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

Subject: Official Call to 2025 Convention - **“Here I am Lord”**

You are cordially invited to attend the **Fifty-Seventh 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 2025, we once again have a weekend format beginning Thursday Evening, May 1st, with the First Vice-President's "Name that Tune and more" themed Welcome Dinner and concluding Sunday morning, May 4th with the Healing and remembrance Mass. Highlights include **Keynote Speaker Fr. Lucius Amarillas with St. Leo, Saturday, May 3rd at 10:15 am** addressing our theme "Here I am Lord"; we will end Saturday afternoon with the Living Rosary and a 40th Anniversary Celebration presented by SPDCCW Past President. There will be informative sessions throughout the weekend; and a really fun "Come Sing Your Heart Out" Dinner and show on Saturday night hosted by the Service Commission.

The Bishop's mass will be Friday, May 2nd, 4:30 pm at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Brandon. Following Mass, we will have the **Bishop's Banquet**. Please invite your Spiritual Advisors, Pastors and Parish Clergy to join us at this special 57th 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 especially invite our working members and their guests to attend the full 57th 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. 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, and Dinners. 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,

Josephine Maestas

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