



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**  
**Our Lady of Seven Hills, Court #2464**  
**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**  
**Huntsville TX**

**Attention Catholic Women - We Need You**

*We are seeking new members to join our organization of dedicated Catholic women united together to serve others and each other. Catholic lay and religious women 18 years of age or older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities are welcome to join.*

***WHO ARE THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS?***

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) is the largest national organization of Catholic women in the world, dedicated to strengthening their spiritual life through Christ and His Church, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was founded in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus in Utica, New York. We are organized in 42 states, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. We donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive “to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow, or sickness.” Our CDA motto is “Unity and Charity.”

***The CDA Mission Statement:*** *Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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.*

Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other’s company at meetings and work hard for our parishes and communities. We all are truly good friends and care for the welfare of each other. Deeply spiritual, together we 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 our 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 the Americas organization does not endorse political candidates.

Catholic Daughters engage in an expansive array of activities in pursuit of our mission:

- **Enhancement of Spiritual Life**
- **Support of the Holy Father, Bishops and Clergy**
- **Vocations to the religious life**
- **Evangelization**
- **Mission activities**
- **Catholic Relief Services**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **Mother Teresa Charities**
- **Right to life**
- **Adopt-a-Child program**
- **Battered spouses and child abuse**
- **Scholarships and educational contests**
- **Teen pregnancy and suicide**
- **Civic Programs**
- **Morality in Media**
- **Drug and alcohol abuse**
- **Elderly**
- **Prison Apostolate**
- **Aid to flood and disaster victims**
- **Apostolate of the Sea**
- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Rural life**
- **Patriotism**
- **Veterans' support**
- **Project Handclasp (U.S. Navy)**

## HUNTSVILLE CDA - WHAT WE DO:

- We have four major fund raisers each year to support our mission statement. These funds are then used to support the following:
  - **Locally** - Donate monetarily on a monthly basis to the St. Thomas Parish Mission Fund & to Houston Diocesan Seminarian (currently, our parishioner Matthew Graham). Annually we sponsor a \$500 scholarship to a Catholic female graduating high school, donate to the St. Thomas Youth Group, our church bazaar, and KPIA Huntsville Catholic Radio. Donate monetarily and/or with personal items donations to the Hospitality House, Pregnancy Care Center, Gabriel Project, and the SAAFE House. Collected personal products, candies, and religious articles to send to our troops stationed in the Middle East. Other donations are made throughout the year as they are brought to our attention.
  - **State** - Texas Mission of Mercy Projects: The Colonias in Brownsville, Casa Juan Diego in Houston, Gifts for the Unborn, Missionaries of Charity in Dallas, La Clinica Guadalupana in El Paso, Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Texas Covenant House in Houston
  - **Nationally** – CDA supports: Disaster Relief Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Cross Family Ministries, Smile Train, SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious), Others include: Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Relief Services, Covenant House, Mother Theresa Charities, Morality in Media, North American College, Project Handclasp, Tutweiler Clinic, and Laboure Society
  - Wearing white has been a tradition for many years and many of us do at our official Court ceremonial functions. It is not mandatory. We are a group that is proud of our spirituality, our history, and our service to others.
  - **Our St. Thomas Court** was initiated in June 1999. Currently, we have 40 members. We meet monthly on the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm, except during the months of July & August. We follow Parliamentary Procedure and adhere to all by-laws and regulations of the national association. Our annual dues are only \$20.
  - **Our current officers are:**
    - Regent: Charley Sanders 936-295-0653      Vice-Regent: Vonda Wenglikowski 936-291-8443
    - Financial Secretary: Sable Losack, 936-295-8003      Treasurer: Liz Moskal 436-9121
    - Recording Secretary: Kayla Adams, 936-697-1303

## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

In addition to opportunities at the local and national level for fellowship with other Catholic Daughters who pursue our mission statement, Catholic Daughters experience the opportunity to give and receive. By giving of your time, talent, ideas, knowledge, dedication, and enthusiasm, you'll receive spiritual enrichment, leadership skills, affirmation, community, broadened horizons, and a marked sense of accomplishment. Daughters also receive SHARE, the award-winning, quarterly magazine of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

If you are looking for a place to belong – the Catholic Daughters would love to have you check us out and consider joining our organization. Interested women may be a guest at one meeting.

For more information, please contact Charley Sanders, 936-295-0653, or any of our current officers or members. We look forward to hearing from you.

