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**To:** SPDCCW Board members  
Affiliate Presidents  
Affiliate Pastors/Spiritual Advisors  
Invited Guests

**Subject:** Official Call to 2023 Convention - “We are Women of the Eucharist”

You are cordially invited to attend the **Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention** of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Brandon, 10220 Palm River Road, Tampa, FL 33619, (813) 653-1905.

For 2023, we once again have a weekend format beginning Thursday Evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>, with the First Vice-President’s “Christmas in May” themed Welcome Dinner and concluding Sunday morning, May 7<sup>th</sup> with the Healing and remembrance Mass. Highlights include **Keynote Speaker Msgr. Stephen Bosso, Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** addressing our theme “We are Women of the Eucharist”; we will begin Saturday morning with the Living Rosary and Sunday morning with the Healing and Remembrance Mass; there will be other great speakers and informative sessions throughout the weekend; and a really fun “Jukebox Bingo” Dinner and show on Saturday night hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea District.

**Bishop Gregory Parkes** will celebrate our Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm Mass at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Brandon. Following Mass and will speak at the **Bishop’s Banquet**. Please invite your Spiritual Advisors, Pastors and Parish Clergy to join us at this special 55<sup>th</sup> Celebration Mass and Dinner. (There is a space on the registration form to reserve a seat for your Clergy to attend the Bishop’s Mass, please mark it if they are attending.)

This is a GREAT year to invite friends to join you! We are beyond excited that we have arranged **Keynote Speaker Msgr. Stephen Bosso** this year. We especially invite our working members and their guests to attend the full 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Clergy and Religious may register without a Fee, but all meals require paid reservations by the deadline. See the Tentative Schedule for sessions and other activities information.

**This is your only Call to Convention. Everything you need is in this packet.** Credential information/form, Hotel Information, Registration forms, Heavenly Benefactor letter with form and Tentative Schedule are included. Inserts include resumes for the 2023-2025 SPDCCW Slate of Officers, Basket Fundraiser tickets and Dinner flyers. Take advantage of Early Bird Registration. **All deadlines are final.**

**Presidents**, please provide a copy of this packet to your Pastors and Spiritual Advisors. Also, please remember to include them on your Affiliate registration form. It is requested that each Affiliate submit all registration forms with one Affiliate check; this is the only way we can attempt to seat your members near one another at meals. Please encourage attendance at Convention by providing your members with all necessary information and forms, including those for Heavenly Benefactors, Dinners and the Basket Fundraiser. Be sure to complete the Affiliate Credential form by the deadline; remember, your voting delegate must be registered to attend the sessions.

Those registered to stay at the hotel will once again be receiving free breakfast each morning following their stay (ex. stay Friday night, get free breakfast Saturday morning, etc.) and two free drinks and snacks at the hotel’s evening cocktail party. Also, for those not staying at the hotel, we will be hosting a CASH bar on Friday night prior to the Bishop’s Banquet outside the banquet hall.

I thank you in advance for your generosity, time and participation. Thank you for all that you do.

Your sister in Christ,

*Melissa Garrett*

Melissa “Missy” Garrett, SPDCCW President

## REGISTRATION FORM

St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
May 4 – 7, 2023

**Early Bird Registration must be postmarked by April 7, 2023**

*Please Print Name*

**No Admission To Sessions or Speakers without Registration/Name Badge**

Name on the Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ First time Attendee: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Current Position in CCW \_\_\_\_\_ Is this for  Affiliate,  District or  Diocesan level

