



**Florida Council of Catholic Women, Province of Miami (“FCCW”)  
26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference  
Province Mass And Banquet  
October 24-27, 2024**

*"Go in Peace Glorifying the Lord by Your Life!"*

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

**Subject: Official Call to 2024 FCCW Biennial Conference - "Go in Peace Glorifying the Lord by Your Life"**

You are cordially invited to attend the **26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference (Mass and Banquet)** of the Florida Council of Catholic Women (“FCCW”) at **the Sheraton Tampa Brandon Hotel, 10221 Princess Palm Ave., Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 623-6363**, by Brenda Dolan, FCCW President/Province Director, St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (“SPDCCW”) as host Diocese, and Bishop Gregory L. Parkes.

Our FCCW President/Province Director, Brenda Dolan, has planned a fabulous program to celebrate our theme “Go in Peace Glorifying the Lord by Your Life” by inviting an exciting lineup of guest speakers, including Rev. Monsignor Stephen Bosso, BA; Marlene Watkins, author and missionary; James Gontis; Dr. Mary Soha; and Dr. Mary Jo Sullivan.

Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Registration Table will be located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the hotel. The members of the Host Diocese has planned a “1920’s Gatsby inspired Murder Mystery” themed welcome dinner for registrants that evening at Nativity 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 best 1920’s attire.

Rev. Jay Jancarz, FCCW Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Theodore Costello, SPDCCW Spiritual Advisor, and our Diocesan Spiritual Advisors will celebrate the opening liturgy at the hotel on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, Province of Miami, will celebrate the closing liturgy on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Nativity Catholic Church (705 E. Brandon Blvd. Brandon, FL 33511) 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 closing liturgy.

This is a GREAT year to invite friends to join you! We are beyond excited that we have arranged several incredible speakers this year. We especially invite our working members and their guests to attend the full 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference. Clergy and Religious may register without a Fee. See the Tentative Schedule for sessions and other activities information.

**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 and Two-Night Cruise 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.

**Affiliation 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 the closing banquet.** Please encourage attendance at Conference by providing your members with all necessary information and forms, including those for Heavenly Benefactors, Ads, Dinners and the Fundraiser Tickets.

If you should have any questions, please contact: Missy Garrett, Conference Chairman at [mgarrett79@me.com](mailto: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.

Your sister in Christ,

*Melissa Garrett*

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