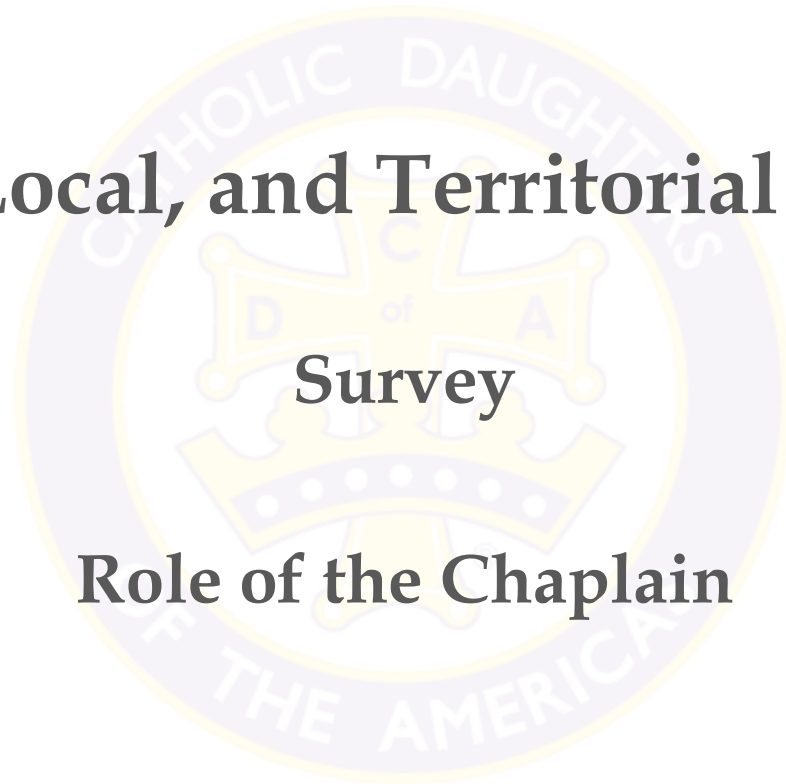


State, Local, and Territorial Officers

Survey

Role of the Chaplain

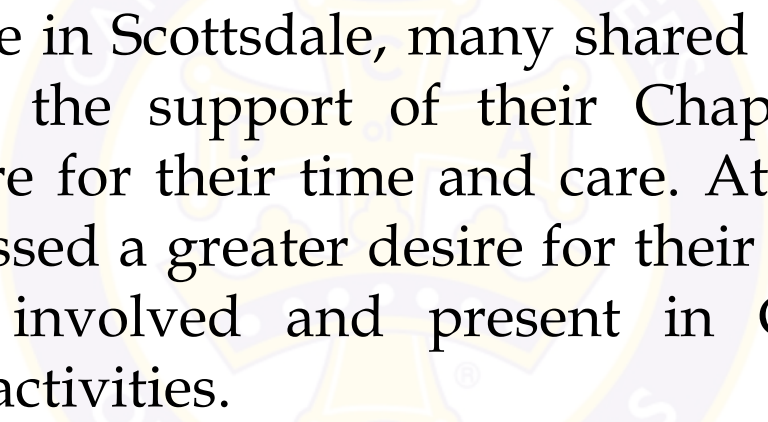


Dear CDA State, Local, and Territorial Officers,

I pray this message finds you and all CDA members in the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus. Know that I pray for you and your intentions during daily Mass, in Adoration, and during the recitation of the Rosary.

As mentioned in our recent meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, I am following up with you to ask for your help in understanding the “Role of the CDA Chaplain.”

As shared with you, we want to assist our Chaplains so they may better accompany and help our CDA members to realize their mission—assisting them in fulfilling their strategies, goals, and desired outcomes.



During our time in Scottsdale, many shared how much they benefited from the support of their Chaplains and how grateful they are for their time and care. At the same time, they also expressed a greater desire for their Chaplains to be more actively involved and present in CDA meetings, programs, and activities.

As shown in one of the following slides, our CDA By Laws and Manuel (Tools of the Trade) say very little about the Chaplain, other than to name specific functions.

