

# 60th Biennial National Convention



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

August 14-18, 2024  
New Orleans, Louisiana



## Minutes



## Agenda for National Convention

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 14-18, 2024

**Chapel open Wednesday-Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Grand Salon D, Section 21 & 24**

### Sunday, August 11

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Registration Opens Main Floor Foyer

### Monday, August 12

9:00 a.m.-noon Registration Main Floor Foyer

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration Main Floor Foyer

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Registration Main Floor Foyer

### Tuesday, August 13

8:00 a.m.-noon Pre-Convention Tours Hilton Ground Level

8:00 a.m.-noon Registration Main Floor Foyer

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors Grand Ballroom A

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Workshops, First Session (all workshops on 2nd floor) Churchill D

Spirituality – Brenda West Churchill C2

First Timers & Parliamentary Proc. – Connie Dronette Churchill B1

Family – Susan Moné & Barb Ward Churchill B1

Leadership – Brenda Anderson & Darlene Moritz Churchill B2

Membership – Essie Walker & Susan Hicks Churchill C1

JCDA – Yvette Griego & Irene Gramza Churchill A2

Quality of Life – Michele Bowman & Nancy Bambenek Churchill A1

1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration Main Floor Foyer

2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors Grand Ballroom A

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Workshops, Section Session (repeated)

4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

Elections – Susan Moné, Advisor Churchill D

Pages – Susan Hicks Churchill A1

Monitors/Ushers – Nancy Bambenek & Barb Ward Churchill A2

Timekeepers – Connie Dronette, Advisor Churchill B1

Credentials – Darlene Moritz, Advisor Churchill B2

Approve the Minutes – Susan Killian Churchill C1

Room Set-up – Darlene Moritz Grand Ballroom B-D

Standing Rules – Essie Walker Churchill C2

5:00 p.m. Choir practice Grand Salon A, B, C

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

7:00 p.m. Concert, Donna Cori Gibson Grand Salon A, B, C

9:00 p.m. Adoration and Rosary Grand Salon A, B, C

### Wednesday, August 14

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)	
7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
9:00 a.m.	<b>Opening Mass</b> (lineup procession 8:15 a.m.)	Grand Salon A, B, C
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
10:30 a.m.	<b>Seating of Delegates</b>	Grand Ballroom B-D
11:00 a.m.	<b>Official Opening 60th Biennial National Convention</b> <b>Emily Guilherme, National Regent – Presiding</b> <b>Keynote Speaker – Johnnette Williams</b>	Grand Ballroom B-D
Noon-3:00 p.m.	Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors	Grand Ballroom A
12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Business Session II	Grand Ballroom B-D
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	<b>Meet the Candidates</b>	Main Floor Foyer
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)	
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors	Grand Ballroom A
6:30 p.m.	National Directors Dinner	
9:00 p.m.	Adoration and Rosary	Grand Salon A, B, C

### Thursday, August 15

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)	
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors	Grand Ballroom A
8:45 a.m.	<b>Doors open for voting (Delegates only)</b>	Grand Ballroom B-D
9:00 a.m.	<b>Voting (Delegates Only)</b>	Grand Ballroom B-D
11:00 a.m.	<b>Memorial Mass</b>	Grand Salon A, B, C
11:00 a.m.	<b>Election Committee</b> courts ballots	Grand Salon D, Sec. 22
Noon	Clergy and Men's Luncheon	Prince of Whales
12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors	Grand Ballroom A
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Business Session III	Grand Ballroom B-D
	State Dinners (as scheduled by each state)	
9:00 p.m.	Adoration and Rosary	Grand Salon A, B, C

**Friday, August 16**

6:30 a.m.	Group Photo for Walk/Run for Love	
7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)	
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors	Grand Ballroom A
9:00 a.m.	<b>God and Country Mass</b>	Grand Salon A, B, C
10:30 a.m.-noon	Business Session IV	Grand Ballroom B-D
Noon-3:00 p.m.	Sale of Articles, Raffle Room, Exhibitors/Vendors	Grand Ballroom A
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
Noon-1:30 p.m.	State Regents' Luncheon	Prince of Whales
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Registration	Main Floor Foyer
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Business Session V	Grand Ballroom B-D
7:00 p.m.	Louisiana Fun Night	Grand Ballroom B-D
9:00 p.m.	Adoration and Rosary	Grand Salon A, B, C

**Saturday, August 17**

6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)	
9:00 a.m.-noon	Business Session VI	Grand Ballroom B-D
Noon	Retiring of the Colors	
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass of Installation</b> (lineup procession 3:00 p.m.)	Grand Salon A, B, C
6:00 p.m.	No Host Social with Cash Bar	Grand Ballroom B-D
7:00 p.m.	Appreciation Banquet	Grand Ballroom B-D
9:00 p.m.	Adoration and Rosary	Grand Salon A, B, C

**Sunday, August 18**

8:00 a.m.	<b>Closing Mass</b>	Grand Salon A, B, C
9:00 a.m.	2022-2024 & 2024-26 Officers & Directors Brunch	Cambridge – 2nd Floor

## **Business Meeting Agenda**

### **Wednesday, August 14**

Opening Mass of the Convention  
Call to Order  
Opening Ceremonies  
Keynote Speaker, Johnnette Williams  
Credentials Report  
Standing Rules  
Report of Nominating Committee followed by Nominations from the Floor  
Presentation of Donations to National Projects and Charities  
Education Contest Awards  
Newsletter Contest Awards  
Scholarship Contest Awards  
Website and Facebook Awards  
Explanation of voting procedures  
Candidates Meet and Greet  
National Directors Dinner

