



## Catholic Daughters of the Americas California State Court

### Release #104

Dear CA CDA Members and Friends,

With the new year, many CA CDA members face scary and uncertain times dealing with the current Southern California wildfires. I have been in contact with our DD Supervisor in the area, Deb Burley and sadly, I was informed that she was aware of one member who has lost her home and multiple others are on standby for possible evacuations and some who had to evacuate. This is a tragic and fluid situation, with high winds expected for this weekend general assumption is we are not past the worst of it yet. All we can do at this time is **PRAY** for our CDA Sisters safety and be ready to **SUPPORT** all of them when the time comes.

I have called on a **STOP** on all CDA Activities in the **LA Area** and or any area of the State in the path of the affected areas and unfortunately areas that might be in danger during the upcoming week. Any activity in the area's affected or threatened by the fires, and or requiring travel through these area's are **ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. The call was made for the safety of our members not only with impacted areas, but travel and air quality issues. I have contacted our National Supervising Officer and she is in full support of this action. Once the State Board feels it is safe to resume activities in these area we will notify the membership.

The State Board will be meeting this Wednesday to discuss some tentative plans we are working on to send support to the region in a safe, secure and timely manner. Please look for more information to go out late Wednesday night or Thursday morning. As mentioned earlier, all we can do right now is Pray for a calm in these fires. Also please pray for the First Responders who are working long hours to to fight these fires. So many of our friends, families and community members from throughout CA are on those front lines right now or providing logistical support. They are working long hours, they need our prayers.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter and I will have more information out to you this week.

Thank You and God Bless

Maria Santos-Silva, CA CDA State Regent