Having listened to both CDA leaders and some Chaplains currently serving, there is a consensus that the current language is too vague and fails to convey the scope of service being requested, causing confusion and miscommunication.

Hence, to assist us to both, identify candidates, as well as explain the Chaplain's role and duties, we need to provide greater detail and better articulate expectations, obligations, duties, and functions.

To this end, I am asking for your help.

As State, Local, and Territorial leaders, would you please:

1. Discuss this PowerPoint presentation and answer the questions, providing your insights and recommendations.
2. Share and discuss with your members this PowerPoint presentation, asking for their insights and recommendations.
3. Share and discuss with your Chaplain this presentation, asking for their insights and recommendations.

Timeline:

Realizing that some State, Local, and Territorial Courts do not meet in the summer, I am asking that:

1. The PowerPoint be shared with all parties by September 30th.
2. That a summary of insights and recommendations be submitted to the National Regent by October 6th.
3. The National Regent and the National Chaplain will report the findings / recommendations to the National Board by October 31st.
4. The National Regent and National Board will summarize all submitted reports and share findings / recommendations with State, Local, and Territorial Leaders by November 30th.

Action Items and Plan of Action:

1. “Final” recommendations will be submitted to the National Board.
2. If recommendations involve changes or adaptations, in By Laws, they will be submitted to By Law Committee for presentation at 2024 National Convention.
 - a. If new By Laws are adopted, then the CDA Manual (Tools of the Trade) will be re-written to reflect the new By Laws.

3. If recommendations do warrant changes or adaptations in current By Laws, then:
 - a. Upon approval of the National Board, in collaboration with State, Local, and Territorial leaders, recommendations and language will be added to the CDA Manual (Tools of the Trade), as well as new pamphlets will be designed to reflect new language.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve the CDA community and most grateful for your support.

Let us continue to prayer for each other.

Father Boquet



We Are Grateful!

CDA members appreciate our Chaplains and are grateful to have them pray and walk alongside us, as we celebrate the gift of faith.

Thank You, Chaplain!

- Thank you, for saying yes to serving Catholic Daughters.
- Thank you, for everything you do and offer in the service and advancement of CDA's mission and the realization of its motto, unity and charity.
- Thank you, for your spiritual guidance and accompaniment.
- Thank you, for being a spiritual father / deacon to our members.

CDA's Two-Fold Purpose: Spirituality and Service

The integration of “Spirituality and Service” is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters.

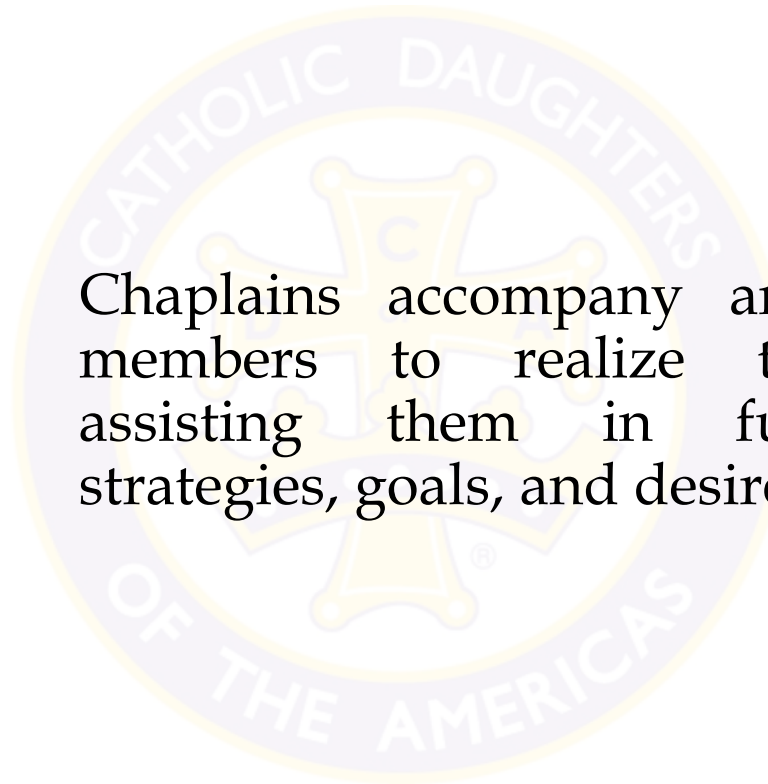
- CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality.
- The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women.
 - Helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization.



