



Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women National Council of Catholic Women

Dear Affiliation Presidents:

January 13, 2024

The 56th Annual ODCCW Convention will be held at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809, from April 20 to 22, 2023. Our theme this year is **“Transform Like Christ into A New Life”**. The women of Central Deanery will be our hostesses this year. They are working hard to make this convention a memorable experience for all.

Convention Registration: The deadline for Convention registration is April 1st, 2024. The late registration fee is \$25.00. There are no exceptions. No refunds will be issued after April 7th, 2024.

Hotel Reservations: We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible to ensure that you will get the Convention rate of \$119.00 per night (exclusive of taxes). You may make your reservations for the hotel by using **the booking link that is available on the ODCCW webpage (odccw.com) as are all Convention forms OR you can call the hotel at 407-859-1500**. Reservations must be secured at the time of booking with either credit card, cash or check. The cut-off date for the Convention Conference Room Rate is when the secured conference block has been filled or March 27th, 2024 (whichever occurs first). Reservations after the cut-off date will be accepted based on availability.

Liturgies:

- Saturday, April 20, 2024: 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 4545 Anderson Road Orlando, FL 32812. Welcome dinner immediately after Mass in the parish hall.
- Monday April 22, 2024: 4:30 p.m. Mass held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 6200 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809. Celebrant will be the Most Reverend John Noonan. All CCW spiritual advisors are invited to join us and to celebrate this Mass.

Bishop’s Banquet: Monday, April 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the hotel; cash bar reception starts at 6:00 p.m.

First Time Attendees: 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th. Be sure to mark your registration forms if you are planning on attending this session!

Share the Wealth Daily Drawing: Tickets will be available at the **Share the Wealth table** in the concourse.

Prize Incentive:

- Each affiliation is asked to sell 10 books of tickets. A flyer is included in this packet. The tickets may be printed using the form available at <https://www.odccw.com/landing-1-1>. Each ticket has a front and back page. Please download the form to your computer to print as many double-sided copies as you need.
- The cost of the tickets is \$1 each or six for \$5.
- Ticket stubs and monies should be sent to Treasurer Vilma Barrett
- Contact Vilma Barrett if you have questions about printing, selling or mailing to her the Prize Incentive ticket stubs and monies.
- Tickets will also be available for sale during the Convention, but pre-sales of these tickets really help defray the cost of Convention.

Program Book Ads:

- **Remember, you receive a free convention registration when you submit \$375.00 in business ads for this convention.**
- There are options for individual members to purchase angel patron ads and memorial ads as well - all forms are included in this packet.
- The deadline for submission of **all** ads is March 24, 2024. Ads must be sent via email to Lisag97@aol.com. Checks should be made payable to **ODCCW, Inc.** and mailed with a copy of ad to: Lisa Marie Gill, 437 North Fork Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809-1426.

Purse Auction:

- Each affiliation is asked to provide at least **One (1)** purse to auction. Purse value should be at least \$100.00 (you don’t have to pay \$100.00 for the purse you submit - it should be valued at \$100.00. Ross, Marshall, Beall’s outlet, Vera Bradley online, Macy’s and many others all offer valuable purses at reduced prices.)

- Please insert one or more secret items in the purse with a minimum value of \$25.00. There is no maximum value; have fun. Remember, it's a secret! But also include a list of the items and their value with the purse. Please put the purse and list in a solid bag that you do not want returned, like a Publix bag. The bag should be opaque and big enough to hide the purse.
- Please bring your purse for auction to the designated room the day you arrive for convention – ask the Hostesses for directions.
- The purse auction will be held on Sunday evening and credit cards will be accepted.
- Auctioneer will be: Very Rev. Miguel Gonzalez and Father Matt Mellow. It will be a hoot!!! Auctioneer will be: Very Rev. Miguel Gonzalez and Father Matt Mellow. It will be a hoot!!!
- Remember half of the profits from this event will be divided evenly among the five deaneries!

Deanery Raffle Baskets

- Each Deanery is asked to provide a themed basket to be raffled, valued at minimum of \$50.00. Please include attached to the basket the list of contents.
- Please bring your basket to the Basket Raffle area in the concourse when you arrive. Ask the Hostesses for directions.
- Raffle tickets will be available at the Raffle Basket ticket table in the concourse.

Banners:

- Affiliation banners will be displayed around the main meeting room during the Convention.
- Please bring your banners to the general session area on Saturday morning.
- Deanery banners will not be displayed at the Bishop's Mass or Banquet.

Poster Displays:

- Complete the poster display application in this packet to have one or more of your affiliation projects highlighted at Convention. If your submission is selected, you should then create a tri-fold display to bring to Convention depicting all the aspects of that project.
- Do not bring handouts; instead, bring a sign-up sheet for women to give you their name and contact information if they have questions.

Mission Office Collection:

The Diocesan Mission Office is asking each affiliation to collect and bring to Convention children's shoes from baby to kids sizes. The shoes should be closed toed and should be secured to the feet like sneakers or slip on type shoes and Children's Toys. There will be a place for your affiliation donations. Simply ask the Hostesses upon arrival.

President's Breakfast: Each Affiliation and Deanery President will receive an invitation from the ODCCW President to a breakfast at the Convention. This will be a time for you to meet other Presidents to get to know them better and share ideas.

Voting Delegates: If you are a designated voting representative for your affiliation (President and Deanery Representative) who **cannot attend full time**, please complete the ODCCW Convention Alternative Delegate Vote form in this packet and include it with the registration of the person replacing the delegate. Diocesan Board votes are **NOT** transferable.

This Convention promises many opportunities to work together, pray together, and have fun together. Convention is a great opportunity to meet others and learn from your Council sisters. A tentative agenda will be frequently updated on the ODCCW website (odccw.com). Please register as soon as possible and encourage and support your members to attend.

Love and God Bless!
 Lisa Marie Gill
 ODCCW President 2022-2024

Enclosures:

Convention Flyer	Sunday Social Flyer
Letter to Affiliations Presidents	Purse Auction Flyer
Registration Form	Poster Session Application Form
Credit Card Authorization	Electric Scooter Rental Information
Prize Incentive Flyer	Alternative Delegate Vote Form
Prize Incentive tickets for printing	Motion Form
Program Ad Form	
Angel Ad Form	
Memorial Ad Form	