

Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

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Dear Council Members, Friends and Guests,

With great pleasure I extend this invitation to the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's 59th Annual Convention, which will take place April 28-30, 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Deerfield Beach.

Following our experiences in this most precious Year of Mercy, our thoughts turn to the greatest gift of all... the Son of God. God our Father has also graced each of us with other special gifts; gifts that the Bible teaches us come from the Holy Spirit's ministry in our lives. None of us has every gift, but every child of God has at least one gift to be used for one purpose -- building up Christ's body, the Church. And with that in mind I have selected the theme, "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will". What spiritual gift has God given you? Will you use your gift to say 'yes' to God and to do His will? I invite you to unite with our like-minded sisters to share each other's gifts, to get to know each other better and to celebrate being gifted women of faith.

Registration opens at 3 PM on Friday. Arrive early, get settled in your room, grab a bite for dinner, charge your cell phone and tablet, and be ready to learn about social media! Author and business woman Heidi Richards will teach us some new tricks and tweets! Saturday morning we start bright and early with the official Opening Business Session followed by our very special Memorial Mass. The Awards Luncheon is sure to reveal some of the many gifts our Council Sisters have shared over the past year.

Saturday afternoon we have a very special and unique opportunity to experience a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Through technology and hands-on contact we will be blessed with the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. It will surely be memorable and moving; bring your Rosary! Saturday evening bring your dancing shoes for our combined Welcome/Hospitality Celebration hosted by the North District of MACCW. With the theme "Class of 2017 Prom Night" we will roll back the years and come dressed as you did for your High School Prom. If you didn't attend your own Prom Night, here is your chance! Dress to impress in the style of your senior year and stay out as late you want since this will be the Prom Night with NO Curfew!

On Sunday we will start the day with updates from Sheila Hopkins, our NCCW President, and Diane Tugander, the FCCW President/Province Director. This will be followed by the business of bylaws, resolutions, reports, and raffles. The Most Reverend Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski will celebrate the Closing Mass at 4 PM at nearby Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. The highlight of the Sunday Banquet will be the presentation of the 2017 Scholarship Awards.

Come share this time together; invite your friends, and extend an invitation to the women of your parish. Please invite your Pastors to concelebrate at any of the Masses and to attend any of the functions. I am so excited to share this opportunity for all of us to participate in the Virtual Pilgrimage Experience; please invite anyone who may be unable to make the journey to Lourdes as our Virtual Tour is a blessed experience not to be missed. A one day registration is all they need to attend just the tour. I look forward to this chance to deepen our relationship with God and with one another. I hope everyone is as eager and thrilled as I am to share the time together.

God's Richest Blessings Always,

Sharon

Join us for a very special

LOURDES *Virtual* Pilgrimage Experience



We are blessed to have a very special opportunity on Saturday afternoon to visit the Lourdes Grotto in the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains in southern France in a one of a kind Virtual Experience.

Virtual Tour Program

Enjoy a spiritual and prayerful pilgrimage with an experienced guide. Our interactive ninety minute tour agenda includes:

- Experience the Grotto
- Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock.
- In remembrance of our Baptismal Vows, we share authentic water from the Grotto.
- Receive a Eucharistic Blessing
- Conclude with the Candlelight Rosary Procession and sing the Ave Maria!

About Virtual Pilgrimage

Virtual pilgrimage provides the experience of Lourdes without leaving home. A guided "virtual" tour using the digital photograph projection technology of portable computers combined with the interactive experiences of the spiritual activities offers the "pilgrim" the essence of "virtually" visiting Lourdes. Each Virtual Pilgrimage guides "pilgrims" through a prayerful visit to the Grotto.

About Pilgrimage

According to the Old and New Testaments, people have been making spiritual journeys to holy sites for thousands of years. The true purpose of pilgrimage is to grow in faith while making a visit to a place made holy by a sacred event. Often as pilgrims away from our everyday routine we can experience the time to deepen our relationship with God.



About Lourdes

In 1858 the Mother of God appeared to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, in Lourdes, France. In total, there were 18 apparitions including requests to "drink and wash of the spring of water. ..." to pray, do penance, build a chapel and have people come in procession.

PAENITENTIARIA



APOSTOLICA

Affirming the Response to the 10th Year Jubilee Plenary Indulgence
Honoring

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers
by Apostolic Papal Decree a Plenary Indulgence

is granted to faithful making pilgrimage to Lourdes or experiencing Lourdes in a
Virtual Pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers by fulfilling the usual
norms and conditions between July 16, 2013 thru July 15, 2020.



