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

**Subject:** Official Call to 2024 Convention - “Courageously Living the Gospel with Faith, Family and Friends”

You are cordially invited to attend the **Fifty-Sixth 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 2024, we once again have a weekend format beginning Thursday Evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the First Vice-President’s “Cruising the Night Away” themed Welcome Dinner and concluding Sunday morning, May 5<sup>th</sup> with the Healing and remembrance Mass. Highlights include **Keynote Speaker Alicia Goodwin from the House of Prayer, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am** addressing our theme “Courageously Living the Gospel with Faith, Family and Friends”; we will end Saturday afternoon with the Living Rosary and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Catholic Women’s Club and Sunday morning with the Healing and Remembrance Mass; there will be informative sessions throughout the weekend; and a really fun “SAY WHAAAT!” Dinner and show on Saturday night hosted by Our Lady of Grace District.

**Our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Ted Costello** will celebrate our Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 pm Mass at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Brandon. Following Mass **Bishop Gregory Parkes** will speak at the **Bishop’s Banquet**. Please invite your Spiritual Advisors, Pastors and Parish Clergy to join us at this special 56<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 Alicia Goodwin** this year. We especially invite our working members and their guests to attend the full 56<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 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.

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

Your sister in Christ,

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