

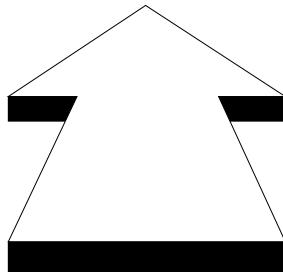
# JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

## Juniorette Procedure Manual



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## ORGANIZATION

The Juniorette Program is a progressive program, gradually building over five years to becoming a Junior. The aim is to develop the individual talents and personalities of the girls. It is presented as activities and games, the actual training being inserted within the activity or game. It is a character formational program presented in a way suited to the age of the girl. The ultimate aim of the Juniorette Program is to attempt to "form a true and perfect Christian," who must "live a supernatural life, and display it in her actions." (Pope Pius XI)

The Juniorette Court must be sponsored by a local CDA Court. The Junioresettes shall use the name and number of the sponsoring local CDA Court or JCDA Court. The Juniorette Chairman must be a member of the local sponsoring CDA Court. At the first Juniorette meeting the chairman becomes acquainted with the girls.

Also, at this first meeting, the time and place of future meetings is selected. (Ideally the Juniors and Junioresettes will meet at the same time and place with their individual chairmen. This allows them to work jointly on projects, if applicable.) The following Juniorette officers are selected on a rotating basis: President, Secretary, Reporter (with help start a scrapbook of yearly activities), a girl to lead the pledge to the flag, and a hostess for the meeting. This schedule should be set up for the year either alphabetically, or by drawing names or any other convenient method. This will give all the opportunity of having the experience of conducting a meeting, taking minutes and entertaining as a hostess.

The chairman should consider the amount of money for local Court dues, which should be at least \$0.10 a meeting. This money is used for handcraft supplies and for Court activities, such as a Christmas party, picnics, etc.

The Juniorette Chairman shall keep a record of the Junioresettes attendance at meetings and field trips, the amount of dues paid and act as Treasurer for the Court.

**THE JUNIORETTES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SELL ITEMS FROM DOOR TO DOOR.** Should the need arise to replenish the treasury, the chairman or parents/guardians may sponsor a group project such as a bake sale, carnival, play, etc.

There is to be no assessment to parents/guardians for handcrafts or supplies. Set up a budget for the year and determine how much must be charged for dues, how much must be realized from special projects, etc.

The Juniorette meeting is opened with the JCDA Act of Consecration followed by the pledge to the flag, JCDA pledge, roll call, reading of minutes, collecting dues, etc. A sample agenda is included in this manual.

The practice of virtues is also a part of the Juniorette Program and includes - Personal Holiness, Love of God, Trust in God, Humility, Truthfulness, Modesty, and Patience. The virtues are explained by the chairman after all the formalities of the meeting. She will give the Junioresses ideas on how to practice the virtue of the month. Junioresses should present ideas of their own as well.

The meeting is closed with a prayer and then the most popular activity - arts and crafts - takes place. This should be simple and the ages of the Junioresses must be considered in planning the project.

Recreational activities have an important part in the Juniorette Program. Physical recreation is a builder of health and character, a trainer of body and soul. Learning to play fairly, controlling temper, knowing how to lose graciously are traits the Juniorette will keep all her life.

Chairmen are free to expand and develop all listed activities and others suited for the program. They are the leaders of the girls on their journey to the Child Jesus. A chairman must always remember that she is not a teacher, that the program is a leisure time one and not school.

### **STRUCTURE OF THE JUNIORETTE PROGRAM**

The Juniorette Program is under the direct supervision of the State Regent and State Youth/JCDA Chairman which will serve as the sponsoring committee, representing both the local sponsoring CDA Courts and JCDA Courts. A local sponsoring CDA Court may start its youth work with Junioresses, following through to the JCDA Program.

The Juniorette Program shall be for Catholic girls ages six through ten. The JCDA Program is for girls ages eleven through eighteen.

