



Florida Council of Catholic Women, Province of Miami (“FCCW”)
27th Biennial Conference
Province Mass And Banquet
October 8-10, 2026

"Are you a Mary or a Martha? Embracing your Sacred Calling"

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To: FCCW Board of Directors; Affiliate Presidents; Affiliate Pastors/Spiritual Advisors; Invited Guests

Subject: Official Call to 2026 FCCW Biennial Conference - "Are you a Mary or a Martha, Embracing Your Sacred Calling"

You are cordially invited to attend the 27th Biennial Conference (Mass and Banquet) of the FCCW at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 555 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609, (813) 623-6363, by Melissa "Missy" Garrett, FCCW President/Province Director, St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women ("SPDCCW") as host Diocese, and Bishop Gregory L. Parkes.

FCCW President/Province Director, Missy Garrett, and Immediate Past President/Province Director, Brenda Dolan, have planned a fabulous program to celebrate our theme "Are you a Mary or a Martha, Embracing Your Sacred Calling" by inviting an exciting lineup of guest speakers, including Magda Robles and David Sanborn (both excellent retreat leaders and event speakers), Gwen Cote (known for her scripture reflections and spiritual writings), Jane Schiszik (NCCW President Elect), FCCW Spirituality, Leadership, and Service Commission activity sessions, and more.

Registration begins at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 8th. The Registration Table will be located on the 1st floor of the hotel. The members of the Host Diocese have planned a Campfire themed welcome dinner for registrants that evening at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall, hosted by members of the SPDCCW. Be sure to register for this dinner, you won't want to miss it. Feel free to dress in your camping or scouting attire.

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, Province of Miami, will celebrate the Bishop's Mass on Friday, October 9th at 4:30 pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church (4818 S. Manhattan Ave., Tampa, FL 33611) with Bishop Gregory L. Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and our Diocesan Spiritual Advisors concelebrating. The Archbishop's Banquet will be at the hotel following the Mass. Rev. Theodore Costello, SPDCCW Spiritual Advisor, and our Diocesan Spiritual Advisors will celebrate the closing liturgy at the hotel on Saturday, October 10th. The Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers for the 2026-2028 Board of Directors will be at the hotel following the complimentary evening reception on Saturday evening.

This is a GREAT year to invite friends to join you! We are beyond excited that we have arranged several incredible speakers this year and even more excited to install the next Board of Directors. We especially invite our working members and their guests to attend the full 27th Biennial Conference. Clergy and Religious may register without a Conference Attendance Fee (lunch and dinner prices do apply).

This is your only Call to Conference. Everything you need is in this packet. Please read carefully and follow the deadlines of all the enclosed inserts including Hotel Information; Conference Registration form; Heavenly Benefactor letter with form; Advertising letter and Agreement; Basket Fundraiser Tickets; Welcome Dinner Flyer; Tentative Schedule; and other information. All deadlines are final.

[A/DCCW Presidents](#), please provide a copy of this packet to each of your Affiliation Presidents.

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If you should have any questions, please contact: Missy Garrett, Conference Chairman at mgarrett79@me.com or (813) 453-4439. Please mark your calendars and join us for this exciting conference!

I thank you in advance for your generosity, time and participation. Thank you for all that you do. You are the heart and soul of Council.

Your sister in Christ,

Melissa Garrett

Melissa Garrett, FCCW President/Province Director



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REGISTRATION FORM *Please Print Clearly*

No Admission To Sessions or Speakers without Registration/Name Badge

Name on the Badge _____

Telephone # _____ E-Mail _____

Diocese: _____ Parish _____ First time attending Conference: Yes ___ No ___
 FCCW Board Member: Yes ___ No ___

Highest Current Position in CCW _____

This is for Affiliate District/Deanery A/DCCW FCCW NCCW level

Clergy and Religious FREE REGISTRATION includes Con-Celebration of the Mass & Conference Sessions/Speakers.
 Does NOT include meals. Please select meals below and include payment as applicable.

