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*The National Board
and the National Staff
pray that you & your families
will be filled
with the Joy and Love
of the Christ Child.*

*The National Chaplain
will be praying for
the Catholic Daughter's
and their families
during the Christmas Season*

*Merry Christmas
and
a Blessed New Year*

*For unto Us,
a Child is born...*



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December 2022 National Regent's Message Emily Guilherme, National Regent



My Dear Catholic Daughters,

Blessings and Happy Autumn! I feel tremendously fortunate to begin this new liturgical year with all of you. As we begin Advent, we begin to prepare for the guests who will be joining us for the holiday, preparing to travel, buying gifts for beloved children and grandchildren. Yet, I encourage and entreat you: spend time each day focusing on preparing your heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas, and for His second coming. It is far too easy to become wrapped up in wrapping presents, cleaning, and decorating our homes, yet not prepare our hearts for the most important Guest in the universe. Here are six important steps I would like to challenge each of you, my dear sisters, to take in order to make this Advent as fruitful as possible, and just like preparing our homes for guests, it readies our souls to receive.

1. Send out an invitation – just as you may need to call or text loved ones to come over for Christmas Dinner, you need to invite Christ into your heart. Do this daily as a reminder to our hearts Who we are preparing ourselves for.
2. Prepare for the banquet – menu planning and groceries are important when hosting guests, so make sure to receive the most holy and pure food in the universe – the Eucharist. As you approach the altar during mass, remember Who it is you are receiving – the Creator, the One Who loves. And be ready to share that love with everyone you encounter.
3. Clean out those guest rooms and guest closets – if you're like me, cleaning and purging things makes me feel better whenever I'm feeling stressed or upset. So, clean out the cobwebs and junk in your hearts and on your souls – go to the sacrament of reconciliation. This has been a long year and it's important to recognize that our hearts are weary. Bring those burdens to Christ in the confessional. We are so fortunate to have this sacrament at our disposal. In my years of ministry, I have never met anyone who regrets going to reconciliation.

4. Walk with humility - one of my favorite verses of scripture is "...do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8b). Christ calls us to humble ourselves. Take a break from some luxuries in life and remember that Christ was born into a manger of wood and hay. Sacrifice something in preparation for His coming at Christmas - maybe sleeping without a pillow or taking cold showers; forgoing the lattes or the mani/pedi appointments can be easy reminders to "offer it up" or be reminded of our call to humility.
5. Remember those who have nothing – Seek out and serve Christ in the needy and poor. Buy those \$5 fleece blankets from Walmart and donate them to emergency foster care facilities. For every canned food item you buy for your family, buy one for a soup kitchen or community pantry. Direct funds to your parish youth ministry for a deserving teen to attend a much-needed retreat. Give all those rosaries, saint medals, and holy cards I know you have stockpiled to a parish religious education ministry so they can dispense them to children who need to learn how to pray.

Take some time for you to unwind and savor the sweet, abundant love of God and the grace He has poured into your life.

My prayers and love are with you during this holiday season. May the Lord of life and love bless you and your families tremendously throughout this new liturgical year.

Emily

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2023 State and Territorial Officers Workshop

July 20-23, 2023
Franciscan Renewal Center
Scottsdale, Arizona

2023 Fall National Retreat

November 10-12, 2023
Spiritual Life Center
Bel Aire, Kansas

2024 60th Biennial National Convention

August 14-18, 2024
Riverside Hilton
New Orleans, Louisiana

National Chaplain, The Most Rev. Shenan Bouquet



Dear Sisters in Christ,

With exultation, we recall the angels' triumphant greeting to the shepherds of Bethlehem: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

This wondrous message touches our hearts with the beauty of the splendor of truth, which attests an extraordinary truth in every generation:

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:16-17).

No matter how many times we hear these words and contemplate the Nativity of the Lord, we are astonished by how God makes Himself a child, so that we may know His love and, in turn, love Him and one another.

We are also repeatedly struck by the Gospel writer's proclamation that when Mary and Joseph knocked at the door, they were told there was no room for them: "He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not" (John 1:11). With each Christmas this message raises questions confronting humanity: Do we turn away God, particularly in our attitude towards our brothers and sisters? Do we really have room for God when He seeks to enter under our roof? Do we have time and space for Him?