The Juniorette Chairman serves as a direct link between the Juniors and Junioresses. She is to attend the JCDA Court meetings reporting on activities and programs of the Junioresses and shall keep the official records. The Junioresses shall use the same forms as the JCDA Court, membership application, medical release, financial review form (if having their own bank account,) and consent and liability wavier form. If there is no established JCDA Court a NEW Court Charter Application form must be completed along with a \$10.00 charter application fee and sent to the State Regent. The State Court will pay the charter fee.

Chairmen for Junioresses must be exemplary Catholics at least eighteen years of age. A JCDA member, sixteen years or older, may serve as an assistant chairman for Junioresses. **All JCDA Chairmen and volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults must be Safe Environment Certified per individual diocese mandates. A copy of these certificates must be sent to the State Regent and sponsoring local CDA Court prior to the initial Juniorette meeting.** It is a great satisfaction for the chairman to help these girls toward the ultimate aim of the Juniorette Program, namely, "To form a true and perfect Christian," who must "live a supernatural life and display it in her actions."

Monthly contact of the JCDA and Juniorette Chairmen should include discussion of future group activities which will take place at meetings. The chairmen plan their meeting together to ensure that the Court meetings will be smooth and interesting.



## PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING A JUNIORETTE COURT

1. The local Court Regent appoints a committee to study the organizational procedure, to survey the local girl's needs, and report their findings to the Court.
2. The local Court votes to become a sponsoring Court -- to establish a Juniorette Court. (Note: If there is a Junior Court, the Junior Court is the sponsoring Court, however, the local CDA Court must vote on the approval.)
3. Download the Juniorette Procedure Manual. Study the materials.
4. Consult the pastor and obtain his permission.
5. The local Court Regent must contact the State Regent and obtain her permission to institute a Juniorette Court. Authorization for the institution is issued by the State Regent.
6. The local sponsoring Court Regent appoints a Juniorette Chairman.
7. The National CDA website provides Youth/JCDA resources:
  - Juniorette Manual (print one for each Juniorette chairman)
  - JCDA Procedure Manual for each chairman (located under Circle of Love, Youth/JCDA)
  - Act of Consecration Prayer Cards for the Juniorette members, available from the National CDA Store
  - JCDA brochures (English and Spanish), available from the National CDA Store
  - Membership Applications and Medical Release Forms, on National CDA website
8. Arrange a training day for your prospective Juniorette Chairman through the State Youth/JCDA Chairman. Arrange dates and places for preliminary meeting and Institution/Reception Ceremony.

Note: A short letter explaining the program with a form at the bottom to be filled out if the girl is interested in becoming a Juniorette will help before the meeting is called.
9. Call a meeting of all prospective Junioresses and parents/guardians.
  - a. Sponsoring local Court Regent, JCDA Chairman or Juniorette Chairman may tell the girls and parents/guardians about the program, if they are qualified. If not, the State Youth/JCDA Chairman or her representative should be invited to attend and explain the program.
  - b. Hand out brochures and membership applications, give date and place of Institution and Reception Ceremony.
  - c. Decide which age group each chairman will take and help her plan out a meeting. (If you have more than 15 girls, you may wish to divide into groups.)

- d. Discuss dues. Local Court dues should be at least \$0.10 a meeting.
  - e. Purchase JCDA patches/pins or make optional sashes. (Instructions for sashes is located in the JCDA Procedure Manual.)
10. Second meeting of all prospective Juniorettes. (A week or two following previous meeting.)
    - a. Collect membership applications. See they are properly filled out and signed.
    - b. If you feel it is necessary, divide the girls into groups, one chairman for each group, according to (1) age, (2) parish, and (3) locality etc.
    - c. Apply for a NEW Court Charter if there is not an established JCDA Court.
  11. The JCDA Court does the actual Institution and Reception for the Juniorettes. Therefore, the State Regent, State Youth/JCDA Chairman, the local sponsoring CDA Court sets a date for the formal institution and arranges customary program. (Refer to JCDA Procedure Manual for Institution and Reception Guidelines.) Where there is no JCDA Court, a neighboring JCDA Court is invited to conduct the ceremonies.
  12. The institution of a Juniorette Court is the responsibility of the State Regent or State Youth/JCDA Chairman and, when possible, she should endeavor to be present.
  13. Within seven (7) days of the institution of a Juniorette Court, the Juniorette Chairman forwards to the State Regent and the State Youth/JCDA Chairman copies of the membership applications. Membership applications and all other forms shall be filed with the Juniorette Chairman.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **LOCAL SPONSORING CDA COURT**