Please check if Clergy/Religious will be attending Archbishop's Mass Yes ___ No ___ Sessions (Name Badge) Yes ___ No ___

Registration: Registration closes Wednesday, September 24, 2026

"Registration Package" Includes all Sessions/Speaker for day(s) selected, and MEALS as noted:

Full Conference Registration October 8-10 (includes Welcome Dinner, 2 lunches and 2 banquet dinners)

Clergy price = \$270.00 All others = \$340.00 \$ _____

Full Registration Package above includes all speakers and sessions, Masses, Welcome Dinner and entertainment, Thursday and Friday Lunches, Bishop's Banquet, and Awards and Installation Banquet.

One Day Registration (Circle which day: Fri. OR Sat.) (includes 1 lunch and 1 banquet dinner)

Clergy price = \$135 All others = \$170.00 \$ _____

Meals: Please only apply prices if you have not selected a package that includes that particular meal.

Please circle a choice for Friday Dinner – even in packages See complete menu description on attached sheet.

NOTE: All meals include a speaker or presentation.

Thurs. Oct. 8: "Campfire" Welcome Dinner at St. Patrick's Church Hall \$10.00 \$ _____

Fri. Oct. 9 Bishop's Banquet: Circle - Filet of Beef or Salmon ← \$80.00 \$ _____

Sat., Oct. 10 Awards and Installation Banquet: "Historic Tampa Meal" \$70.00 \$ _____

Add amounts for the individual lines -OR- **Package Price as applicable.** Total Due \$ _____

* Vegetarian Meals by Request (chef's choice – indicate below to request)

**Indicate medically necessary dietary needs and food allergies below

Badges MUST be worn to be admitted into sessions. Badges issued to paid registrants, clergy and religious.

Refund requests must be in writing and mailed to the address below. No refunds after September 24, 2026.

Make checks payable to: Florida Council of Catholic Women
 Mail check and registration form to: Maureen Yonkers
 Attn: FCCW Conference 2026
 2034 34th Ave. N.
 St. Petersburg, FL 33717

Email: maureen.yonkers@verizon.net

Phone: (727) 422-5224



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**HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION INFORMATION
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You can make reservations by either one of the following methods:

1. Online (the link works best from an electronic version, but copying or typing in a browser should properly connect to our room block and special event pricing):

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=TPAFLES&groupCode=CESFCC&arrivaldate=2026-10-08&departuredate=2026-10-11&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

2. Phone call-in reservations:

- **Call 1-800-Embassy (1-800- 362-2779) Reference: Florida Council of Catholic Women Block**

ROOM RATES: Check in time: 4:00 pm and check out is by 11:00 am

QUEEN SUITE: (2 beds and sleeper sofa) : \$ 179.00 per night

(Remember sharing a room with your "besties" is half the fun of conference)

(Price does not include 13.5% occupancy or state tax – see **below for tax exemption to be applied)**

More information is available on request.

PARKING GARAGE RATES: Parking will be \$11 per day (this is a reduced rate for the Conference guests)

AMENITIES: Free Made-To-Order Breakfast, Complimentary Evening Reception (which includes 2 drinks and snacks), Outdoor Pool, Fitness Center, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Hilton Honors Points, Refrigerator, Microwave, and more. The hotel is located just 3 miles from Tampa International Airport; across the street from Westshore Plaza and only 1.5 miles from the International Plaza and Bay Street (for Pre and Post Event mall shopping and dining).

HOTEL SHUTTLE: There is shuttle transportation to and from Tampa International Airport. Contact the front desk to request.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CONFERENCE GROUP RATE AND GUARANTEED AVAILABILITY. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed by a major credit card. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods. Check with hotel for cancellation policies and possible charges based on date of cancellation. **If paying by check, the Affiliation, Church, or Diocesan check MUST reach the hotel at least 10 days prior to arrival along with the tax-exempt certificate.** **It is state policy to have the check or debit card and the tax-exempt certificate with matching names, so please make sure the same name is on both the check or debit card and the tax-exempt certificate.**



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Our Catholic Councilwomen of the Florida Council of Catholic Women, Province of Miami, the seven dioceses of Florida - Archdiocese of Miami, Diocese of Venice, Diocese of St. Petersburg, , Diocese of Orlando, Diocese of Palm Beach, Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee, and Diocese of St. Augustine - [are asking for your support of the 2026 Biennial Conference Advertising Campaign](#). Please help our all-volunteer, multigenerational organization to achieve our service, educational, and charitable goals by becoming a sponsor and/or placing an Ad with us for our 27th Biennial Conference to be held October 8-10, 2026, in Tampa.