### **Thursday, August 15**

Credentials Report  
Elections (delegates only)  
Memorial Mass  
Speaker, Joann Lacheny, Momentum  
Treasurer's Report  
Membership Contest Awards  
1903 Presentations  
Windows of Opportunity  
National Regent/Immediate Past National Regent Report  
Clergy/Spiritual Director's Luncheon  
Credentials Report  
Bylaws  
Presentation of Donations to National Projects and Charities  
State Dinners

### **Friday, August 16**

Walk/Run for Love  
God and Country Mass (wear red)  
Speaker, Fr. Fred Jeng, Fr. Peyton Ministries  
Credentials Report  
Election Results  
Public Relations/Webmaster Report  
Bylaws continued  
State Regent's luncheon  
Presentation of Donations to National Projects and Charities  
Circle of Love Awards  
Woman of the Year  
Remarks by National Regent-Elect, Susan Moné

### **Saturday, August 17**

Final Credentials Report  
Invitation by Iowa  
Closing of convention  
Installation Mass  
Cash bar reception  
Banquet

### **Chapel**

Chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Grand Salon D, Section 21 & 24

### **Registration**

Located in the Main Floor Foyer

#### **Sunday**

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. – noon  
1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. – noon  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **Monday**

9:00 a.m. – Noon  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **Friday**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

### **Sale of Articles, Exhibit Hall, Raffle Room, and Basket Auction**

Grand Ballroom A

#### **Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

noon – 3:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Friday**

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Noon – 2:30 p.m.

### **Masses**

Grand Salon A, B, C

### **Choir Practice**

Grand Salon A, B, C  
Tuesday – 5:00 p.m.

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**National Chaplain**  
Rev. Shenan Boquet

## National Officers

Emily Guilherme	National Regent	Corona, CA
Susan Moné	National Regent-Elect	Mesa, AZ
Essie Walker	First Vice National Regent	Matthews, NC
Connie Dronette	Second Vice National Regent	Sulphur, LA
Darlene Moritz	National Secretary–Treasurer	Milford, IA

## National Directors

Brenda Anderson	Roscoe, SD	Susan Hicks	Shullsburg, WI
Nancy Bambenek	St. Charles, NM	Mary Impellizeri	Freeport, NY
Michele Bowman	San Antonio, FL	Barbara Ward	Frederick, CO
Irene Gramza	Phoenix, AZ	Brenda West	Hampton, VA
Yvette Griego	Santa Rosa, NM		

**Immediate Past National Regent**  
Sherry Nilles, Sheldon, IA

## Past National Regents

Olga Samaniego, El Paso, TX	Libby Ramirez, Victoria, TX
Helene Shepard, Washingtonville, NY	Claudia Bosch, Dickinson, ND
Shirley Seyfried, Battle Lake, MN	

## National Office Staff

Martha Hamboussi, National Office Manager  
Robert Bessard      Gertrude Gormally      Thelma Smith  
Arlene Flores      Gloria Linley

**National Public Relations Director**  
Tom Panas

## SHARE Committee

Emily Guilherme, Editor	Helene Shephard
Olga Samaniego	Shirley Seyfried
Tom Panas	

## Circle of Love Program Chairmen

Darlene Moritz	Education	Brenda West	Spiritual Enhancement
Connie Dronette	Family	Nancy Bambenek	Quality of Life
Brenda Anderson	Leadership	Yvette Griego	Youth/JCDA
Margaret Sitte	Legislation		



## National Convention Committee

### Convention Chairman

Susan Moné AZ

### Parliamentarian

Nanci Cornell WA

### Secretary to National Regent

Susan Killian CA

### Elections

Susan Moné, Advisor AZ  
Suzanne Torrey, Chairman IA  
Jenette Aguilar CO  
Christine McClean FL  
Jane Donahoe LA  
Jennifer Pacheco MA  
Hannah Merez MD  
Theresa Dieterich NJ  
Mary Baer ND  
Jo Ella Newbury OK  
Julie Juarbe PR  
Judy Koneche SD  
Cecilia Stanley AK

### Credentials

Darlene Moritz, Advisor IA  
Betty Fredericks, Chairman NE  
Lorrie Holland AZ  
Connie Boutwell AR  
Vanessa Williams VA  
Angie Poulsen IL  
Mary Jane Albert TX  
Patty Kepp MT  
Brenda Spizzo NC

### Pages

Susan Hicks, Advisor WI  
Julie Ayme LA

### Standing Rules

Essie Walker, Advisor NC  
Michelle King WA  
Louise Rivera Guam  
Jina Couvrette NV

### Timekeepers

Connie Dronette, Advisor LA  
Monica Capra MN  
Crystal Montoya NM  
Margaret Giordano PA  
Connie Breindel NY  
Gail Holt OR  
Lorine Bakowsky CA

### Approval of Minutes

Susan Killian, Advisor CA  
Lorraine Durfee VT  
Ruth Busch WI  
Susan Garton WV

### Monitors

Nancy Bamenek, Advisor MN  
Linda Portie LA

### Ushers

Barb Ward, Advisor CO  
Barbara Michael LA

### Room Set-Up

Darlene Moritz, Advisor IA

## **Host State – Louisiana**

### **Louisiana State Officers**

Jane Donahoe, State Regent  
Sheila Moore, First Vice State Regent  
Mary Benoit, Second Vice State Regent  
Heather Miles, State Secretary  
Barbara Lantz, State Treasurer