1. Send invitations -- include State Regent, State Youth/JCDA Chaplain, JCDA State Officers, if applicable, your local and State Officers, your own District Deputy and the District Deputy of the instituting Court. Also, other CDA Courts in your vicinity could be invited. Salutation on the invitations should be "Worthy Regent, JCDA Chairman and members."
2. Plan and serve refreshments.
3. Decorate.
4. Regent opens meeting at the Institution. She then turns the gavel over to the JCDA President of the Instituting Court.
5. Invite parents/guardians of the girls.
6. Give a gift to the new Juniorette Court.

#### **JUNIOR COURT**

1. Responsible for ceremonies.

**SAMPLE LETTER OF INVITATION**

**JUNIORETTE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**Invitation to all girls ages six (6) to ten (10)**

The Juniette Catholic Daughters of the Americas Program is a progressive program building up over five years to becoming a Junior Catholic Daughter. The aim is to develop the individual talents and personalities of the girls. The program is presented as a home-centered activities program built around definite projects which have spiritual, inspirational, educational and character training values. Juniettes are consecrated to the Child Jesus, whose virtues they try to imitate.

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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION**

I WOULD LIKE MY DAUGHTER TO JOIN THE JUNIORETTES.

GIRL'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help as a:

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN (Safe Environment certified required)

\_\_\_\_\_ ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN (Safe Environment certified required)

\_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION ON OCCASION (Consent Form and Liability Waiver must be completed by parents/guardians for each offsite activity.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL# \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## OUTLINE OF JUNIORETTE MEETING

1. Call to order by President of the month.
2. Opening Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. One stanza of the National Anthem.
5. Renewal of JCDA Pledge.
6. Roll call by the Secretary of the month.
7. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Secretary of the month.
8. Payment of Dues – Juniorette Chairman
9. Activities Program – Juniorette Chairman



### SPIRITUAL

- a. Discussion of Theme
- b. Suggestions as how to practice Theme

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

- a. Gifts to parents, aged, pet charity etc.
  - b. Season of year, etc.
10. Refreshments
    - a. Served by Juniorette (hostess)
    - b. Refreshments may precede meeting or handcraft session, whichever is more convenient.
  11. Closing
    - a. Official JCDA Song "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

**SAMPLE JUNIORETTE MINUTES**

Juniorette Court \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order on the (day) \_\_\_\_ of (month) \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_ by the President.

The opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all. We sang one stanza of the National Anthem and recited the JCDA Pledge.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary for this meeting, with \_\_\_\_\_ members present. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved or corrected. (Tell how corrected)

Our Chairman collected and recorded dues amounting to \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Our Chairman began the activities program. We discussed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Our project for this meeting was \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Our assignment for the next meeting is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

The President adjourned the meeting with all singing the official JCDA Song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Secretary of the Month \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)



## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIORETTES

1. Hikes
2. Camping/Cookouts
3. Nature Walks
4. Field Trips
5. Simple Tray Favors for Hospitals or Nursing Homes
6. Christmas Caroling
7. Making an Advent Wreath
8. Simple Sewing Skills etc. sewing on a button
9. Gospel Stories etc. examples of virtues
10. Literature etc. write little expressive poems
11. Skits for Entertainment
12. Learn New Songs
13. Cover and Decorate a Composition Notebook for Monthly Writing Activities at Meetings
14. Service Projects, may work with local sponsoring CDA Court or JCDA Court

