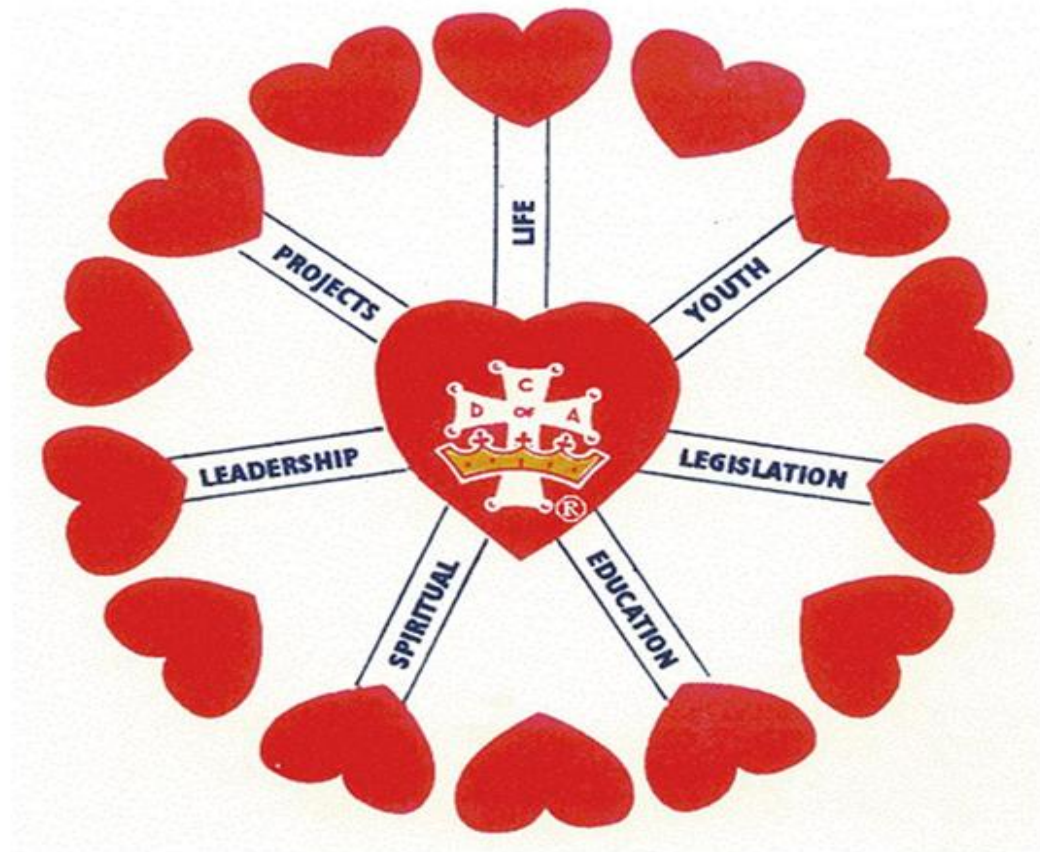


# The Circle of Love



# Why choose CDA?

- It is an organization that gives us the opportunity to do what we were created to do:
  - To know, to love and to serve God.
- Dual purpose:
  - Spiritual Growth
  - Service



# What is the Circle of Love?

- It is our seven-faceted, national program.
- It is designed to help women to grow spiritually and to give them ideas and opportunities for service.
- It is what we do.
- It is who we are.
- It is the way we respond to God's call.

# Must we participate?

- Yes!
- Each court is organized under the CDA umbrella (charter).
- Each court is tax-exempt under that umbrella.
- Each court must participate in the program to be truly a CDA court.

# How do we begin?

- Begin with prayer.
- Find out about the interests and talents of the court members.
- Make choices together. You do not have to participate in everything.
- You may be called to different areas of Circle of Love each term.

# Spiritual Enhancement

- Spirituality should be the focus of each court.
- It should incorporate a wide variety of spiritual experiences.
- Service is powerful when it is a response to God's call.

# Legislation

- Issue-oriented program
- Informs and educates CDA members
- Advises members to push for legislative action.
- Develops committees on state and local level
- Sponsors voter registration drives

# Quality of Life

- Family Life issues
  - Domestic Violence
  - Addictions
- Family Values
  - Abortion
  - Pornography
  - Gangs
  - Violence in media
- Health issues
  - Aids
  - Women's health
- Community issues
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Environmental programs





# Youth Program

- Promotes personal and spiritual growth
- Promotes a life-long commitment to service
- Fosters an awareness and appreciation of diversity

# National Charitable Projects

- Disaster Relief
- S.O.A.R.!
- Habitat for Humanity
- Smile Train
- Holy Cross Family Rosary

# Education

- **Scholarships**

- Local
- State
- National

- **Education Contests**

- Art
- Poetry
- Poster
- Computer art

- **Religious Education**

- CCD
- Adult study groups

- **Literacy**

- Local programs
- VIPS
- Read Across America



# Leadership

- Develop communication skills
- Practice conducting meetings
- Practice creating and presenting training
- Encourages women to participate in community affairs.



# Chairman

- Is appointed and may work alone or with a committee
- Should have a job description
- Brings suggestions to the court
- Organizes events—may or may not serve as chairman for each event
- Reports to court regularly



# Circle of Love Forms

- Local Circle of Love forms will have to be filled out yearly.
- National forms are filled out before the national convention.
- State Chairmen compile a report for national before the national convention.



# It's a Matter of Love.

By embracing the Circle of Love Program,  
we are responding to God's call to service.