



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

California State Board
www.californiacatholicdaughters.org

Dear Rev. Father

Thank you for your time and for the shepherd's care you provide to your flock. I am writing to you because several women in your parish have expressed a sincere interest in establishing a local court of the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)** within your parish boundaries. It is my hope that you will prayerfully consider their request and welcome the unique spiritual and service-oriented benefits these women offer to a faith community.

A Legacy of Unity and Charity formed in 1903, the CDA is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the world. With over 63,000 members across 45 states—as well as Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands—we are a noble apostolate dedicated to our motto: **“Unity and Charity.”** The foundation of the Catholic Daughters is the seamless integration of spirituality and service. We provide women with the tools to develop their interior lives while offering concrete avenues to live out that faith in the daily life of the parish.

A Blessing to the Local Parish: My Personal Witness! After my ordination to the diaconate, I was assigned to my home parish, St. Felicitas in the Diocese of Oakland, where I served as the CDA Spiritual Advisor. What I witnessed in these women was a profound blessing for the Pastor and the community:

- **Financial Stewardship:** They consistently raised funds for the parish and local charities through creative initiatives like bake sales and community events.
- **Mentorship:** Many of these women are "pillars of the parish." Their example of steadfast faith serves as a vital bridge to younger generations of women seeking a path in the Church.
- **Liturgical Leadership:** They took an active role in parish life, such as leading the Stations of the Cross and supporting the liturgy.
- **Compassionate Service:** After our bi-monthly Anointing of the Sick, the CDA members prepared snacks and fellowship for those in attendance, ensuring that the healing ministry of the Church was followed by the warmth of community.

A Personal Note Father, I can say with complete sincerity that it has been a privilege to know these faithful women. In fact, **my own prayer life has been enriched and deepened because of their witness.** The CDA is a blessing waiting to flourish in your parish. I ask that you please pray over this request. I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding the formation of a local court.

In Unity and Charity
Deacon Timothy Myers
Ca State Spiritual Advisor

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established

Proverbs 16:3