## Juniorette Program

### FIRST YEAR - THEME: LOVE - Symbolized by a Rose

**This year the Juniorette sees love of beauty; love of God who created beauty; love of God for giving us the ability to make this thing of beauty; love of our neighbor shown by our wish to share and make them a gift of our best work.**

#### SEPTEMBER: PERSONAL HOLINESS

1. Select the officers for the year by rotation: President, Secretary, Reporter, Flag Girl and Hostess. (Draw names or select alphabetically)
2. Choose a name of an angel or a saint who was close to the Child Jesus.
3. Handcraft Activity
  - a. Make a cover for notebook for monthly activities or
  - b. Make a drawstring bag to keep the necessary items for notes or for handcraft, etc. glue scissors, crayons, thread, needle, buttons, and small piece of material.
4. Assignment
  - a. Attend Mass on October 2nd, Feast of the Guardian Angel.
  - b. Collect some dark, rich dirt, preferably in a glass and plant grapefruit or orange seeds. Keep it damp and watch it grow.
  - c. Think of what it means to be a Juniorette, dedicated to the Child Jesus. (To be discussed at October meeting.)
  - d. Start to learn **Juniorette Prayer**.

#### OCTOBER: LOVE OF CHURCH - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF FAITH

1. Discuss what it means to be a Juniorette.
2. Discuss the meaning of FAITH. Say the Act of Faith at your meeting.
3. Practice the **Juniorette Prayer** and the JCDA Song. "Let There Be Peace on Earth".
4. Discuss importance of meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.
5. Discuss importance of answering the Liturgy at Mass.
6. Report on growth of seeds.
7. Plan a hike to learn the beauties of nature.
8. Handcraft Activity

9. Assignment
  - a. Bring needle, thread, buttons, and material to sew at next meeting.
  - b. Say prayer to Guardian Angel daily.
  - c. Say daily, "Dear Child Jesus, I believe in You."

**NOVEMBER: LOVE OF GOD - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF CHARITY**

1. Discuss meaning of CHARITY - Say Act of Love at your meeting.
2. Discuss care of clothes (modesty in the way you dress.)
3. Discuss study of Mass.
4. Check on memorization of prayer and JCDA song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth".
5. Discuss coming of Advent.
6. Activity: Any planned activity or
  - a. Threading a needle and sewing a button on piece of material.
  - b. Learn to sew a running stitch (basting).
  - c. Second meeting . . . Make a simple Advent Wreath.
7. Assignment
  - a. Continue to memorize prayer and song.
  - b. Try an act of love daily.
  - c. Say daily, "Dear Child Jesus, I Love you."
  - d. Bring materials for Christmas gifts or tray favors for local hospitals or nursing homes to next meeting.

**DECEMBER: TRUST IN GOD - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF HOPE**

1. Discuss virtue of HOPE. Say Act of Hope at your meeting.
2. Discuss simple study of Mass.
3. Discuss Advent. (Preparation for Christmas)
4. Plan Christmas Party. (Possibly a basket for a needy family)
5. Handcraft Activity
  - a. Christmas gifts for Mom and Dad
  - b. Tray favors for local hospitals or nursing homes
  - c. If possible stuff toy for homeless shelter children
6. Assignment
  - a. Write in notebook one special person remembered at Christmas who is less fortunate than you. Tell why you chose this person.

**JANUARY:** LOVE OF FAMILY - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF OBEDIENCE

1. Discuss daily practice of OBEDIENCE in home and school.
2. Continue study of Mass.
3. Discuss pleasing table manners.
4. Discuss good health habits.
5. Handcraft Activity
  - a. Make Health Chart
  - b. Any other type of handcraft
6. Assignment
  - a. Practice daily virtue of Obedience.
  - b. Say daily, "Dear Child Jesus, help me to obey cheerfully like you."
  - c. Memorize JCDA Pledge.
7. Second Meeting . . . Plan a trip to the library and find out how to check out books.