### **Convention Committee Chairmen**

<b>Registration</b>	Sheila Moore
<b>Basket Raffles</b>	Janet Doucet
<b>Lucky Bucks</b>	Clarissa Clouatre
<b>State Convention Fundraiser</b>	Becky Shillings
<b>Blessed Mother Shrine</b>	Julie Millard, Opie Vidrine
<b>Decorations</b>	Cindy Vincent
<b>Favors</b>	Mary Benoit
<b>Meal Reservations</b>	Sheila Moore
<b>Friday Fun Night</b>	Barbara Lantz
<b>Ushers</b>	Barbara Michael
<b>Pages</b>	Julie Ayme
<b>Ceremonial Coordinator</b>	Jane Donahoe
<b>Convention Packet Assembly</b>	CDA Courts New Orleans Diocese
<b>Color Guard and Banner Bearer</b>	Joyce Stein
<b>Monitors</b>	Linda Portie
<b>Liturgical Needs</b>	Rev. Jason Palermo, Louisiana State Chaplain
<b>Liturgical Flowers</b>	Mary Benoit
<b>Liturgical Music</b>	Jimmy Ramirez
<b>Walk/Run</b>	Sheila Moore
<b>State Regents Luncheon</b>	Cindy Vincent
<b>Exhibits</b>	Julie Millard
<b>Clergy Luncheon</b>	Cindy Vincent
<b>Hospitality</b>	Louisiana JCDA Courts
<b>Meeting Room</b>	Adrienne Saucier
<b>VIP Dinner</b>	Lisa DeHarde
<b>Place Cards and Signs</b>	Sheila Moore



## Circle of Love Workshops

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

1:00-2:30 p.m. and 3:00-4:30 p.m.

### Spiritual Enhancement - Churchill D

*Brenda West*

**“Open the Window and Let the Blessing In,”**

as you watch the presentation on Spiritual Enhancement, when you see a window, enter what Blessing you have received or hoped to receive.

### First Timers and Parliamentary Procedure - Churchill C2

*Connie Dronette*

Is this the first time you have attended a National CDA Convention?

**Well first, welcome and we are tickled purple that you are here!**

You may have many questions about what to expect

You may be asking yourself, “where am I supposed to be?” “What is Parliamentary Procedure?”

Come, let’s have some fun as we try to answer all your questions

### Membership and Retention - Churchill C1

*Essie Walker and Susan Hicks*

The time has come for the National CDA Membership Train to make a pitstop in New Orleans for the 60th Biennial National Convention. This will be the perfect time to explore together, *‘How to Recruit and Retain Members.’* Join us and share with other CDA members how far your Court Membership Train has traveled in your state.

### Kickoff to Leadership - Churchill B2

*Brenda Anderson and Darlene Moritz*

Join COL Leadership Chairman, Brenda Anderson and Darlene Moritz, National Secretary Treasurer for a fun workshop to hear about **preparing your Team for the new CDA Season.**

What do we need to do in getting ready for this upcoming year and how to reach your goals.

### Family - Churchill B1

*Susan Moné and Barb Ward*

**“The Family Fully Alive.”**

Come and hear more about this book.

### JCDA - Churchill A2

*Yvette Griego and Irene Gramza*

**Developing our youth through JCDA.**

Encouraging the development of Campus Courts for the enrichment of CDA

### Quality of Life - Churchill A1

*Michele Bowman and Nancy Bambenek*

**A charcuterie board of ideas!**

Serving up Quality of Life! Free samples! Potluck Panel of Projects! Come, Listen and Learn!



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**Pre-Convention**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

Workshops were held on Spiritually, Family, First Timers and Parliamentary Procedures, JCDA, Leadership, Membership, and Quality of Life. In the late afternoon there were committee meetings for Approval of the Minutes, Credentials, Elections, Monitors/Pages/Ushers, Timekeepers, Room Set-up, and Standing Rules., as well as Choir practice. The day ended with a pre-convention concert performed by Donna Cori Gibson and then Adoration and the Rosary.

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

Members gathered for 9:00 a.m. Opening Mass in the Grand Salon A, B, C in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans.

**SESSION I - BUSINESS MEETING**

Official Opening was held in Grand Ballroom B-D in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

**PROCESSION AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Susan Killian, Convention Secretary, announced the Past National Regents, the Immediate Past National Regent, National Directors, National Officers, and the National Chaplain who then processed to the dais.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PARADE OF STATES**

Susan Killian, Convention Secretary, announced the representative of each state or territorial area, who then processed to the dais to place the flag of her state in the display which remained throughout the convention.

**BLESSING OF THE SHRINE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

National Chaplain, Fr. Shenan Boquet blessed the shrine and led those in attendance in prayer.

**PRESENTATION AND POSTING OF THE COLORS**

The flag of the United States was presented by the Color Guard. The entire assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the National Anthem was sung.

**CALL TO ORDER**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, called the 60th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to Order.

**OPENING ODE**

The attendees, sang the Catholic Daughters Opening Ode.

## **WELCOME**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, shared greetings and thanks. She introduced those on the dais not previously introduced: Parliamentarian, Nanci Cornell, National Office Manager, Martha Hamboussi, and Timekeepers Margaret Giordano and Monica Capra. Past National Directors were asked to stand and be recognized. Pages Adrienne Saucier and Vera Hollier were introduced. The attendees were asked if they have any notes, motions, or reminders for anyone on the dais to give them to the Pages who would then pass them to the dais.