The Role of the Chaplain

Service...

Chaplains accompany and help CDA members to realize their mission, assisting them in fulfilling their strategies, goals, and desired outcomes.



Whether serving on National, State, or Local levels, the Chaplain serves a key role by:

- Providing support
- Conducting religious exercises
- Offering guidance on matters of Church law, doctrine, morality, and life
- Providing guidance regarding the appropriateness of speakers and subjects at meetings or public gatherings

CDA By Laws



The Chaplain

A Chaplain's support and presence makes a powerful impact, showing concern for the CDA's success in its projects and programs. His presence not only provides a connection to diocesan parishes, but also to the local Church and its bishop.

A Chaplain walks alongside the members of CDA, offering spiritual and theological counsel, moral guidance, and wisdom from personal experience as a shepherd of God's people.

Impact of the CDA Chaplain

The Chaplain's presence is Christ's presence, which offers strength, encouragement, accompaniment, and blessing.

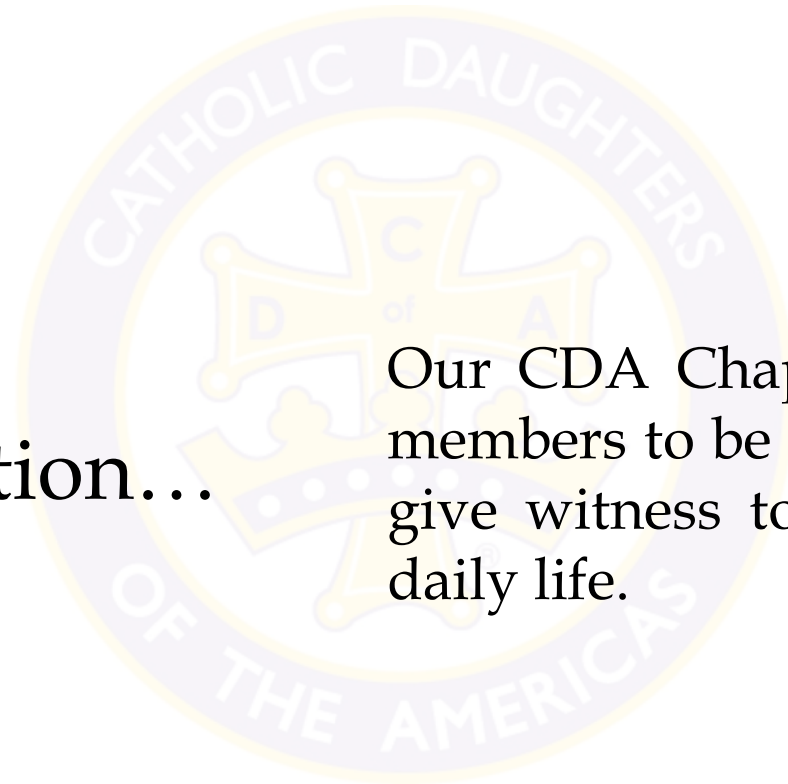
The Chaplain, by his example and teaching, encourages CDA members to embrace the Gospel mandate, live out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and strive for holiness.

The Chaplain, in celebrating Holy Mass and offering the Sacrament of Penance, assists CDA members to live out their motto of "Unity and Charity."



Evangelization...

Our CDA Chaplain helps our members to be evangelizers, to give witness to the Gospel in daily life.



As Pope Francis says,

“To be evangelizers of souls, we need to develop a spiritual taste for being close to people’s lives and to discover that this is itself a source of greater joy. Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people. When we stand before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which exalts and sustains us, but at the same time, unless we are blind, we begin to realize that Jesus’ gaze, burning with love, expands to embrace all his people...





