



## DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

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Dear friends in the Lord,

I am most pleased that you have chosen to become members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes as you take this important step.

You are about to become part of a most significant group of dedicated Catholic women. It will be your privilege to wear the insignia and serve under the banner of this historic group who has served the Catholic Church in this nation for over one hundred years.

The programs and successes of CDA are well known and admired throughout our country and the world. Their reputation for defending life at all levels, for supporting the young, the elderly, the sick and disabled, as well as their defense of marriage and family life is well established and well deserved.

The motto "Unity and Charity" encompasses a multitude of issues that the Catholic Daughters endorse and live each day. You are about to become part of a sisterhood of good women who do their best to live in their own personal spiritual lives the faith they profess. Their spiritual growth through Word and Sacrament is now open to you as they model for you, their new members, the depth of their Catholic beliefs.

May you find joy, peace and fulfillment in your membership; and may you be blessed in your own life, along with your family and friends who will find in you a new model of Catholic Womanhood.

It is an honor for me to serve as your National Chaplain. Along with our National Regent, Libby Ramirez, and the National Board, I welcome you and look forward to celebrating with you and all our members the growth and vitality of our Order over the years ahead.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the model of every Catholic Daughter, keep you in her loving care.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer  
Bishop of Victoria  
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