**FEBRUARY:** LOVE OF COUNTRY - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF TRUTHFULNESS AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP

1. Discuss TRUTHFULNESS (honesty)
  - a. George Washington
2. Discuss how one can be a good CITIZEN.
  - a. Examples of important men and women of our country.
3. Discuss Anniversary of JCDA in the nation, February 22, 1926.
  - a. Plan a special activity for National JCDA Sunday. (2nd Sunday in February)  
Etc. attend Mass as a group
  - b. Publicity in local newspaper
4. Check health chart.
5. Discuss Lent.
6. Handcraft activity
  - a. Valentines for local hospitals or nursing homes
  - b. Tray favors for local hospitals or nursing homes
7. Assignment
  - a. Practice truthfulness and honesty at home and school.
  - b. Say daily, "Dear Child Jesus, help me to be truthful and honest always."
  - c. List all the things you are going to do for Lent - positive not negative.

**MARCH:** LOVE OF FRIENDS - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF CHARITY

1. Review virtue of CHARITY.
2. Apply virtue of charity to daily association with friends.
3. Discuss Lenten practices that will help all become more like the Child Jesus.
  - a. Discuss own lists.
4. Check Health Chart.
5. Chairman read life of a Saint to the Juniorettes.
6. Discuss Feast of Easter.
7. Discuss visits to Church during Holy Week.
8. Handcraft Activity
  - a. Easter tray favors for local hospitals or nursing homes
  - b. Easter Baskets for homeless shelter children
9. Assignment
  - a. Cleanup the yard at beginning of spring season.
  - b. Practice virtue of charity.
  - c. Say daily, "Dear Child Jesus, make me kind like You."

**APRIL:** LOVE FOR MARY - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF MODESTY

1. Discuss "What it means to be MODEST."
2. Read a story concerning Mary's life on earth.
3. Study flowers named after Mary.
4. Discuss seeds to plant - seeds of flowers named after Mary.
5. Handcraft Activity
  - a. Mother's Day Gift for May
6. Field Trip

**MAY:** LOVE OF NEIGHBORS - PRACTICE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE

1. Discuss virtue of PATIENCE.
2. How can we apply it in our everyday lives?
3. Review Mary's flowers.
4. Plant seeds - from April discussion.

5. Discuss patience of Christ on the Cross on Good Friday.
6. Plan a hike or picnic for June.
7. Handcraft Activity
  - a. Invitations to parents to attend awards night.

**JUNE: LOVE OF BEAUTY OF FLOWERS, BIRDS, TREES, MOUNTAINS, SEAS AND ALL CREATION**

1. Discuss all God's creations.
2. Plan family night for awards ceremony.
3. Discuss meetings and activities for second year.
4. Plan nature hike to go along with theme for June.
5. Plan outings for the months of July and August (such as cookouts.)
6. Handcraft
  - a. Table favors for awards night.

**SECOND YEAR - THEME: HONOR - Symbolized by a Shield**

**Understanding of the need for absolute sincerity and truthfulness in all things. Following the first year plan, you may add the following supplementing as desired.**

**SEPTEMBER: VIRTUE OF HONESTY**

1. Keen sense of right and wrong.

**OCTOBER: VIRTUE OF TRUTHFULNESS**

1. Need for absolute sincerity and truthfulness.
  - a. In small things as well as large ones.

**NOVEMBER: VIRTUE OF LOYALTY**

1. Never promise unless promise can be kept.
2. "I'll try" when there is doubt.
3. Say what is meant and stick to it.

**DECEMBER: TRUTHFULNESS**

1. No "white lies".
2. No cattiness.
3. No exaggeration.
4. No tale telling.

**JANUARY:** VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

1. Admit wrong doings or mistakes.
2. Be able to take a scolding.

**FEBRUARY:** VALOR

1. Stress good sportsmanship.
2. Strong sense of justice and fair play.

**MARCH:** PERSEVERANCE

1. No shirking.
2. No half doing a job at home.
3. No slipshod homework.
4. Don't lose interest and leave something incomplete.