Our competitive advertising rates are at a very reasonable level. We now offer ads in both black and white and **color** options.

Our Conference Chairman, Missy Garrett (mgarrett79@me.com 813-453-4439), will be happy to respond to any questions you may have. Please call her if you have any questions or need assistance in creating our ad artwork. Copy should be submitted in **Word, .jpg or .pdf** format.

We, the numerous members of the Florida Council of Catholic Women ("FCCW"), welcome your participation in our 2026 Conference Advertising Campaign. I'm sure we have a gray scale or color ad size perfectly suited to your needs. (See ad size blocks attached.) Please make us part of your tax deductible, ordinary and necessary business expenses. We look forward to working with you.

**Please submit copy in Word, .jpg or .pdf format by email to ccwdoreen@gmail.com.
Camera-ready advertising and payment deadline is August 1, 2026.**

Thank you and God bless you,

Melissa Garrett

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Advertising Agreement

Florida Council of Catholic Women (Province of Miami) will be holding its 27th Biennial Conference (Mass and Banquet) October 8-10, 2026, at the Embassy Suites Tampa Airport Westshore at 555 N. Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609. Hosted by the members of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Florida Council of Catholic Women. This special event will recognize the Catholic women from the seven dioceses of the State of Florida who serve the Church and their communities through religious, social, educational, and charitable endeavors at all levels of Council.

Our program book is professionally printed and distributed to all members, guests, and clergy attending the Conference. We invite you to become part of this worthwhile event by placing an ad in our program book. Please make us one of your tax deductible, ordinary and necessary business expenses. Thank you.

Name/Business: _____

Full Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Authorization Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Printed Name & Title: _____

BLACK & WHITE (gray scale): (circle choice)

- \$200 - Full Page (7.5" wide by 10" high)
- \$100 - Horizontal Half Page (7.5" wide by 5" high)
- \$50 - Vertical 1/4 Page (3.75" wide by 5" high)
- \$30 - Horizontal Business Card (3.5" wide by 2" high)

COLOR :

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Please email your camera-ready copy in Word, .jpg or .pdf format to ccwdoreen@gmail.com. by August 1, 2026. Business card-size ad ONLY, mail two (2) clean cards (address below). The quality of the copy we receive is the quality that will appear in the book (folds, wrinkles and tears would show in the final image).

NOTE: If you need assistance in creating your ad, call Missy Garrett (813-453-4439) for details.

CAMERA-READY ADVERTISING & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS August 1, 2026.

Return completed agreement & check payable to Florida Council of Catholic Women (please put Ad in the memo line) to:
Doreen Recco, 139 SE Lucero Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983, (727) 528-3991

Email ad copy in Word .jpg or .pdf to: ccwdoreen@gmail.com. Deadline is August 1, 2026

FULL PAGE (7.5" wide by 10" high): COLOR - \$350.00; GRAYSCALE \$200.00

Camera- Ready Advertising and Payment Deadline:

August 1, 2026

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All Submissions must be in
Word, .jpg or .pdf format

HALF PAGE (7.50" wide by 5" high) COLOR - \$200.00; GRAYSCALE - \$100.00

QUARTER PAGE

(3.75" wide by 5" high)

Vertical ONLY

COLOR - \$100

GRAYSCALE - \$50

BUSINESS CARD

(3.50" wide by 2" high)

Horizontal OLNLY

COLOR - \$50

GRAYSCALE - \$30

Contact:

Doreen Recco

Advertising Chairman

(561) 315-6317

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Please help our all-volunteer, multigenerational, multicultural organization to achieve our service, educational, and charitable goals by participating in our Heavenly Benefactors Campaign. We greatly appreciate your selecting one or several of the seven (7) categories of donations – from \$10 **Memorials** (dedicated to deceased family members, council members, or friends), \$10 **Mentors** (women or men you wish to honor for all their support/friendship), \$10 **Cherubs** (family members, council members and friends we wish to honor), \$25 **Angel**, \$50 **Guardian Angel**, \$100 **Archangel**, monetary donations over \$100 **Seraphim** (these categories are to honor Councils, groups of living and deceased members of your council, past presidents, families and friends). **Our hope is that when you read the accompanying submission form, you will find a "Category of Support" just right for you.**

We, the numerous members of the Florida Council of Catholic Women ("FCCW"), welcome your participation in our 2026 Heavenly Benefactor Campaign. When postmarked by the August 15, 2026 deadline, honorees and/or contributors connected with Heavenly Benefactors donations will be printed in the Conference Program Book.