## **NATIONAL CHAPLAIN**

National Chaplain, Rev. Shenan Boquet from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodeaux in Louisiana and President of Human Life International greeted the attendees.

## **HOST STATE**

Co-Convention Chairmen from Louisiana, First Vice State Regent, Sheila Moore and Second Vice State Regent, Mary Benoit were introduced and greeted the attendees.

## **COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

The committee to approve the minutes of the 59th Biennial National Convention were Chairman, Shirley Hall, Bernice Lansing, Mary Baer, and Rita Carlson, Advisor. Emily Guilherme thanked the committee for their work in publishing and distributing the minutes to the delegates of the 59th Biennial Convention. She also thanked Rita Carlson, Convention Secretary, for her excellent work in getting the minutes completed and to the committee to approve them.

The committee to approve the minutes of the 60th Biennial National Convention are Wisconsin State Regent Ruth Busch, Vermont State Regent Lorraine Durfee, West Virginia State Regent Susan Garton, and Convention Secretary Susan Killian, Advisor. Emily Guilherme explained the process for minute approval, signing, and distribution. She thanked the committee for taking on the task.

## **REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Emily Guilherme introduced the members of the Credentials Committee: Chairman, Nebraska State Regent Betty Fredericks, Arkansas State Regent Connie Boutwell, Arizona State Regent Lorrie Holland, Montana State Regent Patty Kepp, Illinois State Regent Angie Poulsen, North Carolina State Regent Brenda Spizzo, Virginia State Regent Vanessa Williams, and Advisor, National Secretary-Treasurer Darlene Moritz. The committee members were excused to verify the credentials of the delegates and establish the voting strength.

National Parliamentarian, Nanci Cornwell, explained the role of the delegate.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

There will be Adoration and Confession from 8:00-10:00 p.m.. A special thank you was given to Louisiana State Chaplain, Rev. Jason Palermo for all the liturgical preparations.

## **FIRST-TIMERS**

Emily Guilherme asked first-time convention attendees to stand and be recognized.

## **REPORT OF THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE**

The Chair called upon Jina Couvrette (NV), to read the Standing Rules of the 60th Biennial Convention.

## **STANDING RULES OF ORDER**

In addition to the provisions of the NATIONAL COURT BYLAWS, the following STANDING RULES OF ORDER shall apply for the 60th Biennial National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention:

### **CONVENTION BODY**

1. Name badges must be shown for admittance to the Convention Meeting Room and MUST be visible at all Meetings.
2. Delegates shall be seated in the area reserved for each state.
3. Alternates and non-voting members will not be seated with the Delegates. Special seating areas will be provided for them.
4. If a Delegate, for a good reason, cannot attend a meeting and an Alternate is to take her place, the Delegate must report to the Credential Chairman and turn in her badge, which will then be given to the Alternate in exchange for the Alternate's badge to reflect the change in voting status.
5. If, at a later time, the Delegate is able to resume her duties as the duly elected Delegate, the procedure, in reverse shall be followed.
6. The Credentials Chairman shall report at the opening meeting and when necessary to determine if a quorum is present.

### **MOTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

1. ALL motions shall be written and signed by the proponent. The Presiding Officer may require that the motion be furnished to the Chair before taking action on the motion.
2. Only members of the Voting Body may introduce, second, or debate motions.
3. To be recognized by the Chair, a Delegate must proceed to a microphone, wait for recognition, give her name, state, and title very clearly, before proposing a motion or speaking from the floor in debate.
4. In debate, the speaker indicated whether she is speaking in FAVOR or AGAINST the motion by holding up one of the cards found on the microphone. The green card indicated being in favor; the red card indicated being against; and the orange card indicated that there is a question.
5. Debate on a motion shall be limited to TWO (2) MINUTES for each speaker. Additional time may be granted a speaker by General Consent. If there is objection to the General Consent, a two thirds vote shall be required to grant the additional time.
6. No member shall speak a SECOND TIME on the same subject until all other have had a chance to speak.
7. Discussions on any issue shall be limited to TWENTY (20) MINUTES.
8. Members of the Clergy and the Office Manager may enter into discussion but may not vote on the question.
9. A time limit of the clergy is at the discretion of the National Regent.

### **LIMITATION OF TIME**

1. Timekeepers shall be appointed by the National Regent to serve at each meeting.
2. It shall be the duty of the timekeepers to indicate to each speaker a THIRTY (30) SECOND warning (tap of the bell) and a warning sign will be held up. Bell will be tapped again noting time is up and a stop sign will be displayed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. All new business not on the agenda must be presented in writing to the **NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.**

## **NATIONAL NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND CAMPAIGNING**

### **1. NOMINATIONS**

- a. The *delegate* making the nomination from the floor shall give a one minute statement of qualifications of the candidate.
- b. All *candidates* running for a position on the National Board who have opposition shall give a two (2) minute speech after all nominations for officers and directors are concluded.
- c. Nominations from the floor for Nominating Committee will be by roll call of the States. The State Regent or her designee shall state the name of the nominee.
- d. The names of all candidates nominated from the floor are to be spelled slowly for the purpose of proper record keeping.

### **2. CAMPAIGNING**

- a. Campaign material is limited to one sheet of paper (8 1/2 x 11) printed on one side only, with or without a photograph.
- b. No campaign material shall be distributed or worn in the Convention Meeting Room or during the election process. No campaign favors are to be distributed at any time.
- c. If a candidate for an office or director is running from the floor and has notified the Chair prior to the opening of the convention, she may hand out her flyers (see above) outside the convention hall at the end of the business session on Wednesday.
- d. All candidates nominated for the 2026 Nominating Committee may hand out their flyers (see above) during the Meet the Candidates in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.
- e. When campaigning, ensure comments are related to qualifications as opposed to personal attack.
- f. All candidates and anyone assisting or supporting their campaign must observe these rules or the candidate may be disqualified.