Sadly, for many, these questions never seem urgent. There is no room left for God, which also means that there is no room for others either: for the stranger, the preborn, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, or the dying.

Here, I recall the profound words of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who contemplates the Christmas message, the scene of the holy crèche, and how our Savior came into the world by way of a stable:

There was no room in the inn but there was room in the stable. The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored, and the forgotten. The worldly might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for him. The lesson is: Divinity is always where you least expect to find it.

Our Savior desires to enter our "inns." He wants to change our lives; He wants to help us know and experience God and His unbounding love; He wants to help us discover the true meaning and purpose of life; He wants to give us a joy and a peace that is beyond all human understanding.

With the coming of this Christmas God is knocking once again at the doors of our lives, our attitudes, and our thinking. He wishes to enter and be our most prized Guest, and we His prized possession. By opening our hearts to Him, may we allow Jesus to do this for us.

Let us also pray this Christmas may help us to rediscover our love and awareness of our neighbor. May the Holy Child whom we contemplate watch over all the children of the world, born and preborn, as well as every frail and vulnerable person. And by cooperating with the Holy Spirit, knowing that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, may we encourage those with whom we share our lives to realize that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such – living in true peace where every life is respected, defended, loved, and served.

To you and yours, Joyeux Noël, Feliz Navidad, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! Know that you and your loved ones will be remembered in my Christmas Day Mass and in daily Mass throughout the Christmas season.

Father Shenan J. Boquet
National Chaplain

WE HAVE A NEW NATIONAL CHARITY!



It is Pro-Life, Catholic and Global

What do we know about this new and exciting National Charity?

- *Human Life International (HLI) is the world's largest pro-life and pro-family Catholic apostolate.
- *HLI's global mission is to build a pro-life culture around the world. Through education, guidance, and by providing resources, HLI advances the Church's moral tradition in bioethics concerning human dignity and the sacredness of human life. They primarily focus upon contraception, abortion, marriage and family, reproductive technologies, and euthanasia.
- *HLI has been based in Front Royal, Virginia since 1996. It was founded by Fr. Paul Marx, OSB in 1981 in Gaithersburg, Maryland as a continuation of the Human Life Center founded in 1972 by Fr. Marx.
- *Teachings are 100% Catholic – No Exceptions!
- *It is one of the largest pro-life organizations working in the United States and around the world.
- *They have influence, programs, and missions in over 116 (and counting) countries on six continents.
Lives, families, and souls are being impacted and saved all over the world.
- *Representatives have traveled millions of miles to preach the Gospel of Life and build a Culture of Life and Love around the world.
- *HLI strives to build a true pro-life culture, by training local leaders, targeting two specific groups: (1) seminarians and students, and (2) priests, religious, and lay professionals (health care workers, lawyers, teachers, etc.). They separate these groups into those in a transitional state – seminarians and students – and those in a permanent state – priests, religious, and lay professionals. This strategy allows HLI to cultivate a Christian viewpoint and thus instill in their hearts and minds a love for Truth and the beauty of human life and its eternal destiny. If they understand and embrace the teaching of the Church and the bioethical issues, they will be prepared to articulate pro-life truths and defend them in the public square.

*Some of the programs they promote and provide include: Pro-life Conferences, Priest and Seminarian training, Pro-life resources and education programs, Natural Family Planning (training trainers), Pregnancy Care Centers, Pro-life activism, and advocating for pro-life legislation and laws.

Other important facts to know about our new charity:

- 1) This charity replaces Smile Train. The National Office will no longer accept donations intended for Smile Train. You must send to them directly to Smile Train if you wish to support them.
- 2) Very important to know is that our **new National Chaplain, Father Shenan J. Boquet**, also serves as **President of Human Life International**. Father Boquet travels around the world to promote the Gospel of Life. He is a leading expert on pro-life issues and the family movement, has a BA from St. Joseph Seminary College, a Master of Divinity, is certified in Health Care Ethics and holds a Masters in Bioethics. Father Boquet is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and holds an honorary professorship at Benedict XVI Catholic University in Trujillo, Peru. He mentors and educates seminarians, priests, consecrated religious and laity. He speaks at conferences and symposia around the world on human life issues. He is a frequent guest on various media programs, Catholic radio and TV. His writings can be found in numerous Catholic publications or you can follow his weekly podcast “Living a Culture of Life.”
- 3) Father Boquet was raised in Bourg, Louisiana, a small devout Catholic community with strong family values. He lived an active faith as a youth, leading him to the priesthood and ordination in 1993. He served as a priest in the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese in Louisiana until joining Human Life International in August 2011.
- 4) Look for Father Boquet’s articles in SHARE and visit hli.org/subscribe to receive Father’s weekly e-newsletter called *Spirit & Life*.

