

## ***NATIONAL PROJECTS***

**“When Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you drink?**

**When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you into our homes? Or**

**Naked and clothed you?**

**When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?**

**The King will answer back: I tell you, indeed, Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!”**

**Matthew 25**

**“The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of justice, peace, and a joy that is given by the Holy Spirit. Whoever serves Christ in this way, pleases God.”**

**Romans 14:17-18**

The National Projects give each Catholic Daughter the opportunity to demonstrate the love and charity she feels toward the less fortunate in society and the world at large. It also represents a response to Christ’s call to us—His Servants. Each Catholic Daughter Local and State Court is asked to contribute a minimum of \$15 per project per year to the five National Projects.

The National Charities give each Catholic Daughter Local and State Court additional opportunities to demonstrate their love and charity.

## **DISASTER FUND**

The Disaster Fund project requires little or no explanation. As its name implies, at times of natural disasters, i.e. earthquakes, floods, etc. checks are sent to the Bishops of Arch/Dioceses where such disasters have occurred.

State Regents are asked to notify the National Office of any such serious disasters, as National may not always be aware of them or their seriousness. Contributions to this fund enables the National Office to send a substantial donation, rather than for Courts to send smaller, individual donations.

[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

## **FATHER PEYTON – HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES**

The Catholic Daughters have been a long time supporter of Father Peyton's Family Theater. CDA has financially assisted Father Peyton in his mission to bring the Rosary to the people with the wonderful television programs on the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the Rosary, produced by Father Peyton and his Family Theater Production. These programs are still being televised at Christmas and Easter as well as other appropriate times of the year. Father Peyton's motto: "The family that prays together – stays together" is still a valid encouragement in the present time as Catholic Daughters pray to re-establish the importance of the family unity. In addition to the monetary support, the Courts also donate Rosaries for distribution around the world.

Father Peyton established his ministry in 1943. He died in 1992, but the Family Rosary and its media arm, Family Theater Productions, continue his work which is dedicated to the family.

[www.hcfm.org](http://www.hcfm.org)

## **SUPPORT OUR AGING RELIGIOUS (S.O.A.R.!)**

This organization began in 1986 and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have been involved since the beginning, providing \$25,000 of seed money to assist in getting S.O.A.R. off the ground. The purpose of S.O.A.R! is to assist religious communities with immediate needs such as repairs on buildings, vans to transport sick and disabled religious, and installation of health maintenance equipment, to name a few. It is not intended as a retirement fund, as this need is being met by the Arch/Dioceses throughout the country.

In 1990 and again in 2003, Catholic Daughters of the Americas were the recipient of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award. This honor is presented annually to individuals and organizations in recognition of their outstanding support of S.O.A.R!

[www.soar-usa.org](http://www.soar-usa.org)

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

In 1995, Catholic Daughters partnered for the first time with Habitat for Humanity and sponsored and helped build the first Catholic Daughter Habitat home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Habitat for Humanity states that:

Churches put faith into action to help end poverty housing. Habitat for Humanity is about tearing down walls and building bridges. It is about bringing hope and transforming lives. It is about serving God by serving others. The vision of Habitat is that all people will have a decent place in which to live.

Catholic Daughters build relationships which will never be forgotten as they build homes. They help to bring hope to families as they build homes and dreams.

[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

## **SMILE TRAIN**

Smile Train helps poor children throughout the world who would not have the opportunity to have their cleft lip/palate repaired if it were not for this program. The entire focus of Smile Train is to repair cleft lips and cleft palates. Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are millions of children who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most have difficulty eating and speaking properly and many are not allowed to attend school or hold a job. Without cleft repair, they face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache. With surgery, children with clefts are given new smiles and new hope for a life of fulfillment and happiness.

