



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Sacred Heart 2015

St. Paul, NE



**We are dedicated to our Patroness,
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the church and Holy Sec.

Who are the Catholic Daughters?

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas

They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive “to be healing hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow and sickness.”

The CDA motto is “Unity and Charity.”

The CDA was formed over 100 years ago and today numbers 75,000 dues-paying members in 1,250 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Catholic Daughters women enjoy each other’s company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities.

Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of “feminine genius” in today’s world.

The program includes concerns of today’s church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children.

The Legislative Program encourages interested members to learn about laws that may influence their faith and to contact their state representatives to make their personal positions known through Operation Morning Star (The Catholic Daughters of Americas does not endorse political candidates).

Girls and you women ages 6-18 can join a Junior Catholic Daughters of Americas.

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2016-2017 Officers

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2016-2017 Meeting Dates

September 20

October 18

November 15

December (TBD)

January 17 (noon)

February 21

March 21

April 18 (at Matelyn Retirement Home)

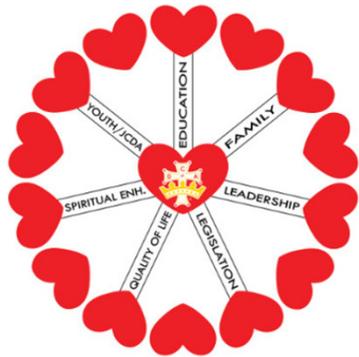
May 16 (at Brookefield Park)

June 20

Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in the gathering area.

Activities

- ◆ Bake sales during the fish fries
- ◆ Salad and Soup Luncheons
- ◆ Speakers
- ◆ Communion to the Homebound
- ◆ Retreats



The image above is symbolic of our CIRCLE OF LOVE program. By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by common interest. The seven point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by common interest—LOVE.

The small heart in the center is taken from the logo of the HEART SPEAKS TO THE HEART program. By utilization this portion of the logo and part of the Heart Speaks to the Heart program that is compatible with the Circle of Love, a smooth transition occurs.

The Cross and Crown in the center of the heart is the national symbol of the Order—the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The seven points selected indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters. The program itemizes these needs with suggestions on how Catholic Daughters can effectively serve. Court Santa Sophia evaluates which programs to focus on in order to effectively serve the Church and community.

We are indeed very aware of the needs in society that are deeply affecting today's generation, the elderly, and human life. To be effective in promoting good works, we must reach out and make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering, whether it be through their own fault or the circumstances in which they find themselves. If we are to be "Jesus' hands and feet" as is pledged in the Act of Consecration during the Installation Ceremony, then we must use the talents He gave us, become educated in new fields, volunteer our services and financial assistance where needed.

Circle of Love Programs:

1. **LEADERSHIP** A leader should be an individual "who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way." One of the most effective ways to put our God-given abilities to use, is by developing leadership skills.
2. **SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT** Spiritual enhancement encompasses numerous ministries. It involves personal sanctification and helps us to develop programs that provide the opportunity to participate in the religious and charitable ministries of the church.
3. **QUALITY OF LIFE (Social Awareness)** Quality of Life (Social Awareness) - issues of our national program are the heart of ministering to the needs of all peoples. We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow and sickness.
4. **YOUTH/JCDA** Tomorrow's promise lives in today's youth for they will be the leaders, the citizens and the church of tomorrow. In responding to their needs today, we shape a better future for all. The Youth are an important part of our organization. We as Catholic Daughters need to nourish the spirit of the youth to ensure the continued growth of the Catholic Church and our organization.
5. **EDUCATION** It has been said that education literally means "a drawing out" of a person's talent as well as "a putting in" of knowledge or instruction. Each year the local courts sponsor an education contest with the winning entries being submitted into the state level. Those winning entries are then submitted for the national contest.
6. **LEGISLATION** Our obligation is to become better informed on public issues, addressing the morals and human dimension, while supporting churches teachings on human life, human rights, justice and peace. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas DO NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES NOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY!
7. **FAMILY**
 - ◆ Encourage families to work together at home and to take time to enjoy each other's company.
 - ◆ Sponsor activities that involve families expanding knowledge of Catholic beliefs and by deepening faith within the family.
 - ◆ Promote Volunteer and Service Projects to encourage family members to spend quality time together.



Mission Statement

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

Why Join?

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!