Please feel free to duplicate and distribute the attached form to your family members, council sisters, and friends.

We thank you for your support! May God abundantly bless you!
Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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We are the voice of Catholic Women

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27th Biennial Conference

2026 Heavenly Benefactors Campaign

CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT: Seraphim *Over \$100* - Archangel *\$100* - Guardian Angel *\$50* - Angel *\$25* - Cherub *\$10* - Memorial *\$10* - Mentor *\$10*

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Florida Council of Catholic Women** (please put HB in the memo line)

MAIL TO: Kim Kendall, 5603 Stratford Lane, Lakeland, FL 33813

EMAIL: kkendall1059@gmail.com Phone: (863) 838-4692

Fill In one block for Each Submission; if not a personal donation, please use organization's name.

(Please **PRINT** Clearly)

<p>I /We Wish To donate \$ _____ for listing in category _____</p> <p>My Name is _____ & My Telephone # is _____</p> <p>My Diocese is _____ & My Parish is _____</p> <p>Honoree _____ By _____</p> <hr/>
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DEADLINE: Submission must be *postmarked by August 15, 2026*, to be printed in the Conference Program Book.

If you need more space for other Honorees you may use a separate sheet of paper, please include your name and phone number on that page.

Florida Council of Catholic Women 27th Biennial Conference



SEVEN FABULOUS BASKETS FUNDRAISER



✨ *Take a Chance to Win!* ✨

DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 10th @ the FCCW CONFERENCE

1. Archdiocese of Miami – "Wine Time"
2. Diocese of Orlando – "Let's Go to NCCW Convention 2027"
3. Diocese of Palm Beach – "Roses are Red, Money is Green; We Hope You Win"
4. Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee – "Sparkle with Joy" (white sapphire necklace)
5. Diocese of St. Augustine – "Tea for Two"
6. Diocese of St Petersburg – "Images of Mary"
7. Dioceses of Venice – "Treasures In Bloom" (A Bouquet of Cash)

Try your luck and support a great cause! Enter for a chance to win one (or more!) of our **seven incredible gift baskets**—each filled with fun, goodies, and surprises.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00

Ticket Pre-Sales: NO CASH ACCEPTED – Check payable to FCCW

PRINT THE TICKET AND CIRCLE THE BASKET NAME YOU WANT TO WIN

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Mail completed ticket(s) and payments to:
Katie Morris – 1606 Monarch Drive, Venice, FL 34293

Questions? Call or text Katie @ (214) 636-7986

Please return tickets and money by mail postmarked
NO LATER than September 15, 2026 or bring them to the FCCW Conference

Don't miss out—every ticket helps and every entry brings you closer to winning!

FCCW Gift Basket Raffle

\$5 Each or 6 for \$20 Drawing Oct. 10th

Print Name _____

Phone # _____

Circle One:

- 1. Wine Time
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SAVE THE DATES

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Our Dynamic Speakers Include:

Magda Robles

Assistant Director of Campus Ministry and Adjunct Professor at Saint Leo University

David Sanborn

Director of Evangelization and Stewardship at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

Gwen Cote

Diocese of Venice – writer, pastoral assistant at Sacred Heart

Jane Schizik

NCCW President-Elect

Activities throughout the conference will include a fun welcome dinner on Thursday night; Mass celebrated by Archbishop Wenski (Archdiocese of Miami), Bishop Parkes (St. Petersburg Diocese) and any other attending bishops and clergy on Friday at 4:30pm followed by the Bishop's Banquet at 7pm; and an Awards and Installation Banquet on Saturday night.

More Information to Follow

Questions? Contact Missy Garrett
melissa.garrett@fnf.com





Welcome DINNER

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF
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27TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Faith, Friends &
CAMPFIRE FUN



**ST. PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL**

OCTOBER 8 | 7:00PM



Hosted by
**ST. PETERSBURG DIOCESAN
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

DRESS THE PART:
Feel free to come in
casual camo or
scouting attire

