

2026 DCCW Convention

We have been working on the 2026 convention with Little America.

It will be held April 18-19 at Little America. This year we will not be having a Board Dinner, and the Board Meeting will be held the evening of April 17 in the Prayer Room. This year we will be able to offer the Double Queen rooms at rates of \$169/\$179/\$199/\$209 (Garden, Garden Premium, Tower and Tower Premium). Each room may have up to 4 occupants. The information to book your room using the group code for the quoted rates will be part of the Call to Convention Packet. We are still awaiting 2026 Banquet Menu and Costs along with A/V Costs from the hotel. Once we have that information, we will be able to determine the Convention Registration Costs. Stay Tuned !

Convention Planning - I will once again be holding meetings via Zoom starting soon. Just a reminder that you will need to provide your forms for the Call to Convention Packet to Annette, Tisha and Me by DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Convention Committee – Marcie and I attended the Eastern Deanery meeting in September to share information about Convention, passed out a few of our survey cards and asked the women to share ideas with us or their Deanery Representative. At our June board meeting, I asked for everyone to share any other ideas / comment cards with their Deanery Representative or Marcie and I by September 30. Marcie and I did not receive any more information. Below are ideas we have received in the past:

Golden Rose

Suggest to recognize Golden Rose nominees in person. Maybe in one of the breaks during convention. This may encourage them to join and be active with their Affiliates' CCW.

AT MEETING

Get to know each other versus just your own parish/ deanery

Ice breakers on the table conversation starter for parish table Great idea on line

Sit with different ladies at lunch - As you come in draw a piece of colored paper then sit at that table

Sharing questions during lunch

Highlight affiliates – Select one or two to share their poster or one with unique ideas

Everyone bring an item for food bank – Change service donations

Fancy hats at lunch a return to the 1950's

Start a new tradition: Faith journey - Every convention one lady shares their faith story, How being a Catholic shaped life Tell their story

Structure of meeting - There was a keynote in the morning (a couple who both spoke individually, but had served a mission). Then we went to the gym for a huge group photo. There was a brunch set up while several people visited exhibitors.

Bingo card much like the one in our Catholic Woman magazine, you got a punch or signature to be entered into a prize. Bingo Card for visiting Sponsors, ice breaker

Attending the NCCW convention, think the commission presentations are good and really portray what we do. Beside having a keynote maybe we need to look into our commissions presenting vs having them find a speaker? Instead of Commissions having speakers, they get a committee and do

a presentation related to their commission / theme. Gets more people involved and could be more interactive as well as getting familiarity of what that position does

Speakers - Nationally known, Attorney General for topics like Child Pornography, trafficking, info for Parents/Grandparents

Have Board Officers/Commission/Committee Chairs do Q&A or presentation – Break out discussions instead of all in one speaker

More free time – don't pack agenda

WOY

WOY have nomination information in a separate book with picture

Introduce at banquet by name and parish Continue with Bishop

I think Woy is critical to who we are It honors women and all we do to build and support our community

WOY recognized at deanery level even versus convention

WOY at luncheon versus a dinner banquet

Cost Saving / Fundraising

Exhibitors - do we charge for exhibitors, people we partner with for service???

Off Season for better rates

Work to get sponsors / Exhibitors

Fundraiser in addition to or other than convention – Lunch with Bishop, Christmas Wreath on Graves, Bingo, Golf Tournament, Fashion Show, Cook-off, Business Discount Cards, Craft / Cooking/ Yoga class, Game night

Offer early bird pricing

Junior (13-18) and Spousal rate for convention Pkg A / B

Location

Hold convention in area of state of the Deanery that is hosting

Hold conventions at a parish / mass at that parish

Hold at location where we can bring in outside catering

Hold separate mass for DCCW attendees only – outside normal mass at church/cathedral – or rotate location of mass to different parishes near convention location

New Ideas

Hold multiple events throughout the year to build community, set calendar and really advertise and market the events

Have convention every other year

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