

California Catholic Daughters of the Americas

To: State Chaplain
National Regent
National Representative
State Officers
Past State Regents
State Chairmen
District Deputies
Court Regents

Re: The California 51st Biennial State Convention

From: Lorine Bakowsky, State Regent

I am pleased to issue the First Call to the 51st Biennial California Convention.

Date: April 22, 2027- April 25, 2027

Place: The Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA

Theme: **Trusting God's Plan: The Blessings of Our Work**

The convention promises to be informative and productive. **A detailed convention packet containing registration and meal forms, hotel information, and specifics about convention activities will be emailed to Regents and released through Flocknotes in January.** The packet will contain important information about the hotel, volunteer opportunities, bylaw amendments and resolution deadlines, and other general information about the convention activities and preparations.

Hotel Information: The Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento is located off the Capital City Freeway, and across from the Arden Fair mall -convenient for shopping and dining. The Sacramento downtown is within 4 miles and Sacramento Old Town is just 6 miles away. The hotel has a restaurant, lounge, and market. Enjoy the outdoor pool, fitness center and free WiFi and of course, a warm DoubleTree Cookie at check-in.

Sacramento International Airport (**SMF**)-is 12 miles away. **There is no shuttle.**

Parking Fee is \$12 per day. E/V Charging Stations on-site.

Pet Friendly -\$75 deposit. Fee for 1-4 days is \$75 dollars. 5+ days \$125

Room Reservations:

Can be made by calling (916) 929-8855. Use Group Code **CDT93J** and mention CA Catholic Daughters Convention. The room rate is \$166 (excludes taxes and government charges) for either 1 King Bed or 2 Queen beds. On-line reservations are made by using the following link:

"Commit Your Work to the Lord and Your Plans Will Be Established" Proverbs 16:3

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<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RLSA-DT&groupCode=CDT93J&arrivaldate=2027-04-21&departuredate=2027-04-25&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Attendance: All CDA members are invited and encouraged to attend the state convention. In addition to delegate seating, there will be areas for non-delegates to observe convention proceedings and workshops that are open to all registered members. Spouses and guests are invited to attend all liturgies and convention activities except the business meeting. There will be a set space for Clergy and Court Spiritual Advisors to meet and collaborate. Please ensure your court is in good standing to attend. **Courts must be in good standing, Financial Reviews complete, and dues paid.**

Opening Mass: The opening Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento, 1019 11th Street, Sacramento on April 22, 2027 at 10 am. (<https://www.cathedralsacramento.org/>) All clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate all convention Masses. Court chaplains should bring their albs and stoles and submit their certificate of good standing from the Bishop of their diocese to Bishop Jaime Soto, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818, by April 1, 2027.

Procession: National and state officers, district deputies, and all court officers will assemble at the Church to begin the opening procession promptly at 9:15 am. Past State Regents and State Chairmen wearing white will be escorted to a special reserved seat. The procession will be in reverse order. The Opening Mass is one of the convention's most beautiful and impressive events, so all officers are requested to observe proper protocol. Ceremonial dress is a plain white shirt or blouse, no lace or adornment; black skirt or black pants (no jeans), and all black shoes. Nothing is carried in the procession, including purses, cameras, or bags. Wrist watches and small stud earrings are acceptable. Bring your medallions.

Delegates/Alternates: Each court Regent will receive a delegate sheet along with instructions for electing the number of delegates and alternates to which the court is entitled from the National Office. If a Regent does not receive this packet by February 1st, she should contact the National Office immediately. Courts must **ELECT** delegates to the convention in time to send the delegate list to the State Regent by March 1, 2027. Please read the National Convention Mailing carefully to ensure that your court has the proper representation at the state convention. **Courts must be in good standing, Financial Reviews complete, and dues paid.**

No delegate sheets will be accepted after March 1, 2027. Courts are allowed one (1) delegate, the Regent if she attends, and an additional delegate for every twenty-five

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members or major fraction thereof. Expenses to the state convention may be paid by the court upon approval of the members and/or in the court's Standing Rules.

Credentials: Credential statements for all delegates and alternates will be included on the registration forms and mailed to court Regents. Delegates must have their credentials to vote.

Dues/Assessments: All state and national dues and assessments must be paid for a court to have delegates seated at the convention. If you have any questions regarding your state or national assessments, please contact Arlene at the National Office at arlene@catholicdaughters.org or Tina Stone, the CA Second Vice Regent, at tinytune4cda@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Bylaw Amendments: Local courts may submit proposed amendments to the CDA Bylaws. Any proposed bylaw amendments approved at the state convention must be sent to the national committee for final presentation at the 2028 National Convention. Local courts must vote on a proposed by-law amendment at a local court meeting. Submit proposed bylaw amendments to Lorine Bakowsky, CA State Regent, at bakowsky@aol.com and the State Bylaw Chairman by February 1, 2027. The State Bylaw Chairman is CA State First Vice Regent Sheri Kanagawa at skanagawa@hotmail.com

Resolutions: Local courts may submit proposed resolutions. Any resolutions passed at the state convention that do not pertain solely to the state of CA will also be sent to the chairman of the National Resolutions Committee for consideration. Resolutions proposed by a local court must be approved by a vote of the members at a regular meeting and sent to State Regent Lorine Bakowsky and the State Resolutions Chairman by February 1, 2027. The State Resolutions Chairperson is CA CDA Second Vice Regent, Tina Stone at tinytune4cda@gmail.com

Clergy/Men's Retreat: All court chaplains and men attending the convention are invited to the Clergy/Men's Retreat on Friday, April 23, 2027. A flyer with retreat information and more information regarding the cost will follow in the next call.