**Clergy and Religious** FREE REGISTRATION includes: Con- Celebration of the Mass & Convention Sessions/Speakers  
Please check here if Clergy or Religious will be attending Bishop's Mass Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Sessions (Name Badge) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please list Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration May 4-7 without meals <input type="checkbox"/>	Fulltime Convention includes all Sessions/Speakers Fri., Sat. and Sun. <b>*Does NOT include Lunch or Dinners</b>	Early Bird \$40.00 postmarked By: April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Late Registration \$45.00 postmarked By: April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Total Amt Due
Selected One Day Registration without meals	OR: One Day Registration for Friday <input type="checkbox"/> OR: One Day Registration for Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Includes Sessions/Speakers that day only</b>	\$25.00 \$25.00 Postmarked by: April 7	\$30 \$30.00 Postmarked By: April 21	
Full Registration Package with 3 Dinners (without lunches) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OR: Package Includes: Full Convention access to all Sessions and Speakers and 3 Dinners on Thursday, Friday &amp; Saturday. *Does NOT include lunch please mark ALL your meal Choices below</b>	Early Bird Total Cost if postmarked by April 7 <b>\$ 170.00*</b>	Late Registration total Cost if postmarked by April 21 <b>\$190.00*</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	Dinner Meals also includes Salad, Rolls, Dessert, and Tea. <b>Coffee will NOT be served.</b>	<b>Early Bird Price</b>	<b>Late Registration</b>	
6:45 pm doors open Thursday May 4	<b>"Christmas in May" Welcome Dinner and Show</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots Apple or Pumpkin Pie <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian – Chef's Choice	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	
6:45 pm doors open Friday, May 5	<b>Bishop's Banquet and talk by Bishop Parkes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New York Strip Steak <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon with Honey Champaign Butter Sauce Roasted potatoes, Squash Medley, Chocolate Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian – Chef's Choice	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	
6:45 pm doors open Saturday May 6	<b>"Jukebox Bingo" Dinner and Entertainment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Chicken with 5 Cheeses and spinach and mushrooms, Boursin (cheesy) Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cheesecake <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian – Chef's Choice	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	
<b>Lunch on Friday May 5</b>	<b>See descriptions on back side under Lunch</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Honeybaked® Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Cobb Salad	<b>\$15.00*</b> not included in Convention package	<b>\$20.00*</b> not included in Convention package	
<b>Lunch on Saturday May 6</b>	<b>See descriptions on back side under Lunch</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Tavern Club® Sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Cobb Salad	<b>\$15.00*</b> not included in Convention package	<b>\$20.00*</b> not included in Convention package	
	<b>Total Due</b>		<b>Check #</b>	

**\*\*\* Lunch Menu \*\*\***

**Friday - The Honeybaked Sandwich:** Honey Baked Ham® topped with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles, crispy onions, Duke's Dijon honey mustard, and honey glaze on ciabatta, chips, and a cookie.

**Saturday - The Tavern Club Sandwich:** Honey Baked Ham® and Honey Baked Turkey Breast® piled high with bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, and honey mustard on multigrain bread, chips, and a cookie.

**Vegetarian Cobb Salad:** Green leaf and spring mix lettuce, roasted tomatoes, pickled red onions, hard boiled egg, and croutons, chips, and a cookie.

*Lunches will be distributed from Rooms on the designated Floor. You may take your meal to sit by the pool, your District or Affiliation President's room, or your room (invite your friends to join you there). Please do not sit in the meeting space/ballroom, lobby or bar area with your boxed lunch. Information will be on your lunch ticket.*

*NOTE: for the lunches, we will ask Honey Baked Ham® to put all dressings and sauces on the side, but we cannot guaranty they will.*

**\*\*\* PRESIDENTS PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS \*\*\***

- Please make one copy of the first page for each registrant.
- Please invite your Pastor and Spiritual Advisor. Please make a copy of the cover letter "Call to Convention" and make a copy of this registration form (both pages) for them.
- If Clergy or Religious will be attending, please make a copy of the first page for them and mark the appropriate corresponding responses to the following:
  - Will they be attending the Bishop's Mass on Friday May 13 at 4:00 pm? No Charge.
  - Will they be attending any of the sessions? No Charge.
  - Will they be attending any of the dinners or lunches? Please include the appropriate payment.

**Make checks payable to *St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SPDCCW), Inc.***

Mail to: Doreen Ward, Registration Chairman  
2252 Tioga Dr.  
Land O' Lakes, FL 34639

(813) 997-4500 (Doreen Ward)

(813) 997-1045 (Coleen Ward)



Thank you for choosing the Embassy Suites Tampa Brandon. We welcome you with the same gracious hospitality you have come to know and deserve. You can be confident that we are committed to creating a safe and relaxing experience, including delivering an even cleaner stay from check in to check out.

**Group Information:**

St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
May 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Guestroom Rates**

Group Booking Code: **SPD**

Group Website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50378135>

\$145.00 King Suites or Double/Double Suites Per Night Exclusive of 13.5% Tax

Please make sure you make your reservations no later than April 12, 2023 to take advantage of the special group rate.