**APRIL:** FORM OPINIONS - CONFIDENCE

1. Form and defend opinions of books, movies, television programs and art.

**MAY:** RESPECT - VIRTUE OF CHARITY

1. Respect other people's opinions.

**JUNE:** COURAGE

1. Know one's own mind and have the courage to stand by it.
2. Be oneself and not just one of the crowd.

**NOTE:** Stress to be truly honest and sincere, we have to be ourselves; we have to realize that we have nothing and are nothing without God. All that we do/have is ours only to use for, and to share with others.

Make a candle dedicated to Mary during one of Mary's months. Mary loved her son and kept on

loving Him right up to the end when it was dangerous for her to be seen with Him. This should teach us that when we know a thing is right, we should love God so much that we stand by our opinions even though everyone seems to be against us.

### **THIRD YEAR - THEME: OBEY - Symbolized by a Sword**

**The girl gains a healthy outlook towards authority and the need for laws and rules.**

#### **SEPTEMBER: OBEDIENCE**

1. Carry out orders or requests happily and willingly.

#### **OCTOBER: UNDERSTANDING - FAITH**

1. Believing that parents/guardians, teachers and grownups are in authority by the will of God.

#### **NOVEMBER: COURAGE - VALOR**

1. Be brave enough to stand up for those in authority against the ridicule or criticism of companions.

#### **DECEMBER: PATIENCE**

- 1 Avoid temper tantrums.

#### **JANUARY: HUMILITY**

1. Stress the five negatives:
  - a. Don't answer back.
  - b. Don't sulk.
  - c. Don't whine.
  - d. Don't grumble.
  - e. Don't be resentful.

#### **FEBRUARY: LOVE**

1. Know and respect the laws of God.
2. Review all the laws of God. Discuss.

#### **MARCH: FAITH**

1. Know and respect the laws of the Church.
2. Review the laws of the Church. Discuss.

#### **APRIL: HOPE**

1. Know the laws of the Country and any specific local regulations.



2. The hope of the future is in the youth of today. Let the Juniorettes list ways they can help keep these laws.

**MAY:** SELF-CONTROL

1. Understand the need for rules.
2. The understanding of rules can help develop self-control.
3. Discuss the need for rules at home, school and community.

**JUNE:** CHARITABLE

1. Breaking a law or rules denotes selfishness.
2. Be charitable and help those who break laws.

**NOTE:** Mary's Candle reminds Juniorettes how Mary obeyed immediately. When the Holy Spirit told her she was to be the Mother of our Lord she at once said: "Be it done to me according to Your will." We often have to do things that we don't understand or that we don't particularly want to do, but Juniorettes, like Mary, always obey at once with a smile.

The beauty of a park, a garden or woodlands was created by God for all to enjoy. Discuss the laws which protect this beauty against carelessness and willful damage of selfish people, and our responsibilities in this regard.

**FOURTH YEAR - THEME: DEVELOP - Symbolized by a Plant**

**This year the Juniette grows and aims at becoming a complete person, her true self, by developing and using her individual talents for the good of others.**

**SEPTEMBER:** UNDERSTANDING

1. Meaning of the word "develop" when it means to grow and become a more complete person.
  - a. Not just to grow physically.

**OCTOBER:** TRUE IDENTITY - VIRTUE: LOVE

1. Find one's true self.
  - a. Love yourself, as you are the image of Christ. Find Christ-like virtues within yourself.
  - b. When you have love within you, there is love for all around you.

**NOVEMBER:** TRUST IN GOD - HOPE

1. When there is trust there is hope for the future.

**DECEMBER:** ACCEPTANCE

1. Accept disappointments or pain as God's will.
2. There is a reason for all things that happen. Find something good in all disappointments and pain.

**JANUARY:** PATIENCE

1. Do not indulge in self-pity.
2. Do understand feelings of others.

**FEBRUARY:** JOY

1. Be happy and ready with a smile for everyone, especially those who feel rejected.
2. Be kind to those not accepted by others.