### **3. VOTING**

- a. The CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN shall give a report on Thursday morning, August 15, 2024 prior to voting, to determine the actual voting strength for the election. This report shall be adopted before the election proceeds. Registration on Thursday will close at 8:30 a.m. in order to prepare for elections. In order to vote, a delegate must be registered prior to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. Registration will then reopen on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

## **PAGES FOR THE CONVENTION**

1. Pages shall be seated at each end of the dais.
2. Notes, motions, lost and found items, reminders and questions are to be presented to a page.
3. The page will deliver the message to the National Regent-Elect.

## **OTHER**

1. No flowers may be formally presented to those elected to the National Board at any business meeting or social function.
2. Only the host State may sell one fund-raising item during the National Convention with the permission of the National Regent. States may sell one item for one hour during Campaign Night.
3. All cell phones or electronic devices must be silenced during business meetings, Liturgies, and social events.

## **TO SUSPEND OR AMEND THE STANDING RULES**

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates is required to suspend or amend these Standing Rules of the Order.

Gina Couvrette moved the adoption of the Standing Rules, as read aloud.

New York Immediate Past National Regent, Theresa Duran moved to amend the Standing Rules under **Convention Body #3**, to strike the word “visitors” and change it to, “non-voting members.” The motion was seconded and approved.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Johnnette Williams was introduced as the convention keynote speaker. Johnnette is the Executive Producer of *Women of Grace* television program that airs internationally Monday through Friday of EWTN. The program highlight contemporary issues from a Catholic perspective which also discusses authentic femininity in the world today.

### **RECESS**

National Regent Emily Guilherme announced a recess. The meeting to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

## **SESSION II - BUSINESS MEETING**

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

**Timekeepers:** New York State Regent, Connie Breindel  
Oregon State Regent, Gail Holt

### **CALL TO ORDER**

National Regent Emily Guilherme called the Business Meeting to order.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Maryland State Chaplain, Rev. Christopher Moore opened the afternoon session with a prayer.

### **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme asked the Credentials Committee for the credentials report. Credentials Committee Chairman Betty Fredericks, Nebraska State Regent, gave the Credentials Report and by direction of the Committee moved the adoption of the Credentials Report as follows:

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<b>Total</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>612</b>

The motion was seconded and the report was adopted. The Chair declared a quorum.

### **SPEAKER - LOUISIANA STATE CHARITY**

The speaker for the afternoon was Rev. Jeffery Bayhi from Metanoia Manor, a home for female adolescent victims of human trafficking, in which to heal physically and mentally. Fr. Bayhi was accompanied by Fr. Chuck Swanson, and Kelly Tourere, Executive Director.



## **REPORT OF THE 2024 NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nation Regent Emily Guilherme called upon Primavera Johnson (PR), Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to give Nominating Committee Report. Primavera Johnson introduced the members of the Committee comprised of: Maria Santos-Silva (CA), Cindy Vincent (LA), Brenda Spizzo (NC), Rosie Duran (NM), Heather Rave (NY), and Irene Duda (OR).

Primavera Johnson, having previously submitted her written report, announced the slate of the National Officers and Directors.

### National Officers:

National Regent	Susan Moné (AZ)
National Regent-Elect	Essie Walker (NC)
First Vice National Regent	<i>vacant</i>
Second Vice National Regent	Nancy Bambenek (MN)
National Secretary-Treasurer	<i>vacant</i>

### National Directors

Brenda Anderson (VA)  
Yvette Griego (NM)  
Susan Killian (CA)  
Rosie Stockwell (TX)

National Regent Emily Guilherme thanked Primavera Johnson and the members of the Nominating Committee.

The National Regent-Elect automatically assumes the position of National Regent. Susan Moné from Arizona will hold the office of National Regent.

Essie Walker from North Carolina was nominated for the office of National Regent-Elect. There being no other nominations for the position of National Regent-Elect, nominations were closed.

The office of First Vice National Regent was vacant. Nominations were held from the floor. Connie Dronette from Louisiana and Ivone de Silveira from Puerto Rico were both nominated from the floor. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations for First Vice National Regent were closed.

Nancy Bambenek from Minnesota was nominated for the office of Second Vice National Regent. Susan Hicks from Wisconsin was nominated from the floor for the position of Second Vice National Regent. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations for Second Vice National Regent were closed.

Brenda Anderson pulled her papers for the position of National Director.

The office of National Secretary-Treasurer was vacant. Nominations were held from the floor. Brenda Anderson from South Dakota and Peggy Guckin from Pennsylvania were nominated for the position of National Secretary-Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations for National Secretary-Treasurer were closed.

The nominations for National Officers were closed. Essie Walker was declared the National Regent-Elect.

The nominating committee nominated the following for National Director:

Yvette Griego (NM)  
Susan Killian (CA)  
Rosie Stockwell (TX)

The following were nominated from the floor for National Director:

Rita Carlson (IA)  
Martha Karin Dudash (OK)  
Mary Ann Kaiser (AR)  
Brenda West (VA)

There being no other nominations from the floor, the Chair declared nominations closed. With only seven nominees and nine National Director positions, by acclamation, the seven nominees were voted in. The other two National Directors will be appointed by the new Board. The 2024-26 National Directors were introduced and congratulated.