***Face Mask Policy:***

- Face masks are optional. The comfort, safety and well-being of our guests and team members continue to be our top priority. In accordance with local guidelines, face coverings are optional but always welcome.

***What to expect during your visit:***

- We are serving our hot breakfast buffet daily  
Monday-Friday 6:30AM-9:30AM      Saturday and Sunday 7:30AM-10:30AM
- Each guest 21 years of age and older will receive coupons for two complimentary beverages during our Managers Reception each evening between the hours of 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Also, please enjoy a 20% discount on appetizers during this time.
- Our restaurant, Mangos Sunset Grill, is serving a full menu Sunday from 5 – 9:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday from 5 – 10:00 p.m. and on Friday & Saturday from 5- 11 p.m.
- For your pleasure, the swimming pool is open from dusk to dawn.
- The Fitness Center is available to all guests 24 hours a day.

***Housekeeping By request:***

- Housekeeping is still complimentary but now must be requested at least 24 hours in advance. For guest staying four nights or longer, a full clean will automatically be conducted every fifth day.
- To request complimentary housekeeping, extra towels or bath amenities simply call (dial 0) or stop by the front desk and we'll be happy to help.

***To enhance your visit:***

- A limited number of premium rooms are available to include: upgraded premium wi-fi, Keurig Coffee Makers, an assortment of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Upgrade fee \$30.00.
- Need a little extra space? An oversized corner suite will provide a bit of extra square footage for a fee up to \$25.00.
- Prefer a ground floor guaranteed suite or a pool view? Please request when booking or upon arrival for just a \$10.00 per night additional fee, based upon availability.

We are grateful for your business and are here to help in any way we can to enhance your visit. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

The Embassy Suites Tampa/Brandon Team

# St. Petersburg DCCW 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Tentative Schedule

Date	Hours	Activity
<b>Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	2:00-6:30pm	Registration & Welcome Bags / Voting Delegate Credentials
	2:00-11pm	Prayer Room
	4:00 pm	SPDCCW Board Meeting (only Board Members)
	7:00pm	<b>“Christmas In May” Welcome Dinner</b> – Wear your “Ugly Christmas Sweater” All are invited; reservation required
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<b>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30-9:15am	Registration & Welcome Bags / Voting Delegate Credentials
	9:30am	Call to order: Opening Business Meeting, Invocation, and Flag Ceremony
	11:00am	<b>Session 1: Welcome to Convention</b>
	11:45am	<b>Session 2: Leadership Commission</b> – “Group Dynamics - Ellen Bachman, Past NCCW President
	12:30pm	Pre-Paid Lunch Registration re-opens
	2:00pm	<b>Session 3: Council Soup</b> - Missy Garrett, SPDCCW President
	3:00pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: “Mary - The First Woman of the Eucharist”</b> – Rev. Msgr. Stephen Bosso, BA and Master of Divinity
	4:30	<b>Bishop’s Mass</b> - Bishop Parkes, Celebrant (at the hotel) <i>“We are Women of the Eucharist”</i>
7.00pm	<b>Bishop’s Banquet</b> - Bishop Parkes, speaker	
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<b>Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30-8:55am	Registration & Welcome Bags / Voting Delegate Credentials
	8:45 if Fr Kyle will be speaking otherwise 9:00am	“Bread of Life” Prayer Service
	9:30am	Convention Reconvenes: Business Session with voting (slate of officers)
	11:00am	<del><b>Session 4 – TBA</b></del>
	11:15am	<b>Session 4 5: Service Commission</b> – “Domestic Violence and the effects on Homelessness” – Kathy Bonner, Co-Creator of the “Women Healing Wounds” an NCCW resource.
	12:30pm	Pre-Paid Lunch Registration re-opens
	2:00pm	<b>Session 6 – Spirituality Commission</b> – “Tails of the Secret Peacock” – Lynn Kilbride, author
	4:30pm	<b>Living Rosary</b> – Our Lady of Grace District
7:00pm	<b>Fun Night Dinner and Entertainment</b> – Our Lady Star of the Sea District <i>“Jukebox Bingo”</i>	
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<b>Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00am	<b>Healing and Remembrance Ceremony and Mass</b>
	10:30am	Installation of the 2023-2025 SPDCCW Board Members <b>Convention reconvenes / Closing Business Meeting</b>

## Collection of Evaluation Forms