Catholic Daughters are blessed to have Father Boquet share his time and ministry with us.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Welcomes Father Boquet!

Remember that Human Life International is one of ten National Charities.

Our other National Charities are Apostleship of the Sea, North American College, Catholic Relief, Covenant House, Mother Teresa, Tutwiler Clinic, Disaster Relief, Catholic Extension and National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica.

Michele Bowman, National Director

And the March Goes ON..... January 20, 2023

On January 22, 1973, was the day that our supreme court passed the horrendous decision on Roe vs Wade which has resulted in the death of over 63 million innocent human lives. Lives of the most vulnerable and precious in our society. In their mother's womb should have been the safest place for these babies instead of a death chamber.

On January 22, 1974, the 1st anniversary of that decision, the first March for Life took place on Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas were there and have been there in January every year since. Thousands of our members have made that March defending Life from conception to natural death. The right to this life is in accord not only by our Catholic church teachings, the 10 commandments but by our country's own constitution.

On June 24, 2022, we celebrated and said prayers of Thanksgiving that after 50 years of fighting the for the right to life, Roe vs Wade was overturned by our supreme court. A major triumph that for years looked overwhelming, but the success of our pro-life efforts was accomplished. A major battle was won, but the fight goes on. We need to continue the battle and so we continue our trips to Washington, DC until there are no more abortions.

On January 20, 2023, the 50th annual March for Life will once again take place and Catholic Daughters will be there as always. We invite all Catholic Daughters to come to Washington, DC and join the National Board as we process down Constitution Avenue to our Capital building showing continued support for our God given and our United State of America Constitution right to life for all. If you can't come to DC, then join in a march for life near you in solidarity with us.

In the words of Dr. Seuss; "A Person's A Person, No Matter How Small"!

Susan Moné, National Regent Elect



Semi Annual Dues

Semi-annual dues have been sent to your court. Please pay the invoice

promptly after you receive it. It does not require a court vote to do so. Make court checks payable to: ***Catholic Daughters of the Americas*** and write the invoice number on the memo line.

New Officers Form

If you have not already done so, send in your New Officers Form to National and to the State. Both National and State will update the new regent information so that newsletters and other notices will arrive in a timely manner.

State Convention Delegate Count

Court Regents, be on the lookout for a letter that will notify you of how many delegates you will be allowed at state convention.

New Bylaw Books

The new English bylaw books are now available through the National Office. The Spanish Version will be coming soon. A notice will be sent once the Spanish books are available.

* Remember that all checks written to the National Office must be made payable to, "Catholic

Daughters of the Americas." No other names will be accepted by National's bank. (ie: National Office, Catholic Daughters Headquarters, CDA, Cath. Dgtrs. of Amer.)

* Be sure that your State and Court number appear on the face of the check (ie: NY 822)

* Write only the number of the invoice or charity/project name in the memo. Do not list all items you are ordering or equations such as membership for 62 members x \$9.00.

* Remember to use you state and court number in the subject of any emails sent to the National Office. This helps the staff identify you quickly, address your needs, locate the email, and keeps the email from going into spam.

* Be sure to alert National of all address changes as soon as a member notifies the court.





Catholic Daughters of the Americas

National Projects



Helping to build hope, build lives,
one family at a time



Serving elderly sisters,
brothers and priests

In order to maintain these 5 projects,
each Court is asked
to donate a minimum of

**\$20 per project,
per year**

Checks payable to
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
with the Project(s) name(s) in the memo.
Send all checks to the National Office
or follow your State guidelines.

You may submit one check
to be divided among the
National Projects and Charities



HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES

Building the Church,
one vocation at a time



Exposing the connections
between all forms of
sexual exploitation



Building the Church,
one vocation at a time

National Charities

Each court is asked to donate to a few of the following worthy causes:

Apostleship of the Sea
Catholic Extension
Catholic Relief Services
Covenant House
Disaster Relief

Human Life International
Missionaries of Charity
National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

Pontifical North American College
Tutiwiler Clinic

Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** with the Charity(s) names(s) in the memo.
Send all checks to the National Office or follow your State guidelines.