### **2026 NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

National Secretary-Treasurer, Darlene Moritz invited names from the floor for the 2026 National Nominating Committee. Through a roll call vote, the following states presented nominees to act on the Nominating Committee:

Arizona	Lynn Wilson
California	Yvonne Connolly
Florida	Luisa Long
Iowa	Darlene Moritz
Louisiana	Trisha Crombie
Maryland	Ivalyn T. Jones-Actie
Minnesota	Lisa Ouderkirk
Montana	Jo Ann Harper
Nebraska	Catherine Chandler
Nevada	Jina Courvette
New Mexico	Crystal Montoya
New York	Theresa Duran
North Carolina	Debbie Del Corro El-Chayeb
Oregon	Tess (Theresa) Cersovski
Pennsylvania	Pamela Callahan
Texas	Virginia Olsovsky

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations for the 2026 National Nominating Committee closed. Each nominee was invited forward to be recognized. Nominees were invited to reserve a table at the Candidates Night Social. Elections to be held on Thursday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. Vote for no more than seven.

Candidates for First Vice National Regent, Ivone da Silveira and Connie Donette were each given two minutes to speak regarding their candidacy.

Candidates for Second Vice National Regent, Nancy Bambenek and Susan Hicks were each given two minutes to speak regarding their candidacy.

Candidates for National Secretary-Treasurer, Brenda Anderson and Peggy Guckin were each given two minutes to speak regarding their candidacy.

The Chair announced that ballots will be prepared this evening. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. for delegates only. Doors will close at exactly 9:00 a.m. at which time, the voting will take place.

### **RECESS**

There was a ten minute recess.

### **CDA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

The National Board worked with CDA member Angie Eckelkamp from Texas who provided a low cost survey to CDA members regarding CDA membership. Of our 50,000+ members, 2,000 responded to the survey. There is a document on the CDA National website regarding the survey results. Connie Dronette, Second Vice National Regent, presented the results to the Convention Body.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Yesterdays workshops will be available on the CDA National Website.
- The robe survey will be tomorrow afternoon.
- Texas delegates will be meeting at 7:00 p.m.in Section D, Room 21.
- Mass collection today was for 138 seminarians, \$5,130.00
- Tomorrow's collection will be for Human Life International.
- Confession this evening from 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Confession tomorrow from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Exhibitors and Vendors room will be open until 7:30 p.m. this evening
- Candidates night will be 5:00 p.m. in Salon D
- State Sales Tables will be outside of the Convention Hall
- Tomorrow take your same seats

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing prayer was lead by Fr. Patrick Forman, State Chaplain from Vermont.

### **RECESS**

The Chair declared the close of Business Session II. Business Session III will begin Thursday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. for voting.



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#### SESSION III - BUSINESS MEETING

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

#### **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme asked the Credentials Committee for the credentials report. Credentials Committee Chairman Betty Fredericks, Nebraska State Regent, gave the Credentials Report and by direction of the Committee moved the adoption of the Credentials Report as follows:

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Local Court Regents/Delegates	<u>1,880</u>	<u>521</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>666</b>

The motion was seconded and the report was adopted. The Chair declared a quorum.

#### **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme called National Regent-Elect, Susan Moné to give voting instructions. Elections were completed.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, called the meeting to order.

#### **SPEAKER—Momentum, Catholic Single Mothers**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, introduced speaker, JoAnn Lacheny from Momentum. The mission of Momentum is to build a vibrant faith-based community for Catholic single mothers.

#### **RECESS**

National Regent Emily Guilherme announced a recess to attend the Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. The meeting to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

#### SESSION IV - BUSINESS MEETING

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

#### **PRAYER**

Afternoon prayer was lead by Fr. James Caldwell, State Chaplain from Oklahoma.

**NATIONAL CHAPLAIN - FR. SHENAN BOQUET**

Our National Chaplain, Fr. Shenan Boquet spoke about the Good Samaritan. We are made by God and we are called to serve God. We are to be holy as we reach for eternal life. We are called to help others to grow in holiness.

**ROBE SURVEY**

The Robe Survey was presented by Chairman, Helene Shepard, Past National Regent. Helene was asked to take over as chairman when Joanne Tomas became ill and passed away. She was doing the robe survey in honor of Joanne. The Robe Survey Committee included: Helene Shepard, Chairman (NY), Alicia Baer (MA), Rita Carlson (IA), Rose Duran (NM), Irene Gramza (AZ), Debbie Lattus (MD), Barbara Wiechmann (SD), and National Regent, Emily Guilherme as an ex officio member. The committee was tasked with evaluating the current situation of ceremonial robes and if there were any alternatives to ceremonial robes.

A survey was sent out by paper, downloadable survey, and by QR Code on a Smart Phone. Helene thanked all the State Regents for helping to spread the word about the survey. Of the 53,470 members, 8,625 members or 16.0% responded to the survey. Of the 1,044 courts, 926 responded. A PowerPoint Presentation of the results was given. Below are the results for continuing with or dispensing of the robes and alternatives.

	<u>Continue</u>	<u>Dispense</u>
National	46.0%	54.0%
State	36.0%	64.0%
Local	22.0%	78.0%

<u>Alternative to the Robe</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Additional</u>
< 1.0% CDA shirt	1.0% tan	30.0% sash
< 1.0% all black	3.0% white	60.0% medallion
3.0% white top and white bottom	4.0% any color	10.0% other
87.0% white top and black bottom	92.0% black	

A fashion show was given to show alternative ideas to the robes. At the conclusion of the fashion show, Helen thanked everyone.