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Tentative Agenda

Friday, April 28, 2017

Registration Open - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	MACCW Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Session I - Special Presentation "Influence of Social Media"

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Registration Open - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Light Continental Breakfast for Registered Hotel Guests
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Opening Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Memorial Mass
12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Session II - Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Celebration of Prom Night "Welcome/Hospitality"

(Full registration or separate ticket required)

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Registration Open - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Light Continental Breakfast for Registered Hotel Guests
9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Session III - Current News Update from Sheila Hopkins, President, NCCW and Diane Tugander, Providence Director/President, FCCW
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Session IV - To be Announced
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	President's Luncheon (by invitation) OR Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Closing Business Session & Raffle
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closing Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Closing Banquet & Scholarship Awards

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HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Our reserved block of rooms will be available until **April 10, 2017** to make reservations at our special group rate. Please state you are with MACCW to get that rate and to ensure we get credit for the booking (to meet our minimum requirement). Rates after that date are subject to availability. Group Rates available three days before and 3 days after convention.



MACCW Group Rate: Single & Double Occupancy: \$139.00
Triple Occupancy: also \$139.00 (includes
a continental breakfast Sat and Sun for two only).

Rate includes: ✓ Complimentary self parking ✓ Light continental breakfast (Sat & Sun)
✓ High speed wireless internet access ✓ Double Hilton Planner Points
✓ 40" LCD TV & Coffee Maker ✓ Deluxe Bath Amenities; Hair dryer & Iron

Check in time is 3:00 PM -- Check out time is 12:00 noon.

**To book your reservations call 1-800-624-3606 and have
this information ready at time of registration:**

REMEMBER, IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF:

Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

NAMES OF PEOPLE IN ROOM: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: _____

Or... book online at **doubletree3.hilton.com** and enter Deerfield Beach and use Group Code **MAC**

PLEASE NOTE: A major credit card is necessary to guarantee your reservation and for check-in. If using your Church's Tax Exempt status, you must pay with a Church Check. Payment must be made 14 days prior to arrival with an individual copy of your church's Tax Exempt Form. No company or personal checks will be accepted at the Front Desk for payment within 14 days of group arrival.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY: Please cancel your reservation 24 hours prior to your scheduled arrival date in order to not incur a late cancellation fee or "no show" charge.

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Check the current position(s) which apply to you:

(Office that you held during the 2016/2017 year, NOT the office to which you have just been elected.)

Affiliation Member: _____ Name of Affiliation _____

Affiliation Officer: _____ Title: _____

District Board Member: _____ Title: _____

Archdiocesan Board Member: _____ Title: _____

Individual Member of Maccw: _____ Guest: _____ (no affiliation)

Clergy: _____ Religious: _____ (No registration fee for clergy/religious, please indicate events you intend to attend)

Conference Registration Fee entitles you to admittance to meetings, sessions, a Convention Program Book and a Welcome Bag.

Take advantage of the savings and purchase the complete package (includes all meetings and meals listed below)

Mailed before
4/1/17

Mailed After
4/1/17

Full Convention Registration Package:

\$ 180 ☐

\$ 185 ☐

Or select the individual events you wish to attend:

Single Day Registration Fee (to attend one day's sessions)

\$ 30 ☐

\$ 35 ☐

Saturday Luncheon:

\$ 42 ☐

\$ 48 ☐

Saturday Welcome/Hospitality Celebration

\$ 30 ☐

\$ 35 ☐

Sunday Evening Banquet:

\$ 58 ☐

\$ 63 ☐

Additional savings
if you mail in your
reservations before
April 1, 2017!

Please select meal for Sunday Banquet: _____ Key Lime Salmon or _____ Pepper Crusted Sirloin of Beef

Please list any special dietary needs: _____

Enclose check or money order payable to MACCW (no cash, please) in the amount of \$ _____

Mail Check and Registration form to: Florence McGrath, 6660 NW 75 Place, Parkland, FL 33067
Phone: (954)227-8330 Email: Mcchic0308@bellsouth.net

Or visit www.maccw.org website and follow directions for paying registration by credit card.

Deadline for registration & purchase of all meal tickets is April 20, 2017

Late registration fee applies to registrations postmarked after April 1, 2017

You must be a registered delegate in order to attend the meetings, and/or sessions

Notify Flo McGrath of any cancellations by April 20, 2017. No refunds will be given after that date.