You may submit one check to be divided among several charities/projects. Be sure to attach a detailed note.



My Favorite Family Christmas Traditions

Connie Dronette, Second Vice National Regent

Most people can't tell you what they received for Christmas last year. The truth is Christmas isn't about the presents. But most could tell you of fond memories of the Christmas traditions they had as a family. Spending time together is the most precious gift you can share with your children, family, and friends at Christmas.

My Mother loved Christmas and made it special for our family. My Dad would just shake his head and tell Mom she was going overboard. My Grandma and Jerry and would travel from Baton Rouge and visit for three or four days. Before their arrival, Mom would start the preparations. These are six of my favorite family Christmas traditions from my childhood, 1964 – 1974. My favorite is #1.

6. Christmas Carols. My Mom had almost every Christmas album from the fifties and sixties, including Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Elvis Presley. She would start playing them at the beginning of December. We learned the words to every one of those songs.
5. Christmas Cards. We took turns going out to the mailbox during December. We would usually get 125 – 150 Christmas cards during the season. Mom would run a string across the kitchen several times. We would help her string the shiny, silver icicles (one at a time) all along the string. As the Christmas cards would come in, she would hang the cards along the strings. By Christmas Eve, the strings were full of cards.
4. Decorating the Christmas Tree. Before we decorated, we went out to cut down the tree. Dad would drive the kids into the country, and we would go into the woods to find our special tree. My Mom was kind of picky so Dad would always cut down two trees. If she didn't like one of the trees, she could use the other one. If she didn't like either one, Dad would tie the two together and that was our tree. I remember decorating the tree with lights, tinsels, and family ornaments, mostly balls. Then when the all the ornaments were hung, Mom strung the icicles (shiny, silver tinsel), one at a time.
3. Setting up the Creche. When we were out cutting down the Christmas tree, we always cut down a small tree for our manger. My older sister made my mom a beautiful ceramic manger set, adding beautiful jewels on the Wise Men. Dad built a wooden barn. We helped placing Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and animals in the scene. On Christmas day, we would add Baby Jesus and the Angel. On the Feast of the Epiphany, we would add the Wise Men.
2. Making Christmas Candy. Mom would invite one her friends, Ms. Leila, to spend the day with us, making candy. This was so special because my mom only made candy at Christmas. They would let us help measure and stir. We would make three or four batches of fudge, divinity, date roll, pralines, rum balls, and peanut brittle. I still remember the smells in the kitchen that day. My candy never comes out as good as Mom's did even though I use her recipes!
1. Gift Wrapping Station. Mom would set up a gift-wrapping station during the first week of December in the garage. She would have forty to fifty rolls of wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, decorations, tags, scissors, and tape. Everything was laid out and ready to use. Tables were set up for gift wrapping. Mom would invite the five sisters to wrap the gifts they purchased. She would play Christmas music and we would eat fudge as we wrapped our gifts. The memories of those days with all of us together is something I treasure.

My mother made Christmas so special for me, and my siblings and I knew I wanted to make Christmas just as special for my children. Of course, I continued with some of the traditions that Mom started. I added some new ones with my own family. These are five family Christmas traditions that I added (1980-2000). My favorite is number 1.

5. Christmas Decorations Tour. During the week leading up to Christmas, we would make hot chocolate and pile up in the car. We would drive around town, looking at all the beautifully decorated homes. It was a night that the kids would look forward to.
4. Stockings. David's mom knitted stockings for my three children on their first Christmases. They had their names on them and were so special to put out each year. I never had a stocking growing up, but David did, and we decided that we would continue that tradition for our children. I would wrap small toys and stuff the stockings with candy.
3. Christmas Movie Marathon. When the kids were a little older, we would watch three Christmas movies in a row. We would make popcorn and each of the kids would pick a Christmas movie. The movie list changed over the years but one that was always on the list was *Christmas Vacation*. The kids who are now grown still talk about watching movies together as a family.
2. Advent Wreath. We would set up our Advent Wreath on the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. I would buy an Advent Prayer Book and we would light the candles every night and take turns leading the prayer. The kids always wanted to be the one to light the candles. We always added acts of charity to our advent season.
1. Midnight Mass. We would allow the kids to open one gift on Christmas Eve. It was always a new outfit. At 11:00, we would always get dressed and go to Midnight Mass. We always arrived early so that we could hear the choir sing carols thirty minutes before Mass started. Usually, one or two of the kids and David would fall asleep during Mass. I would wake up David but usually let the kids sleep. David and I still go to Midnight Mass every Christmas. Sometimes, one of our children and their families will surprise us and show up. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else at Midnight on Christmas Morning!

