

Membership Information

The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is open to all women, age 16 and over, who are Catholics.

As a member of the Daughters of Isabella, you will have the opportunity to make new friends, express your views, enhance your spiritual life and become as active as you wish. Your talents and energies will be recognized and are needed.

For more information, please contact us:

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UNITY - FRIENDSHIP - CHARITY

*"You, as women, have your own gift to offer to the Church --
a gift that is very precious and much needed."*

- Joseph Cardinal Bernadin
Former Archbishop of Chicago and
Episcopal Advisor to the Daughters of Isabella

YES!

I'm Interested in the Daughters of Isabella!

Unity

Friendship

Charity

About Us

The first circle of the Order was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1897, as an auxiliary to the Rev. John Russell Council of the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women in a sisterhood to achieve the following aims:

- To know one another better
- To extend our circle of friends
- To centralize all our resources to better help one another
- To be a greater force to contend with in the pursuit of good in our society

Today, it is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations, with a membership of over 60,000 women from the United States and Canada and has continued to prosper and establish bonds among Catholic women throughout the world. Members encourage each other's total development and foster growth of every aspect of life - spiritual, social and charitable--adding up to a more fulfilling life!

Mission Statement

- The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity.
- We come together as a sisterhood to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity.

- By our faith we are called to serve, inspired and challenged to do God's work.
- We are committed to foster individual participation by way of mutual understanding, charitable activities and social interaction.
- As we strive for the development of all that is best and truest in womanhood, we emerge in our communities as a positive influence to uphold the high ideals of life and morals.

What We Offer

- **Spiritual:** Participation in retreats, masses, novenas, and other spiritual activities to develop a deeper relationship with God and others. Members also receive plenary indulgence and remembrances in masses and novenas throughout the country.
- **Friendship:** Sharing of talents and experiences; support of one another in times of crisis and celebration
- **Fundraising:** For support of churches, schools, scholarships, seminaries, missions, Right to Life, and other charitable causes
- **Involvement:** Respect for Life, women's and family issues, civic and cultural projects
- **Other:** Life insurance and other benefits are made available to members.
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Our Structure

The organization's activities are on three levels which give it a special dimension.

The **International Circle** is the main governing body. Members come together in convention biennially to elect the [International Officers](#) who constitute the Administration Board.

The **State Circles** also convene every two years, for the formulation and revision of established agendum, election of Officers and implementation of programs and projects consistent with the laws and rules of the Constitution.

The **Local Circles** meet monthly for a combined business meeting and social gathering. Members act upon the charitable, spiritual, civic, and social programs their circle wishes to take part in or sponsor.

On each of these levels impressive ceremonies are held for the installation of Officers. The conferral of degrees for new members is also a beautiful and meaningful spiritual ceremony.



We invite women like you to join us!

*Remember the past with gratitude
Live the present with enthusiasm
Look forward to the future with confidence*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Daughters of Isabella, one of the largest organizations of Catholic women, who strive each day to live their motto of Unity, Friendship and Charity.

Since 1897, when we were first chartered, our members have dedicated themselves to the Catholic Church, families and charities through volunteer services and financial contributions. They devote their time, energy and funds to aid their fellow parishioners and communities in a variety of ways, as well as firmly support the important issues involving vocations and Respect Life.

We invite Catholic women of all ages to join us in this work, as members of a great Catholic women's organization. It is my hope that you will find the answer to your needs in our great organization!

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Leger
International Regent

**The Church Needs The Daughters of Isabella!
The Daughters Need You!**

Local Circle Events

In the Spiritual Realm:

1. Participation in Lenten and Prayer Retreats through Holy Family Ministries and the Father Peyton Center
2. Annual Mass for the deceased members of the D. of I.
3. Participation in the recitation of the Rosary @ The Father Peyton Rosary Rally and A Living Rosary Night at ICC
4. Participation at Soup and Bread Night at ICC during Lent
5. Development of a Spiritual and a Religious Support For Families Parish Library

In the Realm of Social Justice:

1. Participation in the Easton Food Pantry
2. Generous Donor to My Brother's Keeper Christmas Program by participating in Adopt a Family Program
3. Yearly contributions are also given to The Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Relief Service's Water for Life, Birthright of Taunton, St. Vincent DePaul Society My Brother's Keeper Household Supplies Area, D. of I. Scholarship Fund, Easton Pantry, This year we gave health care and beauty care products to HUGS of Easton. (Our chief fundraiser is our yearly Bake Sale at The Lion's Holiday Festival at the Rockery.)
4. The Daughter's are available for setting up collations after Funeral Masses at Immaculate Conception Church and have done four of these in the last half year.
5. We are called upon to support many of our parish's efforts and we can be trusted to be there when we are called.

In the social realm of unity and friendship

We have many occasions to celebrate to name a few

1. In September we hold a brunch after our Day of Remembrance for The Deceased Members of the D of I
2. Our first meeting of the year is a Potluck Dinner which is always wonderful as we are well known for our wonderful cooks.
3. The Annual Christmas Party has been held at Benjamin's Restaurant
4. In May The Annual Scholarship Tea is held for our scholarship recipients.
5. Many of our members attend our D of I State Convention at the end of April. This year it will be on Salem's lovely waterfront

6. Our July Meeting this year was held at Barbara Cerce's beautiful Cape home in Marston Mills We had a lovely barbeque with many wonderful salads and homemade deserts.

Our meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. We always have an event planned for this meeting with a guest speaker followed by a brief business meeting. Some of the events this year have included an installation of new officers and brief speech by Regent of the Massachusetts Circle, a board member of the Easton HUGS, and the co-coordinator of Birthright of Taunton. We are always looking for new members and new and exciting ideas.

Kathy Bendixen
Regent of Easton Circle #564

Please leave the bottom part of the application on the table and I will be back in touch with you ASAP.

Yes I am Interested in the Daughters of Isabella. Please get back to me.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

If you have any questions please feel to write them down.

God Be With You!