Please check box if
this is your first
convention ☐

Welcome/Hospitality Celebration



THIS YEAR WE ARE COMBINING OUR HOST DISTRICT WELCOME PARTY WITH OUR TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY NIGHT. INSTEAD OF VISITING THE DISTRICT HOTEL ROOMS, WE WILL GET TOGETHER SATURDAY EVENING IN A LARGE PARTY ROOM TO LET OUR HAIR DOWN AND ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.

INCLUDES DINNER BUFFET AND A DJ - DON'T MISS OUT.

This Year's Theme....

Class of 2017

Prom Night!



With North District's help,
let's roll back the years and
come dressed as we did for
our High School Prom.



JOIN US FOR A
FUN-FILLED NIGHT
OF FOOD, DRINK
AND DANCING
AS WE WELCOME
EVERYONE TO THE
59TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION.



If you didn't attend your
Prom Night, now is
your chance!

Dress to impress in the
style of your
senior year!



PLEASE NOTE:
Welcome Celebration
requires Full Registration
or individual event
ticket.

Special Little Italy Dinner Buffet including: Antipasto, Caesar or Mixed Green Salad, Chicken Saltimbocca, Toasted Gnocchi with Baby Shrimp, Fresh Basil Pesto, Bow Tie Pasta with Parmesan, Alfredo and Baby Arugula, Sicilian Salmon with Tomatoes, Capers and Olives, Eggplant Parmesan, Italian Green Beans and an assortment of tasty desserts.





59th Convention MEMORIALS

Each year during convention, the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women holds a Memorial Mass to pay tribute to those we love who are now with our Lord. These names will be read aloud during the Mass. There will also be a special listing in the Convention Program Booklet commemorating those women.

Memorial Names @ \$5.00 each individual name:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Requested by: _____ Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ District _____

Make Checks payable to: MACCW

Amount enclosed: _____

Return completed form & checks to: Barbara Asfendis, 1541 NW 96th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024
954- 437-6805 galagirlb@aol.com

Deadline for name to be listed in the book: APRIL 10, 2017 (ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS)



ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN SOCIAL MEDIA

THE INFLUENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN OUR LIVES

Join us Friday night for a special opening night session with Social Media Leadership Expert and Business Author Heidi Richards Mooney. She will share her insights into using social media, finding the right people to connect with, sharing interesting content, and much more. This will be great for those new to social media and to learn a few advanced tips for the socially active.

With over three decades as a business owner with real-life, in-the-trenches business experience, Heidi usually shares with her business audience that social media mastery is not only attainable, it is manageable and affordable. For us, she is going to tailor her presentation to how social media impacts us and how we, as individuals and leaders in our parishes, can use social media for our own enjoyment as well as for our parishes. This is a tremendous opportunity to meet with a leading local woman business owner and speaking expert who believes that learning social media, mastering it and sharing it with others has fulfilled her desire to be of service to others in a meaningful and lasting way.



*Stay at the hotel Friday night
and join us for this special session!*

**Visit our
"Convention Boutique"**
featuring new and gently used Jewelry



Shop

until you drop!

Proceeds support the Discalced
Carmelite Nuns and The Monastery
of the Most Holy Trinity,
located in Homestead.



Ask your friends and family to make a jewelry donation
so they too can support the cause, while also giving their
unused jewelry new life. Please bring your donations
to the District Meetings or to the Convention.

"CHILDREN MATTER"

MACCW'S COMMUNITY CONCERNS DOLL CAMPAIGN

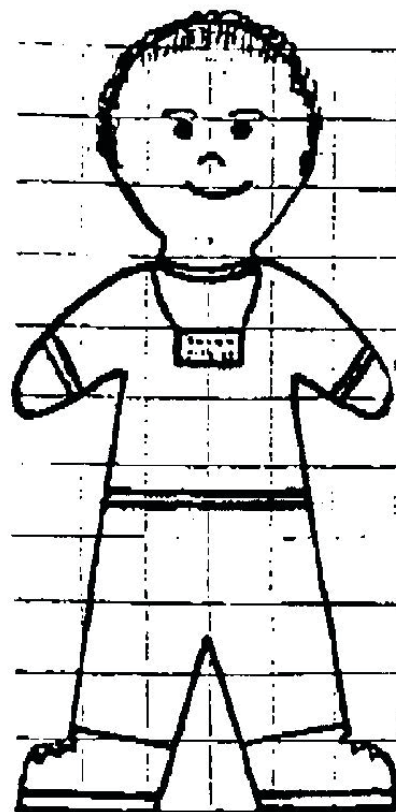
The ever-so-popular Doll Campaign is still going strong!

Please make cardboard dolls using the pattern provided. Dolls will be displayed during convention and the clothing will be distributed among the 3 Districts to bring back to local children's centers.

