

Who We Are

- ❖ One of the largest international organizations of Catholic women in the world, dedicated to strengthening our spiritual life through Christ and His Church
- ❖ Founded in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus in Utica, New York
- ❖ Currently organized in 41 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Mexico and Guam
- ❖ Catholic lay and religious women, 18 years or older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities
- ❖ Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA), our national youth program for girls ages 6-18, was founded in 1925
- ❖ Campus Courts have been established in many colleges and universities for students to enjoy membership in CDA



What We Do

- ❖ Enhance spiritual life
- ❖ Support the Holy Father, Bishops and Clergy
- ❖ Encourage vocations to the religious life
- ❖ Build homes in partnership with **Habitat for Humanity**
- ❖ Participate in **Right to Life** activities
- ❖ Develop activities to assist battered women and children
- ❖ Support graduate school scholarships and educational contests
- ❖ Create opportunities to serve our youth
- ❖ Get involved with issues affecting church, family and society
- ❖ Assist the unfortunate, the underprivileged and the homeless
- ❖ Participate in community activities, such as **Make a Difference Day**
- ❖ Conduct and participate in leadership workshops
- ❖ Promote patriotism and patriotic activities
- ❖ Support participation in our National Projects
- ❖ Promote evangelization through public relations and the media

Mission Statement

The purposes of the organization are to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the world.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Why Join?

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| A Member Gives | A Member Receives |
| Time | Spiritual Enhancement |
| Talent | Leadership Skills |
| Ideas | Affirmation |
| Knowledge | Community |
| Dedication | Broadened Horizons |
| Enthusiasm | Sense of Accomplishment |

Members
follow
the Light
of Christ
& lead
the way
for others!

Christ
needs you!