And now that our family has gone from five to just the two of us, we have definitely had to make some adjustments. We still do some of the traditions from our childhoods and some that we made as our own family grew up. We made some new traditions for the two of us and for the grandkids.

3. Santa Sacks. My grown children take turns hosting our family Christmas Celebrations now. The first year, we tried packing all of the presents for the kids and grandkids in the back of the car. It took us a long time to get them in and out of the car. We found Santa sacks for each family. Now we put all the gifts for one family in a sack. The grandkids love Paw Paw walk in with the bright red colored Santa sacks.
2. Christmas Eve Gift Giving. David and I exchange gifts on Christmas Eve after Midnight Mass. When our children were growing up, we always opened gifts on Christmas morning. Now we want to sleep late on Christmas morning. It is a nice change. The grandkids usually call around 10:00 on Christmas morning, to tell us what Santa brought them.
1. Rubber Boots. When we started having grandkids, I didn't want to fill stockings, because that is what Santa was doing at their house. I decided we would fill rubber boots each year. Their little feet would grow a little each year, so they would always need a new pair. Nine pairs of boots take up the entire fireplace mantle. Over the years, we have bought boots of every color. We have bought Princess Boots, Thomas the Train Boots, Dinosaur Boots, Sports Boots, Dora Boots, Paw Patrol Boots, and just about any other Character boots you can think of. The parents loved them because they never had to buy rubber boots and the grandkids loved them because they were cool and filled with toys and candy. We now have grandkids in high school who don't wear rubber boots, so we now buy them Hey Dudes and ankle boots. When we told them we were going to stop the boots for the grandkids as they started a fit, they said they wanted the boots instead of a Christmas gift.

I hope my little trip down memory lane made you think of Christmas traditions you grew up with and started as a young wife and mother. Our family traditions make us see the world at Christmas in a unique way. I would love to hear of some of your Christmas traditions.

Please share your traditions with me at conniecda@yahoo.com

A Christmas Prayer Service

As we prepare for the birthday of Christ let us reflect on the past.

Let us start with the Blessed Mother, who is not like most women. Was she anticipating the end of this long nine months of pregnancy, so she could see His face, count ten fingers and toes? I wonder what she thought when she had no pains during childbirth because of her Immaculate Conception. Since birth pains was a consequence of Eve's sin and Mary was born without original sin, there was no reason that she should experience pain at His birth. It wasn't until Simeon told her that she would be pierced by pain later in His life that she felt sorrow. When she cuddled Him in her arms at birth, there was an incredible feeling of joy that came over her to be holding the Savior, at the beginning of His earthly life. As Mary cuddles him for the last time after he was taken down from the Cross, she felt the pain that she had been spared during his birth.

Let us take a second for this to soak in as it may give you something to contemplate.

Reader: Listen to His words from Luke 1:28: And he came to her and said, "Hail full of grace the Lord is with you." Luke 1: 37-38: "For with God nothing is impossible," Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word," and the angel departed from her. (The Great Adventure Holy Bible, second edition).

Reader: Lord fills us with the joy of expectation.

Response: Let it be according to your word.

Reader: Lord open our hearts and minds for His coming now and in the future.

Response: Let it be according to your word.

Reader: Lord open our ears so we can hear the joy from the shepherds as they heard and saw the baby Savior.

Response: Let it be according to your word.

Reader: Lord let our preparation for the coming of Christ bring us closer to Him now and in the future.

Response: Let it be according to your word.

All: O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the heart of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen. (Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer, catholic online.org)

Brenda West, National Director



Share Some Jesus With Them

Open my eyes Lord, I want to see Jesus.

Open my ears Lord, I want to hear your voice.