In lieu of dressed dolls, you may also bring packaged toddler size clothes. There is no limit to the number of dolls you can bring to put on display. However, you will need to help "undress" the dolls and pack them for distribution on Sunday afternoon. This is a time consuming job that must be done in a short time span so you are welcome to also bring packaged toddler size clothing in lieu of dressed dolls.

Instructions: The doll is made of corrugated card-board, 34" long and 18" wide. Scale on the pattern is 1 square = 3 inches. Dress the doll in toddler sized clothing (2T, 3T, 4T) from head (hats) to toe (shoes & socks). Play clothes, sleepwear, or even Sunday best outfits are acceptable. Draw faces with marker pens, hair can be made of yarn, or even painted on. Make sure your parish and contact name are on the back of the doll so they can be returned to you.

Get your creative juices flowing.



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CONVENTION SPONSOR FORM

TO: All members of MACCW Board, District CCW and Affiliation CCW:

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As is our custom, a program booklet will be printed and distributed to all registered delegates. In order to help defray expenses, we welcome voluntary contributions. We encourage as many individuals, affiliations, and parishes as possible to support our efforts and be listed in the convention Program Book, in any of the following categories:

Two (2) line sponsor 50 characters per line	Archangel	\$ 100.00	_____
	Angel	\$ 75.00	_____
	Guardian Angel	\$ 50.00	_____
One (1) line sponsor 50 characters per line	Cherub	\$ 20.00	_____
	Patron	\$ 10.00	_____

Your help will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Be sure to indicate the manner in which you wish your name or organization is to be listed in the book.

Please print, or type clearly.

Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____

Category: _____ Amount: enclosed: \$ _____

Listing text: _____

(50 characters per line; please print clearly)

Please make checks payable to: MACCW

Return completed form & checks to: Donna Murphy, 7144 Brookwood Blvd, Tamarac, FL 33321
Phone: 754-205-4488

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BUSINESS ADVERTISING CONTRACT

The Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is holding its 59th Annual Convention on April 28-30, 2017 at the Double Tree Hotel in Deerfield Beach. This important event brings together members from the entire Archdiocese throughout Monroe, Dade and Broward Counties. It recognizes the Catholic Women who have served the communities of South Florida in religious, social, educational, and charitable endeavors during the past year.

Our program booklet is printed and distributed to all members attending, and copies are also given to all of our Parish pastors. We invite you to become a part of this worthwhile event by placing an ad in our program book. The ad is a tax-deductible, charitable contribution. Equally important is the effect your ad will have in generating additional business for you.

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Authorized by: (Please print name & title) _____

Signature: _____

Fee Schedule**:

Full Page (8 1/2 X 11) \$ 125.00 _____ 1/4 Page (4 1/4 X 5 1/2) \$ 50.00 _____

Half Page (8 1/2 X 5 1/2) \$ 75.00 _____ Business card size \$ 35.00 _____

** NOTE: Please furnish black and white copy to fit your desired space. For an additional fee of \$15.00 we will clean up your submission if it is not already camera ready. We need to ensure good clean copies for the printer. Please do not fold the ad if you are sending it in the mail.

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E-mail ad files to: donna.murphy@mhocrc.org (JPG, Adobe PDF or PNG formats preferred)

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*\$1.00 for
each ticket*

*\$5.00
for 6 tickets*

This is your chance to win great prizes!!!

Please sell tickets to your family, friends, and neighbors in advance.

Raffle drawing to be held at closing business meeting, Sunday, April 30, 2017. Winners do not need to be present to win. Feel free to duplicate tickets below and to make as many copies as you like.

Thank you for your continued support of the MACCW!

<p>MACCW 59th Annual Convention RAFFLE</p> <p><i>Your chance to win great prizes. Drawing at closing business meeting, Sunday, April 30, 2017. You need not be present to win.</i></p> <p>\$1.00 Each 6 for \$5.00</p>	<p>MACCW 59th Annual Convention RAFFLE</p> <p><i>Your chance to win great prizes. Drawing at closing business meeting, Sunday, April 30, 2017. You need not be present to win.</i></p> <p>\$1.00 Each 6 for \$5.00</p>	<p>MACCW 59th Annual Convention RAFFLE</p> <p><i>Your chance to win great prizes. Drawing at closing business meeting, Sunday, April 30, 2017. You need not be present to win.</i></p> <p>\$1.00 Each 6 for \$5.00</p>
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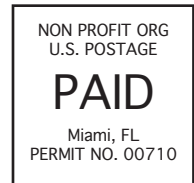
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