**MARCH:** FAITH - GRATEFUL

1. Appreciate dependence on God.

**APRIL:** SELF-CONTROL

1. Properly develop and use individual talents because they are God's gift as a trust for the good of others.

**MAY:** KINDNESS

1. What acts of kindness can you perform at home, school and for your community?

**JUNE:** SHARING

1. Share your individual talents with others. How?
2. We are obligated as Christians to develop these talents.
3. Create with these talents a thing of beauty for the honor and glory of God.

**NOTE:** Mary's Candle reminds the Juniorettes how brave Mary was and how she accepted all the sadness that came to her at the Crucifixion. Juniorettes don't have such big sorrows to bear, but they can be brave over the disappointments they do have.

## **FIFTH YEAR - THEME: PROGRESS - Symbolized by a Globe**

**This is a year of taking stock and consolidating; of looking over her progress and assessing how far she has gone towards bringing herself and her own little world nearer to God. The Juniette should now be ready to become a Junior.**

### **SEPTEMBER: PERSEVERANCE**

1. Improve self-control.

### **OCTOBER: COURAGE**

1. Increase moral courage.
2. Why does it take courage, today, to have good morals?

### **NOVEMBER: PEACE**

1. Recap on impact of surroundings.
2. Understanding of peace. How can each individual help?

### **DECEMBER: FAITH**

1. Emphasize the importance of making the maximum effort to bring the world nearer to God.

### **JANUARY: GOODNESS**

1. Remember that everyone met, seen, or spoken to, is influenced by this impact for good or for bad.

### **FEBRUARY: COURAGE**

1. How much is needed to be an ideal Juniette?

### **MARCH: JOY**

1. Evaluation and review of five year program.  
Love, Honor, Obey, Develop and Progress.

### **APRIL: CULMINATION**

1. Have each girl make a collage with pictures of her many accomplishments as a Juniette. Each collage tells an individual story. The collages should be displayed on Awards Night.

### **MAY: PREPARATION**

1. Preparing to become a JCDA member.
2. Rehearse the JCDA Pledge and the JCDA Official Song: "Let There Be Peace On Earth."
3. Prepare for receiving the Certificate of Achievement when going from the ranks of Juniorette to Junior. See Attached Certificate.

### **JUNE: GRADUATION FROM JUNIORETTE TO JUNIOR**

1. The Certificate of Achievement is presented to the Juniorette at the Awards Night.

**NOTE:** Juniorettes want to help to bring God to everyone, and one way is by sharing with others the appreciation of lovely things God made and gave to all.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

At the completion of membership in the Juniorette Program, (age 11 or the end of the fifth year), a certificate should be awarded to each Juniorette at a special ceremony, testifying that the Juniorette has completed the Program and is now eligible to become a Junior. It is also appropriate at this ceremony to give recognition to the younger Juniorettes for their service to the Program.

Parents/guardians, friends and prospective members are invited to this special ceremony to witness the presentation of the Certificate to the girls who have completed their final year in the Juniorette Program. All members are present and wearing their JCDA patch/pin or optional sashes.

A shrine is set up in the meeting room with the first and second year Juniorettes on one side and the third and fourth year Juniorettes on the other side. The fifth year Juniorettes come forward to the front of the Shrine either singly or in groups, according to the number of girls involved. Each group recites their part of the ceremony, kneels and places their offering (the appropriate symbol) before the Shrine and are presented with their Certificate of Achievement. One girl may be chosen to present each symbol if too many members are involved.

The symbols - Rose, Shield, Sword, Plant and Globe are obtained for the ceremony. These may be made by the girls or they may be the actual symbols.

At the end of the ceremony, the JCDA President welcomes the Juniorettes into the Junior Program of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. This is considered a graduation from the Juniorettes to Juniors. Together the Junior members recite the JCDA Pledge.

Refreshments may be served by the local sponsoring CDA or the JCDA members.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY**

The following paragraphs are recited by Juniorettes who are entering the JCDA Program.

