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Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court St. Rita #409

Perham, MN



Motto: Unity & Charity
Patroness: Blessed Virgin Mary
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Greetings CDA sisters,

Thank you to those of you who attended our September Officers potluck and meeting. We enjoyed fellowship with about 12 members and Fr. Omar who joined us for supper. It is always nice to come back and visit after the summer break before we get started on new business. Thank you, officers, for providing the food! On September 28th we hosted the Summer Workshop presented by the State CDA officers and National Supervisor. There were 34 registered Catholic Daughters from area Courts. Thank you to Cathy Doll, Cheryl Keller and Mary Mercer for setting up and cleaning up the lunch.

The Court St. Rita Member Booklet is ready and printed. I apologize for completing it a little later than usual. Just a reminder for our meeting nights when there is not a potluck planned. The snack is something simple to share right after the meeting when we can take a little time for socializing and connecting. Coffee and lemonade are in our cupboard in the kitchen, or you might choose to bring something else to share such as cider etc. Last year we went from a lunch to a snack but perhaps we lost the socializing part, so we want to be sure and take time for that as a women's group. Thank you to those of you who pointed this out. As always, reach out to me or any of the officers with anything you want to share. We want to hear from you.

October is a busy month with our activities. Please look at the upcoming events section. We need as many helping hands as possible on October 24th at 2pm to help set up for the ALOHA! Style Show Fundraiser and again October 25th at 8:30 am to help present this event to our guests! Of course, the take down and clean up after the show takes all of us working together until the end as well. I hope you will be able to set aside time for this very important fundraiser activity. Please plan to buy or sell the 2 tickets provided with this newsletter. The success of this fundraiser depends on all of us working together in Unity and Charity so we can continue to support many causes throughout the year. Thank you Dianne Rohde-Szarke and Janel Altstadt for working behind the scenes to plan the decorating and catering. To all of you helping to gather donations, advertise or check in on the businesses providing models, and organizing the silent auction, thank you!

I hope to see many of you at the 10am Mass CDA Sunday to Celebrate the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rita #409 and again at the Style Show! ALOHA!

We will go over the Style Show, CDA Sunday, and Gummi Bears at the meeting with opportunities to let us know where you can help! Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

I hope you all are enjoying the transition of Summer to Fall,
Regent Leanne

Patriotic Rosary



Thank you to Sherryl Holzer and Mary Mercer who presented the American Flag with me to start the Patriotic Rosary on 9-11-25 and to Cathy Doll for singing and all the Catholic Daughters who came to pray. Several Knights were present with Michael Mettler on piano for the patriotic songs, Ken Guck leading the Rosary and Robert Wagenman reading in between the decades. About 50 people attended. Pictured Front: Regent Leanne Stoll, Fuzz Hammers, Sherryl Holzer, Mary Mercer, Cathy Doll. Back: Ken Guck, Michael Mettler, Jerry Huebsch, Robert Wagenman

Reminder

We need an **Interim Recording Secretary** until new officers are elected in May 2026. Please let Regent Leanne know if you will be willing to take the minutes at the meetings and type them up after the meeting. This could be done by more than one person if needed.

Style Show Participating Businesses:

Dot and Minnie's
North Threads
Mark's Home and More
Nadines Boutique
Rustic Coneflower
Mustard Seed Co.

Chaplain's Corner

I am excited and also nervous because in October I will be at the Mass of Canonization of the first two Venezuelans. The Catholic Church in Venezuela has been waiting for this for the last 75 years. A dream came true! On October 19th Pope Leo will canonize a group of new saints among those are: Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez and Madre Carmen Rendiles. The first canonized Venezuelan saints! I plan to be there along with so many other people from all over the world. I never thought I would be able to see a moment like this. I will leave on October 12 and will come back on the 24th. Please, pray for my trip and for all the pilgrims that will be there for the celebration.

Have a blessed Fall season !

Fr. Omar



56TH ANNUAL STYLE SHOW
COURT ST. RITA #409
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Aloha!

9:30AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Fellowship Hall at St. Henry's Catholic Church
Perham, MN

Brunch - Styles - Silent Auction - Prizes

Admission \$20

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
St. Henry's Office or at the door.**

Upcoming Events

October 7, 2025 7:00 p.m. **Monthly meeting at 7pm**
St. Henry's basement

October-date to be determined: **Financial Review**

Month of October **Someplace Safe Trunk:**
Chair: Jolene Miller, Lisa Hemmelgarn, Mary Mercer

October 19, 2025 **CDA Sunday!**
10:00 am Mass at St. Henry's with display table and refreshments served in the narthex. Chair: Cathy Doll, Pat Hager, Gina Cavanaugh, Janel Altstadt

October 25, 2025 9:30am **ALOHA! 56th Style Show**
Fellowship Hall

November 1 & 2, 2025 **Gummi Bears for Habitat for Humanity**
after the Masses in all 4 parishes of our NCACC



October Birthdays

Judy Thomas 5
Bernice Boedigheimer 6
Rachel Poser 28
Janel Altstadt 29

October Anniversaries

Denise & Luke Hanson 1
Fuzz & +Bob Hammers 11
Joanne & Tom Winjum 17
Lisa & Darren Glynn 16
Gina & Bob Cavanagh
Pat & +Gene Hager 26

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Check out the Websites:

National Catholic Daughters www.catholicdaughters.org

Minnesota Catholic Daughters www.mncda.org

Our special **Seminarians** to pray for:

Grant Sharstrom, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
(from St. Michael, Duluth)

Sebastian Spencer, Saint Paul Seminary
(from St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony)

Jack Tyrrell, St. John Vianney College Seminary
(from Sacred Heart, Staples)

Henry Statz, St. John Vianney College Seminary
(from St. John Cantius, St. Cloud)

Deacon Rich Stenger,
Maryland Seminary
(from Sacred Heart, Dent)

John Bell, Deacon Candidate
(from St. Henry's, Perham)



Our special **Men and Women Religious** to pray for:

Renee Doll, Consecrated Virgin Living in the world
(from St. Henry's, Perham)

Brother Jacob Berns St. Johns Abbey
(from St. Henry's, Perham)

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Rochester,
Sauk Rapids and Minneapolis.

Sr. Elijah Marie, Discalced Carmelite Nuns,
Monastery of the Holy Name of Jesus
in Denmark, Wisconsin.
(from Sacred Heart, Dent)

Chairperson: Jackie Hager