... We realize once more that he wants to make use of us to draw closer to his beloved people. He takes us from the midst of his people, and he sends us to his people; without the sense of belonging, we cannot understand our deepest identity.”

— *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 268



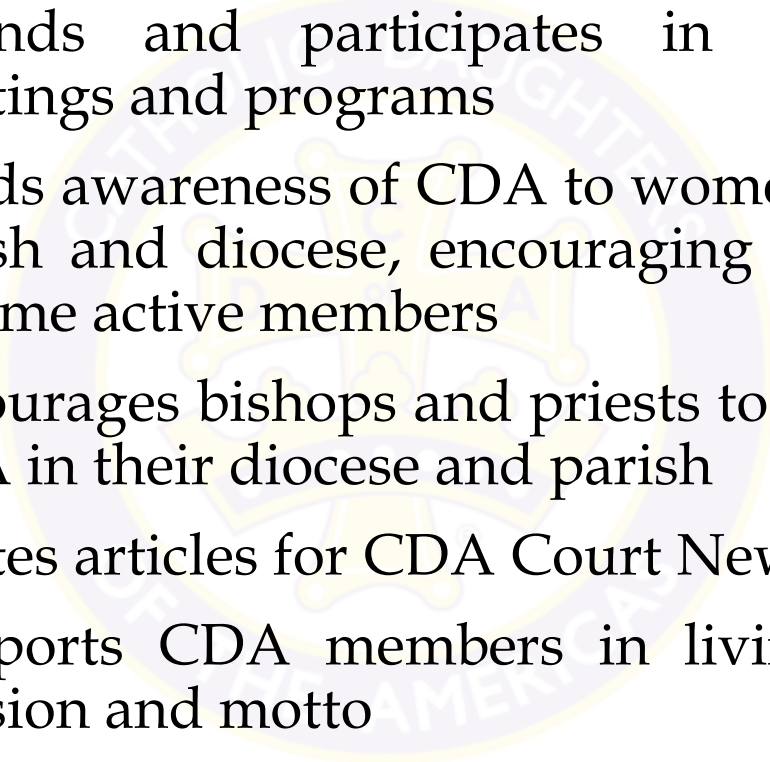
Ways the CDA Chaplain offers Support: Local, State, and National

Guidance...

- The following four slides provide some insights already discussed with the National Board and some State Leaders.
- They can serve as a guide for your discussions.

- Provides the Sacraments
 - Mass
 - Monthly / Quarterly – if possible, prior to Local Court meetings
 - CDA Special Events, Anniversaries, CDA Sunday Mass, Memorial Mass, Mass for the Deceased CDA Members, Installation of Officers
 - Ceremonials
 - Sacrament of Penance
 - Anointing of the Sick
 - Eucharistic Adoration

- Assists CDA in upholding its Catholic identity, with Catholic principles / truths as taught by the Church and the Ordinary Magisterium
- Days of Reflection / Retreat
 - Advent
 - Lent
- Offers spiritual enrichment, counsel, and encouragement
- Gives spiritual messages / catechesis
- Marian devotions, leads the Rosary or other prayers

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- Attends and participates in monthly meetings and programs
 - Builds awareness of CDA to women of the parish and diocese, encouraging them to become active members
 - Encourages bishops and priests to support CDA in their diocese and parish
 - Writes articles for CDA Court Newsletter
 - Supports CDA members in living their mission and motto
 - Helps CDA members achieve their goals

- Because of the Chaplain's spiritual role, CDA members desire that they attend and participate in State and National Conventions, when pastoral duties and obligations allow
 - Assists State Regents and the National Regent, giving feedback on critical issues – i.e., moral and pastoral
 - Participates in daily sessions, programs, Mass, Sacrament of Penance, etc.
 - Provides spiritual counsel during daily sessions on moral and pastoral issues that impact CDA membership and life
 - Prepare and present presentations if asked



Insights and Recommendations from State, Local, and Territorial Courts


How Else Does the Chaplain Serve?

List insights and recommendations:









Meeting with the Chaplain

List insights and recommendations from Chaplain:





Ask the Chaplain:

How Can CDA Help Our Chaplain?

List insights and recommendations from Chaplain:





Thank You!