[www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org)

## **NATIONAL CHARITIES**

### **AMERICAN COLLEGE IN LOUVAIN**

The American College – Catholic University of Louvain – is located in Belgium. In 2007 they celebrated their Sesquicentennial Year (150), which included renovation of several buildings including their chapel. Each CDA court was asked to contribute \$50.00 on a voluntary basis for this project. The American College is operated and overseen by the Bishops of the United States (USCCB). They provide thousands of the best pastors, professors, and missionaries to the Church in North America. In recent decades they offer a house of studies and the opportunity to live in Christian community to priests and religious pursuing higher degrees in theology, philosophy, and canon law.

[www.acl.be](http://www.acl.be)

### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

Apostleship of the Sea, which provides services (spiritual, physical, and psychological) to foreign seamen at port locations in the United States, also supports a chaplain education program. Many courts also make up Christmas boxes filled with goodies and toilet articles to be placed on board ships in ports at Christmas time. Some courts make ditty bags with personal items to be distributed to the seamen when they come into port. The Apostleship of the Sea, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, publishes a newsletter 12 times a year.

[www.usccb.org/pcmrt/onmove/aos.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/pcmrt/onmove/aos.shtml)

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This international project began in 1943 and provides assistance to the people in the poorest parts of the world. They reach more than 100 countries with support such as food, medical supplies, and religious assistance. In some parishes Operation Rice Bowl is implemented and is one of the ways parishioners share their responsibility to help those in need.

[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

### **COVENANT HOUSE**

Covenant House is the largest privately-funded agency in the Americas providing shelter and other services to homeless, runaway, and throwaway youth. Incorporated in New York City in 1972, Covenant House has facilities in 21 cities throughout the United States, Canada, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua. Covenant House and its member sites are leading advocates on behalf of street youth at local, state, national, and international levels of government.

[www.covenanthouse.org](http://www.covenanthouse.org).

## **MOTHER TERESA**

Donations are given to Mother Teresa's order—Missionaries of Charity – to continue the work to which she devoted her life. More information is available at

[www.motherteresa.com](http://www.motherteresa.com).

## **MORALITY IN MEDIA**

Morality in Media was established in New York City in 1962 to combat pornography. Now national in scope, MIM works to inform citizens and public officials about the harms of pornography and what they can do through law to protect their communities and children. MIM also works to maintain standards of decency on TV and in other media. The CDA National Board established a new approach for contributions. Dues of \$50.00 are sent directly to the National Office with MIM written in the left corner.

[www.moralityinmedica.org](http://www.moralityinmedica.org)

## **PONTIFICAL NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE**

The Pontifical North American College is home to roughly 160 Roman Catholic seminarians, as well as numerous faculty members and graduate students, from across the United States, Canada, and Australia. A three-month residential sabbatical program for English-speaking priests is also located on the College's premises.

[www.pnac.org](http://www.pnac.org)

## **PROJECT HANDCLASP**

Project Handclasp began working with the Catholic Daughters in 1967 via the US Navy's People-to-People charitable Projects. Combined efforts provide materials necessary for volunteer sailors and marines' onboard Navy ships to distribute the materials to the overseas recipient. Some items useful to Project Handclasp are friendship bags, school and sewing supplies, toys, clothing, new soap and monetary donations are always welcome. These donations are normally applied toward the purchase of new treadle sewing machines. This may help a family begin to become self-sufficient.

[www.sabre.org/books/bookorg/bkdn\\_phc.htm](http://www.sabre.org/books/bookorg/bkdn_phc.htm)

## **TUTWILER CLINIC**

Tutwiler Clinic is helping the poorest of the poor in the Bayou country. Founded by Sister-Doctor Anne Brooks, the Tutwiler Clinic is run totally through donations that bring medical help to those who do not have the ability to seek or pay for services. There is an active quilting group that goes to craft shows, conventions and fairs to sell their items for extra money to help the clinic. Tutwiler Clinic is always happy to receive medical supplies/samples and over the counter drugs and quilting materials and sewing supplies.

[www.tutwilerclinic.org](http://www.tutwilerclinic.org).