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My dear sister in Christ,

*Thank you* for saying yes! And welcome to Catholic Daughters and your new journey with us!

You join a most noble apostolate with over 63,000 members in 1,150 Courts in 45 states, as well as in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. Formed in 1903, Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.

Together with the faithful and prayerful support of your CDA sisters and under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, you will offer in faith and love your gifts, skills, and talents for the glory of God, the good of His Church, and the flourishing of His people. You will embrace the principle of faith, working through love for the promotion of justice, equality, and the defense of human dignity and the respect that is owed to every person.

*Thank you* for saying yes!

I am honored to support our National Regent, Emily Guilherme, the National Board, and CDA membership. My history with Catholic Daughters dates to my teenage years, and I have never forgotten my experience, nor the faithful women I was blessed to have known and privileged to know today.

To aid us in our spiritual journey, our worthy National Regent has chosen "Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains" (Mt 17:20) as her Scripture verse and theme during her tenure. In choosing this passage, she wants us not only to contemplate the words of Jesus but also, as Catholic Daughters, to embody His teaching in what we say and do, for "nothing will be impossible for [us]."

Let us pray for each other and for the courage to give our total yes, like Our Lady, trusting that God will take what we offer in faith will bear fruit "thirty and sixty and a hundredfold" (Mk 4:20).

Again, *welcome!*

In Christ,  
Father Shenan J. Boquet  
National Chaplain