Helen Shepard moved to accept the Robe Survey Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Tess Cersovski, Immediate Past State Regent of Oregon moved to table any discussion and action concerning the robes until Saturday. The motion was seconded and failed.

Sandra Garcia, Court Our Lady of the Lake #2213 Arizona, moved that CDA vote on replacing the robes with one presented option today no longer than May 31, 2025. After much discussion, Rosie Duran, State Regent of New Mexico, called for the question. The motion was seconded and failed.

Theresa Duran, Immediate Past State Regent of New York, moved to suspend the Standing Rules to add time to the discussion. The motion was seconded and approved.

Terrie Gunther, Court Our Lady of the Desert#2236 Texas, moved that we as an Order adopt sashes for local court, hoods for state courts, and capes for National after doing away with robes, with each level deciding on top and bottoms. The motion was seconded and failed.

Lynn Wilson, First Vice State Regent of Arizona, moved that a ballot be prepared for a vote of the eight options to be voted on tomorrow. Seconded. Connie Breindel State Regent of New York, moved to amend the motion to strike the words that follow eight options until the words, “vote tomorrow.” After much discussion, Tamico Melvin-Brown, Court Our Lady of Humility #2147 Texas, called for the question. Motion approved.

Jennifer Hamann, Court Our Lady of the Pines #2065 Texas, moved to adopt a new dress code inline with the survey results: white top, black bottoms, black shoes, and medallion, suspending use of robes, implement immediately after closing ceremonies on August 18, 2024. Motion was out of order.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Confessions from 8-8:45 p.m. this evening
- Virtual Walk photo will be taken tomorrow, August 16, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. on the third floor pool area

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing prayer was lead by Fr. Ed Lamp, State Chaplain from Florida and Past National Chaplain.

#### **RECESS**

The Chair declared the close of Business Session IV. Business Session V will begin Friday, August 16 after the 9:00 a.m. mass for God and Country.



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**SESSION V - BUSINESS MEETING**

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

**CALL TO ORDER**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, called the meeting to order after the 9:00 a.m. mass for God and Country.

**SPEAKER - Holy Cross Family Ministries (FR. Peyton’s Family Rosary)**

The speaker for the morning was Fr. Fred Jenga, President, of Holy Cross Family Ministries. Fr. Jenga spoke about a project called, “The Carpenter.” This is modeling St. Joseph. There is a hope that this will be a series next year. The attendees were shown a clip of the, “The Carpenter.” Following the presentation, National Regent, Emily Guilherme presented Fr. Jenga with a check for \$15,000 for Holy Cross Family Ministries.

**ROBE SURVEY - continued**

Jennifer Hamann, Court Our Lady of the Pines #2065 Texas, moved that in accord with the survey results, we adopt a new dress code with white tops, black bottoms, and black shoes, discontinuing use of robes and replacing them with medallions, effective immediately after closing ceremonies of this convention on August 18, 2024.

Jennifer Hamann, Court Our Lady of the Pines #2065 Texas, moved to amend the motion to change the date to end robe usage to January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded and approved.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

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<b>Total</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>675</b>

The motion was seconded and the report was adopted. The Chair declared a quorum.

**ROBE SURVEY - continued**

Once the quorum was established, National Regent, Emily Guilherme, asked the vote on the amended motion. Amendment was approved.

**RECESS**

National Regent Emily Guilherme announced a recess. The meeting to reconvene at 1:35 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024.

**SESSION VI - BUSINESS MEETING**

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

**PRAYER**

Afternoon prayer was lead by Fr. Pat Forman, State Chaplain from Vermont.

**NATIONAL CHARITY - CATHOLIC EXTENSION**

Fr. Charles Keeney from Catholic Extension, one of Catholic Daughters charities was presented with a \$5,000 check. Fr. Keeney also had an exhibit table in the Exhibit/Vendor Hall.

**TERRITORIAL COURTS REPORT**

Past National Regent, Shirley Seyfried reported on Territorial Courts. The committee included Chairman, Shirley Seyfried, Dawn Fortenberry Past National Director (LA), Arlene Rich Past National Director (CT), Peggy Rosales (TX), and Mary Ann Vanderbrake (ID).

National Regent, Emily Guilherme thanked Shirley Seyfried for the report.

National Regent, Emily Guilherme asked Veterans to stand and be recognized. She thanked them for their service.

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elections Committee Chairman Suzanne Torrey came to the dais to give the Election Committee Report. She asked her committee to stand and be recognized.

First Vice National Regent	
Ivone da Silveria (PR)	260
Connie Dronette (LA)	402
Illegal votes	1

Second Vice National Regent	
Nancy Bambenek (MN)	399
Susan Hicks (WI)	263
Illegal votes	2

National Secretary-Treasurer	
Brenda Anderson (SD)	504
Peggy Guckin (PA)	155
Illegal votes	2



The Chair declared that having the most votes, the following will be National Officers:

First Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette  
Second Vice National Regent, Nancy Bambenek  
National Secretary-Treasurer, Brenda Anderson

The 2026 Nominating Committee results in alphabetical order were as follows:

Pamela Callahan	Pennsylvania	244
Tess (Theresa) Cersovski	Oregon	202
Catherine Chandler	Nebraska	187
Yvonne Connolly	California	215
Jina Courvette	Nevada	152
Trisha Crombie	Louisiana	290
Debbie Del Corro El-Chayeb	North Carolina	195
Theresa Duran	New York	286
Jo Ann Harper	Montana	228
Ivalyn T. Jones-Actie	Maryland	133
Luisa Long	Florida	220
Crystal Montoya	New Mexico	353
Darlene Moritz	Iowa	285
Virginia Olsovsky	Texas	337
Lisa Ouderkirk	Minnesota	177
Lynn Wilson	Arizona	290

The Chair declared that, having receive the most amount of votes, the following seven women will be members of the Nominating Committee for the 2026 National Convention:

Crystal Montoya, Chairman, New Mexico  
Virginia Olsovsky, Texas  
Trisha Crombie, Louisiana  
Lynn Wilson, Arizona  
Theresa Duran, New York  
Darlene Moritz, Iowa  
Pamela Callahan, Pennsylvania

Alternates are Jo Ann Harper, Montana and Luisa Long, Florida.