Open my heart Lord, I want to love like you. *Steve Angrisano*

I recently had the privilege to visit a 90+ year old woman at a local nursing home facility. Ginnie grew up around here, attended nursing school and then heard the call to be a missionary in Thailand. She spent most of her life working as a nurse with the marginalized, under nourished newborns and leprosy in a village there in Thailand. We have 20+ years of a friendship and I have heard many of the adventures Ginnie has experienced. So, it would not surprise you at all to tell you I seek the wisdom of this prayerful woman every now and then.

I asked Ginnie, “Who struggles during the holidays?” Her eyes lit up and she spoke clearly and immediately to me. “The young single mother, those who are grieving from the loss of a loved one, the teenager who doesn’t have the support of a family, the elderly who are alone most of the time, those who are still unemployed after a long and hard search, the mentally ill” and these are just a few on the long list.

All of these groups who struggle have basic needs and some are very different from each other. We CDA courts already do many things to bring comfort to those struggling. That is what Quality of Life addresses in the Circle of Love program. And again, our response as sisters in our courts are nothing short of AMAZING! But do we give them the most important thing we have? Do we give them Jesus?

Going back to Ginnie in the nursing home, I gained insight. She said so many come to bring gifts of cookies, stamps/stationary, and blankets. Yes, we can use all and we appreciate them. But the cookies might last 6 hours, the stamps for 10 mailings and the blanket for a winter here in cold Minnesota. But what is more important is “Bring us Jesus”. Come and pray with us. That is what we are longing for and missing. All the gifts will be used up but prayer will remain with us.

We can say a rosary if time allows but even a decade of the rosary would be nice. Bring your personal readings for the day and talk about them instead of the weather. Maybe a child could be with you and he/she might want to share what new part of our faith they just learned about.

I know you have many other ideas but you get the “Share Jesus With Them.”

Nancy Bambenek, National Director





JCDA Sunday

As we prepare for **JCDA Day on Sunday, February 19, 2023**, it's time to celebrate the members of Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Let us take a step back to where it all began...97 years ago the National Director of the newly established National Youth Program set out across the country on February 22, 1926, with goals of recruiting Catholic girls between the ages of 6 to 18 years old. The goals and objectives were to promote the Threefold program of Message, Service and Community. The motto "Be Useful" and the standard still stands strong today, "love God, serve others and live nobly." After the recent pandemic and the effects that it had on us all, especially our youth, JCDA Sunday is now the time to honor each JCDA member, making this a special day for the girls.

Start the day by attending Mass as a group and, if possible, have the girls lead the rosary before Mass. Afterwards, host a Tea party! Invite the girls to dress up and wear fancy hats, serve lunch, set up a fancy buffet table of appetizers and fingers foods. You can serve the meal on China plates and as a keepsake, provide each girl with their own saucer and teacup. Start your meal with prayer and song to offer thanksgiving to Our Lord, Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother Mary for allowing to once again enjoy living and being with our sisters.

During the gathering, you can have a variety of stations set up giving girls opportunities to show their creativity. For instance, have a station consisting of beads, crosses, medals, string, and needles allowing girls to assemble a rosary/chaplet for the Saint of the Month. Another station can include a painting. Provide small canvases and various colors of paints, paintbrushes and aprons, and encourage each girl to paint a scene of her choice. A headband station with ribbons, flowers and headbands is a fun way to engage the girls. Provide a photo booth with silly glasses, boas, and crazy hats. Take a portrait of each girl to be framed and given to the person of her choice. These are just a few ideas to use to celebrate JCDA Day.

Invite girls from other Catholic parishes in your area to join your JCDA group. This not only increases the membership and but also develops new lifelong friendships among the girls in their communities. Let's keep in mind our new National CDA theme, "Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains." Matthew 17:20

Let us celebrate our Junior Catholic Daughters as they are the future of Catholic Daughters participating in enriching lives through service to other in their family, parish, and community and world following Christ's example, "What I have done so you must do." Jn 13:13-15.



