



Message

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Dear parents of _____

The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) are pleased to see the interest your daughter has shown in our organization. Our bylaws state that "Membership in the JCDA shall be open to all Catholic girls, with approved exceptions, from their 6th to their 18th birthday".

The primary reason for allowing non-Catholic members only on an "approved exception" basis is that many of our activities and ceremonies center on the Catholic faith and a member should not be uncomfortable with any teachings or rituals that may be unfamiliar or contrary to those practiced in the home.

When granting an exception, many factors are taken into consideration including:

1. the girl's desire to be a member (not just "going along with the crowd")
2. the parents' backing (it is important for both parents to be in agreement)
3. any Catholic background (i.e. she attends parochial school, is in process of becoming Catholic, grandparents are Catholic, frequently attends Sunday Mass with friends, etc.)

Until her application is approved, she is welcome to participate in many of our activities as a guest, and she may re-apply at a later date if her application is turned down.

If you and your daughter wish to begin the approval process at this time, please complete the application below and return it to your JCDA Court Chairman.

**JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
NON-CATHOLIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____ Court _____ No. _____

Address _____ Juniorette _____ Junior _____ DOB _____
(age 6-10) (age 11-18)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Age _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ E-mail address _____

Court Name and No. _____

Circumstances to consider:

Applicant signature*	Date	JCDA Court Chairman signature*	Date
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1 st Parent or Guardian signature*	Date	State JCDA Chairman signature*	Date
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2 nd Parent signature* (if both parents live at home or share custody of child)	Date	State CDA Regent signature*	Date
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State JCDA Chaplain signature*	Date
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*Your signature indicates your approval of this application.
If you do not approve, state your reason (s) instead and initial.

NON-CATHOLIC
MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATIONS

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