### **SYMBOL - ROSE**

As we enter JCDA, we turn over to you who are still Juniorettes this rose, symbolic of the love that we have tried to achieve during our five years as Juniorettes. We have worked to deepen our love for God, to appreciate His love for us, and to share that love with everyone in His world. We have learned to love all His creatures and the beauty of the world He has created for us. We have grown to love knowledge by discovering the joy of music, art and books.

In turning over this symbol to you who are still Juniorettes, we wish for you to accept it and by continuing our Juniorettette work, strive to make love the basis of your lives.

We place this symbol at Your Shrine, dear Jesus, as an offering all for you.

### **SYMBOL - SHIELD**

As we enter JCDA, we turn over to you who are still Juniorettes, this shield, symbolic of the keen sense of honor that we have tried to achieve during our five years as Juniorettes. We have aimed for complete truthfulness and absolute sincerity in all that we say and do. We have worked towards a strong sense of justice and fair play. We have learned to form honest opinions of books, art, movies and television shows. We have tried to know our own minds, to stand by our convictions and to be truly ourselves.

In turning over this symbol to you who are still Juniorettes, we wish for you to accept it and by continuing our Juniorettette work, strive for perfect honesty throughout your lives.

We place this symbol at Your Shrine, dear Jesus, as an offering all for you.

### **SYMBOL - SWORD**

As we enter JCDA, we turn over to you who are still Juniorettes, this sword, symbolic of the spirit of obedience that we have tried to achieve during our five years as Juniorettes. We have tried to obey happily and willingly. We have learned to respect and uphold the wishes of those who, by God's will, are in authority over us. We have studied the laws of God, of our Church and of our Country, and we intend to keep them.

In turning over this symbol to you who are still Juniorettes, we wish for you to accept it and by continuing our Juniorettette work, strive to obey willingly throughout your lives.

We place this symbol at Your Shrine, dear Jesus, as an offering all for you.

### **SYMBOL - PLANT**

As we enter JCDA, we turn over to you who are still Juniorettes, this plant, symbolic of our efforts to grow daily more like our model, Jesus, and to develop our characters and personalities during our five years as Juniorettes. We have accepted as God's will any disappointments and pains that have come our way. We have tried to be happy and ready to spread happiness to those less fortunate. We have learned to develop our individual talents, entrusted to us by God, that we may use them for the good of others.

In turning over this symbol to you who are still Juniorettes, we wish for you to accept it and by continuing our Juniorette work, strive to develop your character and your talents throughout your lives.

We place this symbol at Your Shrine, dear Jesus, as an offering all for you.

### **SYMBOL – GLOBE**

As we enter JCDA we turn over to you who are still Juniorettes, this globe, symbolic of our efforts to become ideal Juniorettes. We have strengthened our self-control. We have tried to increase our moral courage. We have worked and prayed together that our impact on our surroundings may always be for the good of mankind.

In turning over this symbol to you who are still Juniorettes, we wish for you to accept it and by continuing our Juniorette work, strive to bring the world nearer to God by your example throughout your lives.

We place this symbol at Your Shrine, dear Jesus, as an offering all for you.

### **JCDA PLEDGE**

**I promise to be a faithful member of the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas,  
To promote development of myself as a whole person.  
To promote service to others, and  
To encourage spiritual growth in our members.**

### **JCDA OFFICIAL SONG**

#### **LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH**

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be;  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony;  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!**

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**SAMPLE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT**

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Recipient Name**  
\_\_\_\_\_

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE

Juniornette Program

The Juniornette Catholic Daughters of the Americas Program is a progressive program building over five years leading to becoming a Junior Catholic Daughter. The aim is to develop the individual talents and personalities of the girls. The Program is built around definite projects which have spiritual, inspirational, educational and character training values. Juniornettes are consecrated to the Child Jesus, whose virtues they try to imitate.



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SIGNED, *Signatory Name*, *Signatory Title*