Memorial Remembrance and Parade of Banners: A memorial remembrance for deceased members will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2027, prior to the opening of the business meeting. Each court's representative will process in with the court banner and Quality Court ribbons, if you have them. **No pole or stand is needed.** Those courts with deceased members will have a second representative carry in a LED tea light **(provided by the state)**. Please provide your list of deceased members since April of 2025 to March of 2027 to State Regent Lorine Bakowsky by March 31, 2027 at bakowsky@aol.com

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Patriotic Mass –The traditional Patriotic Mass will be celebrate on Friday, April 23rd. Please wear red to “Remember Everyone Deployed”. There will be a parade of Armed Forces and First Responder flags. Please send your intentions for those currently serving either in the military or First Responder to State Regent Lorine Bakowsky bakowsky@aol.com by March 31st. More information will be in the Second Call to Convention.

Fundraising: At this convention, we will have the state door prize baskets. Please consider donating prizes and participating in all the “FUNdraising” at the convention. You will have a great time, and you may win some great prizes! At the same time, you will help ensure that the state has the funds to run efficiently and effectively in the future without having to do extra fundraisers. If you need more information, please contact CA State First Vice Regent Sheri Kanagawa for more information.

Candidates for State Office: Anyone wishing to be considered as a candidate for a State Office by the nominating committee must submit her name and the office in which she is seeking prior to February 1, 2027. This means the packet must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2027. All positions are open for nomination. Candidates must submit five (5) copies of each of the following: a statement of qualifications, a statement of endorsement from your local court signed by a majority of the officers, a current picture, and a signed consent to serve statement. Mail **(not email)** all packets to **Chairman Yolanda Ramos, 2535 Castlerock Ln, Santa Maria, CA 93455.**

Volunteers: The more the merrier! Extra volunteers are always needed, and you can assist with any event. The volunteer chairman will have a master list of volunteer opportunities. Please see the attached Volunteer Sign-up Sheet form. Please return your Volunteer Forms to CA State Regent: Lorine Bakowsky

Contests/Awards: Courts will receive Circle of Love Forms in the Fall National Quarterly. All contest deadlines are listed on the State Website. State Chairmen will announce first, second, and third-place winners in all categories during the convention.

Reports of State Chairmen: All state officers and state chairmen are asked to submit a one-page report highlighting their activities for the past two years. Reports must be received by the State Regent by February 28, 2027. Reports will be included in the Convention Program Book. Reports must be submitted as a PDF.

Donations: State Charities -if you have not contributed to the state charities, please do so as soon as possible. Charity fund donation totals will be provided at the convention.

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Workshops: There will be workshops offered on Wednesday, April 21, 2027 in the afternoon. All registered attendees are welcome to attend. More information will be provided in the next call to convention.

Liturgies: All clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate the liturgies and are asked to bring their **own white** vestments. Clergy must also secure the proper permissions to concelebrate as their diocese requires. Priests hearing confessions should bring their own stoles.

Chapel Flowers: A flyer for courts wishing to donate flowers to the Main Chapel, Meeting Room Shrine and Clergy Room will be sent with the Second Call to Convention. These floral arrangements may be donated by courts or individual court members to honor or memorialize those who are special to them. All the bouquets will have the names of those they honor or memorialize on a card affixed to the display. Please take your display at the end of convention.

Celebration of Convention Masses and Spiritual Times

Opening Mass: The opening Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 10am on Thursday, April 22nd, 2027, at 1019 11th Street, Sacramento. Shuttle Bus transportation from the hotel to the Cathedral roundtrip will be provided for those not driving to convention. **Officers in ceremonial dress will board the shuttle first at 8:30 am.** All clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate all convention Masses. Court chaplains should bring their albs and stoles and submit their certificate of good standing from their Bishop to Sacramento Diocese Bishop, His Excellency, Jaime Soto, 2110 Broadway Street, Sacramento CA 95818 and to State Regent Lorine Bakowsky. See attached flyer.

Daily Divine Mercy Chaplets and Rosary: Join us in the morning and at night each day of the convention in the Main Chapel at our Convention. More detailed information to follow.

Memorial Remembrance Procession: This will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2027, prior to the Opening of the Business Meeting. More information will follow in the Second Call to Convention.

Installation Mass: This mass will be celebrated on the afternoon of Saturday, April 24, 2027, on-site at the Doubletree Hotel. More information will follow.

Confessions: A schedule for Confessions will be sent out closer to the convention. During the convention, the main chapel will have quiet, private, and confidential spaces for confessions.

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Convention Tours: A list of local attractions and activities will be forthcoming.

Tentative Convention Agenda: The Second Call to Convention will contain the registration and information packet. The Second Call will include a tentative convention agenda.

Committee members are expending a great deal of time, effort, and energy to ensure that you will have a wonderful and productive time at the CA State 51st Biennial Convention. This is the time for you to renew old friendships and make new CDA friends. It is also the time to celebrate the gift of sisterhood. I sincerely hope that all courts will do their best to ensure their delegates and as many members as possible attend the convention to vote, learn, and take back and share what they've experienced with the rest of the courts' membership.

May you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas season and a joyful New Year! April is not that far away, and it will be here before you know it. So, mark your calendars. All roads will lead to Sacramento, our state's capital in just 6 short months.

In Unity and Charity,
Lorine Bakowsky
CA State Regent

Attachments:

Clergy Information Form -Send to Sacramento Bishop and Lorine Bakowsky
Volunteer Sheet – send to Lorine Bakowsky

Due Dates:

Packet to run for State Officer – Postmarked by 2/1/27
Resolutions – Postmarked by 2/1/27
By-Law Amendments - Postmarked by 2/1/27
State Chairman Reports – by 2/28/27
Delegate/Alternate form – by 3/3/27
Deceased Members – by 3/31/27