

## National Charities

Disaster Fund  
Habitat for Humanity  
Holy Cross Family Ministries  
Smile Train  
SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)

## State Charities

Apostleship of the Sea  
(California)  
Covenant House (West Coast)  
Emergency Relief Fund  
Freedom from Hunger  
Habitat for Humanity  
Right to Life/Pro Life  
Ronald Mc Donald House



We are dedicated to Mary,  
Our Blessed Mother,  
The Immaculate Conception,  
Our patroness.

*Our motto is  
Unity and Charity*

CDA Emblem: the Cross and  
Crown symbolize the reward  
promised to the faithful.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas



*State of California*

### Mission Statement

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

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## What We Are

One of the nation's oldest and largest organization of Catholic women in America Active in 44 states, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands, Guam, and Siapan.

Founded in 1903, by the Knights of Columbus.

Local groups are affiliated with State and National Groups are called Courts.

Courts usually meet in a particular parish, but membership is open to all Catholic women in the area.

At a time when so many diverse voices are speaking for women, membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas provides a strong united voice for women who feel that their sense of family and morality are not being articulated. The larger the membership, the stronger our voice will be.

Each member shares in the good works of the entire organization with little effort on the part of one individual.

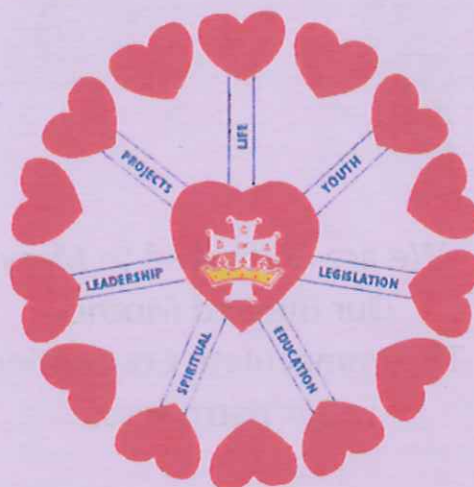
The spiritual life of members is enhanced through the various spiritual and charitable activities of CDA.

Our Patroness is Mary in Her Immaculate Conception.

## Circle of Love

By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point to the center and bound together by a common interest.

The seven point program of the "Circle of Love" is bound together by the common interest – love.



Courts conduct 10 business meetings per year usually followed by a social and/or speaker according to the wishes of the members.

Court meetings are democratic: members vote on the amount of dues, contributions to charity, and all decisions concerning their activities.

## Why Belong

Membership in CDA demands a deeper commitment of one's gifts.

The gift of faith requires a gift of return. The answer to the question "Why Belong" can be easily remembered, if we associate it with the letters in the word "Belong".

**B** – Be of faith and service to God through service to the people around you

**E** – Enrichment, encouragement, and inspiration by group participation are nurtured in worthwhile programs

**L** – Leadership ability is developed and this overflows into the community, diocese, and country

**O** – Opportunities to strengthen our faith through perseverance are opened. Trials and tribulation are bound to arise when you work with people.

**N** – Needs of others in family, parish, community, diocese, and world are met

**G** – Growth in grace, knowledge, and friendship develop because of yours gifts of time, talent, and treasure.