachment included with these minutes).

**Priest Appreciation Baskets**— Regent Karen Selensky mentioned the month of June is priest appreciation month and rolled out a new idea that includes the Buddy System with having two reps from each parish and putting together appreciation baskets with cards for them. She asked that these reps call members from their parish and ask if they wish to donate baked goods, other items or give a monetary donation. The following members volunteered:

**Christ the King**

Alice Ereth

**St. Joseph's**

Bridget Turbide

Ursula Masseth

**Spirit of Life**

Amy Schmidt

**Corpus Christi**

Bev Rivinius

Karen Selensky

**St Hildegard's**

Sharon Repnow

**Saint Anne's**

Lori Seeger

Diane Krupinsky

**St. Mary's**

Dorleen Wolbaum

Kelly Fisher

**Cathedral**

Barb Thorson

Sharon Wiederholt

**Ascension**

Delores Friedt

Sue Mock

Johanna Nagel gave the history of Eucharistic Adoration in the Bismarck/Mandan area and encouraged everyone to consider taking part of Adoration in your parishes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Day of Sisterhood will take place on September 27 in Harvey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting on Tuesday, September 2, at 7 pm at the Cathedral parish hall.

Diane Krupinsky