



Description of Robes and Symbols of CDA

OUR NAME

Catholic Daughters of the Americas — the name is complete in that it encompasses every aspect of our organization which is dedicated to God, our Blessed Mother and the Americas. If we are good Catholics, we cannot help but be good Americans. In true devotion to our Church and Country, we unite ourselves as CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS.

MOTTO

The motto of our organization is "Unity and Charity." As we work in Unity, we feel assured of the promise, "For where two or three are gathered together in MY Name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20) Charity prompts us to be accepting of others and to give of ourselves.

BANNER

Our Banner has the emblem of the Order in our official colors. The combination of colors against the purple background of the banner is very distinctive. Purple denotes royalty and white symbolizes purity of intention. These two with the richness of gold combine to make an emblem which has inspired the thousands who came into our ranks through the years of the organization's history. The cross denotes the sacrifice put forth as members of the Order and the crown the hope of reward in the next world.

ROBES

The official robes of the Catholic Daughters for National, State and Local Court officers add dignity to every occasion. The effect is valuable for Court ceremonies since each robe demonstrates the symbolic meaning of the various offices and the responsibilities entailed.

National

The robes of the National Regent, National Regent-Elect, 1st Vice National Regent, 2nd Vice National Regent, and the National Secretary-Treasurer are white with a gold stole. The robes of the National Directors are white with purple stoles. The white emphasizes loyalty; the gold - integrity; the purple - willingness of the officers to make sacrifices through service.

The emblem on the sleeves of the National Officers' and the National Directors' robes is the official symbol of our Order - the Cross and the Crown.

State

The robe of the State Regent is gold with a white stole. The crossed gavels on the left sleeve are a symbol of her status as leader of her state. The robe of the 1st Vice Regent is also gold with a white stole. The emblem on her left sleeve, a crown, designates her as the second in command in her state. The robe of the 2nd Vice State Regent is liturgical red with a gold stole. The crossed spears designate her as the third in command in her state. The robes of the State Secretary and the State Treasurer are the patriotic color blue, with gold stoles. The emblem of the State Secretary is a crossed key and quill. The quill is the symbol of a scribe - a record keeper - one

who writes letters, documents, etc. The State Treasurer's emblem is crossed keys. The key has always been associated with offices concerned with the safeguarding of the funds.

The robe of the District Deputy is black and white with a stole of red. These colors signify the judicial nature of the office.

Local

The penitential color purple is included in the robes of the two principal Court officers, those of the Regent and Vice Regent. The use of purple indicates the willingness of the leaders to sacrifice so that the Order may contribute to the program of the Apostolate of the Laity as directed by our Church leaders. The official emblem of the Order, the cross and crown, is on the sleeve of the Regent's robe, and a crown is on the sleeve of the Vice Regent's robe.

The robes of the Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and the Treasurer are the patriotic colors of red, white, and blue. The emblem of the Recording Secretary, crossed quills is symbolic of her responsibilities for letter and document writing as well as keeping the history of the court through the minutes. The emblem of the Financial Secretary is a crossed key and quill symbolic of her duties of keeping membership and financial records of the Court. The Treasurer's emblem of crossed keys is symbolic of her duty to safeguard the funds.

DESCRIPTION OF ROBES By District Deputy/State Representative

Please Note: Only describe robes of National and State Officers present.

The colors of the officers' robes of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for National, State, and Local Court Officers are the Church colors of gold and white, and the colors of our Order: gold, white, and purple.

NATIONAL OFFICERS' ROBES

The robe(s) of the National Regent, Name , National Regent-Elect, Name , the First Vice National Regent, Name the Second Vice National Regent, Name , and the National Secretary-Treasurer, Name is/are white with stole(s) of gold.

The robe(s) of the National Director(s), (give the name of any Director present), is/are white with stole(s) of purple.

The white emphasizes loyalty; the gold – integrity; the purple – willingness of the officers to make sacrifices through service.

The emblem on the sleeve(s) of the National Officer(s) and the National Director(s) robe(s) is/are the official symbol(s) of our Order – The Cross and Crown.

STATE OFFICERS' ROBES

The robe of the State Regent, Name, is gold with a white stole. The crossed gavels on the left sleeve are a symbol of her status as leader of her state.

The robe of the First Vice State Regent, Name, is also gold with a white stole. The emblem on her left sleeve, a crown, designates her as the second in command in her state.

The robe of the Second Vice State Regent, Name, is liturgical red with a stole of gold. The crossed spears designate her as the third in command in her state.

The robes of the State Secretary, Name, and the State Treasurer, Name, are the patriotic color blue with gold stoles.

The emblem of the State Secretary is a crossed key and quill. The key has always been associated with an office concerned with money and safekeeping. The quill is the symbol of a scribe – a record keeper – one who writes letters, documents, etc.

The State Treasurer's emblem of crossed keys is symbolic of her complete authority over funds and of being particularly responsible for their safekeeping.

The robe of the District Deputy/State Representative, Name, (or, which I am wearing) is black and white with a stole of red. These colors signify the judicial nature of the office.

LOCAL COURT OFFICERS' ROBES

The penitential color purple is included in the robes of the two principal Court officers, those of the Regent and Vice Regent, Name(s).

The use of purple indicates the willingness of the Organization, through its leaders, to sacrifice in order that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas may contribute their share in the general program of the Apostolate of the Laity as directed by our leaders in religion.

The official emblem of the Order, the cross and crown, is on the sleeve of the Regent's robe and a crown is on the sleeve of the Vice Regent.

The robes of the Recording Secretary, Name, the Financial Secretary, Name, and the Treasurer, Name, are the patriotic colors of red, white, and blue.

The emblem of the Recording Secretary, crossed quills, are symbolic of her responsibilities for letter and document writing as well as keeping the history of the court through the minutes.

The emblem on the Financial Secretary is a crossed key and quill symbolic of her duties of keeping membership and financial records of the Court.

The Treasurer's emblem of crossed keys is symbolic of her complete authority over funds and of being particularly responsible for their safekeeping.

In addition to these officers, there are many Chairmen and committees working on the projects and programs of our Order. Join them; become active, enthusiastic members so that you will get from your membership the greatest possible return and satisfaction.

Officers, you may be seated.

Welcome to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.