Local Catholic Daughter Courts are encouraged to sponsor a Junior Catholic Daughters Court. If your court is interested in starting a JCDA court in your parish, ***you may contact Yvette Griego, National JCDA Chairman at yvettegriego.cda@gmail.com.***

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

2023 JCDA Day Proclamation

Whereas, the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas was established on February 22, 1926 to create a National Youth Program for Catholic girls ages 6 through 18, and

Whereas, the goals and objectives of the JCDA program was divided into a Threefold Program of Message, Service, and Community including the motto “Be Useful” and a standard of “love God, serve others, live nobly,” and,

Whereas, each Junior Catholic Daughter, having an active faith in God, experience personal and spiritual growth through liturgy, prayer, and faith-based activities, and

Whereas, each Junior Catholic Daughter participates in enriching lives through service to others in their family, parish, community and world following Christ’s example, “What I have done, so you must do.” (John 13:13-15)

Whereas, opportunities be provided each Junior Catholic Daughter a life-long journey leading to the development of leadership skills, therefore be it

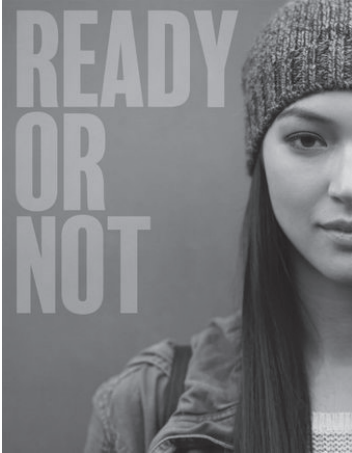
Resolved, each Junior Catholic Daughter seek meaningful behaviors with joy and gladness to fulfill the JCDA Program and be it further

Resolved, that Sunday, February 19, 2023 be observed as the Ninety Seventh Annual National Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day.

Presented this _____ day of February 2023

Signed _____





Pro-life magazine builds dialog on abortion after *Roe*

Human Life Alliance has printed its 2022-2023 campus magazine on abortion titled *Ready or Not*. Although it is aimed at high school and college students, this issue is an informative transition for building a pro-life dialog after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Some churches and crisis pregnancy centers are distributing it. Catholic Daughters may buy in bulk and donate copies to local parishes, high schools and colleges as well as to crisis pregnancy centers as a pro-life outreach project. For more information, contact humanlife.org.

Americans Believe Underage Gender Transition Has Gone Too Far

Two-thirds of Americans polled in October “believe the transgender movement has gone too far by encouraging underage minors to use drugs and surgery to transition to the opposite sex.” Lifesite News said the joint poll conducted by McLaughlin and Associates and Summit Ministries reveals that most voters believe that “gender transition” surgeries and hormone treatments are pushed for financial gain.

Other polls over the summer showed similar findings. Pew Research found that 60 percent of

Americans believe gender is determined by sex. An American Principles Project poll found that voters in several swing states support bans on access to “gender affirming care” and want to limit the teaching of “gender identity” in lower grades.

From Drag Queen story hours at schools and libraries, to teaching children to use different pronouns, to transitioning children without parental notification or consent, children are being propagandized to the LGBT agenda. Parents' eyes are opening.. It is time to ask questions and stand up for the vulnerable children

Paragraphs 2357-2359 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church reveal Church teaching and can be briefly sum-

Ruth Institute Equips People to Defend the Family

The Ruth Institute addresses the effects of the sexual revolution. Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse is the founder and academic force, providing decades of research to support individuals and families harmed by divorce, the hook-up culture, and transgender ideology.

So much misery and destruction have followed the dissolution of families. Dr. Morse provides a wealth of background information and personal testimonies to help people defend the truth about the human person and the family. Her global interfaith coalition provides sound thinking, solid research and stories of survivors that will equip readers to defend the family.

March with Catholic Daughters January 20, 2023

The March for Life will be held January 20, 2023 in Washington, DC Plan to meet us and march with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. We will process down Constitution Avenue to our Capital building.

Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chairman



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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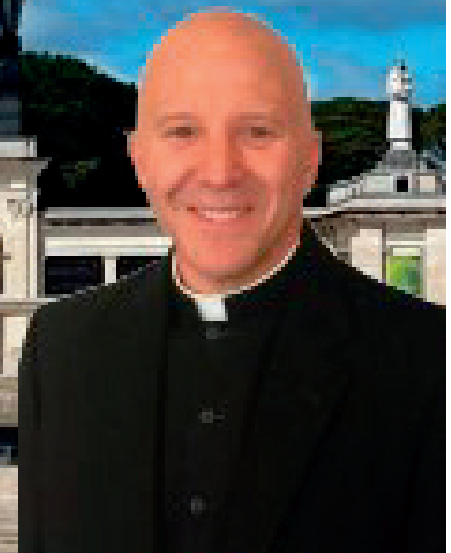
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