

Summary of Existing Resolutions for Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2011

The summarized version of resolutions listed below are currently in effect and still timely. The committee is in the process of updating resolutions adopted during the past decade. Resolutions are effective until repealed by the National Board. Resolutions submitted must focus on new and timely matters. Listed below are summaries of adopted resolutions.

1. Resolutions in effect recommend prayers for:

- Seminarians and ordained clergy
- Breast cancer survivors and families
- Safety of military personnel
- Illegal immigrants
- Those affected by the economic situation
- Women and girls affected by human trafficking
- Honor our Blessed Mother on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.
- Observe September 11 as a day of prayer.

2. Resolutions in effect advise CDA members to:

- Seek guidance from the National Legislative Committee as to the appropriateness of the membership in writing to the United Nations protesting the treatment of women in third world countries and that the Legislative Committee provide direction as to what action should be taken.
- National Regent or her designee is made aware of the workings of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organization and its agenda regarding women's issues through timely updates. (WUCWO)
- National Regent sends a letter to the USCCB affirming our support of Apostleship of the Sea.
- Respond to Morality in Media's suggestions pertaining to contacting our president, legislators, attorney generals, advertisers or any other official they suggest advising them of our disapproval of a specific pornography and obscenity.
- Participate in the White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign held annually during Pornography Awareness Week.
- Be models of decency by the way we act, talk and dress.
- Support The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship recognizing that "all persons have human rights, the right to life and to those things necessary (for) proper development of life including faith and family, work and education, housing and health care"
- Implement The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship through study groups.
- Increase volunteer commitment to projects within their communities.
- Encourage the "Read Across America" Program held each year on March 2nd, the anniversary of Dr. Seuss' Birthday.
- Partner with the Armed Services in an activity.
- Consider becoming blood donors.
- Consider enrolling as organ and bone marrow donors.
- Assist families of military personnel who are stationed away from home; financially, emotionally, or with household chores, yard work, child care or any other needs.

- Support and encourage organizations that provide conscientious, moral and humane adoption services for the aid of young women, their babies and loving couples.
- Speak out concerning domestic violence.
- Educate themselves on issues of life and dignity of the human person, the rights and responsibilities of all persons, the dignity of work and the rights of workers, and global solidarity.
- Continue in efforts to halt abortions.
- Petition our Senators and Representatives to continue the fight against Alzheimer's disease and encourage more funding for research to eradicate the disease.
- Provide information flyer from the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation to local and state courts.
- Oppose any legislation which would permit use of federal funds for embryonic stem cell research as well as fetal tissue research.
- Promote education and awareness of Church teaching.
- Affirm the journey of Father Peyton to sainthood by sending a letter of affirmation to Rev. Thomas Feeley, Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries.
- Protest the disrespectful treatment shown women by writing to newspaper and magazine editors, television program sponsors, and by boycotting movies produced by those companies who degrade the role of women. Contact their Representatives and Senators in Congress to initiate and support legislation in opposition to pornography and legislation that will protect the dignity of all women.
- Promote the enactment of legislation to create a stem cell bank for umbilical cord blood.
- Participate in Pennies for Life for Right to Life programs.
- Endorse and subscribe to the Catholic Campaign for Peace in the Holy Land and recommend to its membership that information on the Campaign and background materials can be found at the USCCB web-site (www.usccb.org/sdwp/holylandpeace).
- Spirituality will be our primary focus so that our spirituality is reflected in our service.
- Endorse and subscribe to the Bishops' Campaign to end the use of the death penalty and inform its membership about the Campaign, and recommends involvement by Catholic Daughters in both its educational and advocacy appeals available through the Campaign's web-site (www.ccedp.org).
- Endorse and subscribe to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services' campaigns against global poverty, participate as a Coalition member and refer Catholic Daughters to the Campaign's web site for background support ([www.usccb.org/global poverty](http://www.usccb.org/global%20poverty)).
- Endorse and subscribe to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Health Care for all campaign.
- Endorse and subscribe to the Catholic Campaign for Peace in the Holy Land and recommend to its membership that information on the Campaign and background materials can be found at the USCCB web-site (www.usccb.org/sdwp/holylandpeace).
- Undertake to assist the Bishops of the United States in implementing Campaigns through educational resources available to its members.
- Inform membership and recommend participation in the Campaign in its education and advocacy aspects utilizing the Bishops' web-site (www.usccb.org/sdwp).
- Assist the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities (NCOPD) in understanding and accomplishing their goals.

- Support legislation to require that violent TV programming be limited to broadcast after the hours when children are most likely to comprise a substantial part of the viewing audience.
- Support our bishops as they develop policies to deal with the prevention of serious damage caused to innocent victims of sexual abuse by clergy members.
- Become directly involved in aging issues.
- Make Leadership/Membership one of its primary focuses.
- Become informed of the Church's teaching on care and treatment of the terminally ill and dying.
- Exercise right to vote.
- Support National Safe Kids Campaign.
- Educate its members on Catholic teaching as outlined in "Living the Gospel of Life".
- Support the position of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in affirming that marriage is between a man and a woman only.
- Designate one Mass a month to Our Lady for her Pro-Life intentions.
- Proclaim affirmative support of keeping the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form.
- Present program at October CDA meeting to emphasize or educate women about monthly breast exams.
- Support legislation that puts the doctor back in charge of the patient care to determine when the patient is ready for discharge and allows a minimum of 48 hours stay following mastectomy surgery.

By their nature, Resolutions deal with matters that are often time specific. Therefore, between National Conventions, the National Board has the authority to adopt resolutions.

The Tools of the Trade, Second Edition, lists rules regarding Resolutions on page 3-11. The Suggested Form for Resolutions is on page 3-12. Remember to submit **five copies** of each Resolution to: **Mary Ann Kizer, Resolutions Chairman; P.O. Box 2753; Pine Bluff, AR 71613.**