The Chair declared them duly nominated.

## **BYLAWS**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme invited Susan Moné, Chairman of the National Bylaws Committee to present the Bylaws. She thanked the Bylaws Committee members.

During the business meeting the committee will not bring forth the Proposed Amendments #2, #14, #15, #18, #21, and #30. Each of the delegates were provided with a packet of proposed bylaw amendments, which were distributed in advance of the business meeting.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #1**

Maria Santos-Silva, State Regent of California moved to call the question. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**Amendment #2 was not brought forward**

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #3**

No discussion. A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #4**

Connie Dronette, Second Vice National Regent, moved to call the question. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**RECESS**

The Chair declared the close of Business Session VI. Business Session VII will begin Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



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**SESSION VII - BUSINESS MEETING**

**Presiding:** Emily Guilherme, National Regent

**PRAYER**

Morning prayer was led by National Chaplain, Fr. Shenan Boquet. He also blessed religious items. Fr. Boquet thanked the priest and deacons for everything they have done to help Catholic Daughters. He gave a special thank you to Fr. Jason Palermo, State Chaplain of Louisiana.

**ELECTIONS - continued**

Darlene Moritz resigned from the 2026 Nominating Committee to avoid any conflict of interest. Jo Ann Harper will be the seventh member of the committee. Luisa Long will be first alternate and Yvonne Connolly will be the second alternate.

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, invited the members and alternates to the 2026 Nominating Committee to come to the dais.

Crystal Montoya, New Mexico (chairman)  
Virginia Olsovsky, Texas  
Trisha Crombie, Louisiana  
Lynn Wilson, Arizona  
Theresa Duran, New York  
Pamela Callahan, Pennsylvania  
Jo Ann Harper, Montana  
Luisa Long, Florida (alternate)  
Yvonne Connolly, California (alternate)

The charge was read to them, and they each individually signed the Charge.

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, introduced the 2024-26 National Officers.

National Regent, Susan Moné  
National Regent-Elect, Essie Walker  
First Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette  
Second Vice National Regent, Nancy Bambenek  
National Secretary-Treasurer, Brenda Anderson

National Directors

Rita Carlson	Karin Dudash
Rosie Duran	Yvette Griego
Mary Ann Kaiser	Susan Killian
Brenda West	

### **1903 AWARDS**

The 1903 awards were presented by First Vice National Regent, Essie Walker. (See Reports and Awards Book)

### **FAUSTINA AWARDS**

The Faustina Awards were presented by National Director, Susan Hicks. (See Reports and Awards Book)

### **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

The Membership Awards for both State and National were presented by National Director, Susan Hicks. (See Reports and Awards Book)

### **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

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The motion was seconded and the report was adopted. The Chair declared a quorum.

### **BYLAWS - continued**

#### **By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #5**

Nita Brouillette moved that proposed amendments #5, #16, and #28 be referred back to committee. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted.

#### **By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #6**

A vote was taken and the amendment failed.

#### **By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #7**

A vote was taken and the amendment failed.

#### **By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #8**

A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

#### **By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #9**

A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #10**

A motion was made by Debbie Guimond, Court Sacred Heart #1759, North Carolina, to call for the question. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A vote on Amendment #10 was taken and the amendment failed.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #11**

No discussion. A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #12**

No discussion. A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #13**

A motion was made by Cynthia Novak, Court Annunciation #1962, Texas to amend the proposed Amendment #13 add “**eligibility and**” before the word qualifications. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A vote was taken and the Amendment #13 was adopted with the amendment.

**Amendment #14 was not brought forward**

**Amendment #15 was not brought forward**

**Amendment #16 was by motion sent back to committee**

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #17**

A motion was made by Terrie Vacek, Court St. Jane Frances de Chantal #2699, Texas to call for the question. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A vote was taken and the amendment failed.

**Amendment #18 was not brought forward**

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #19**

This amendment has a typographical error - letter C was accidentally eliminated.

A motion was made by Kathleen Berry-Herbert, Court Our Lady of LaSalette #1255, Louisiana, to add to letter E “**if funds are available.**” The motion was seconded and failed.

A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted with the typographical correction to letter C.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #20**

A motion was made by Cynthia Novak, Court Annunciation #1962, Texas, to call for the question. The motion was seconded and adopted.

A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**Amendment #21 was not brought forward**

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #22**

No discussion. A vote was taken and the amendment was adopted.

**By direction of the Bylaw Committee, Susan Moné moved the adoption of Proposed Amendment #23**

A motion was made by Connie Breindel, State Regent of New York to strike the word reading and replace with, “**publishing**” of the slate and strike all words after that.

A motion was made by Rosie Duran, State Regent of New Mexico, to call for the question.

The motion to call for the question was seconded and adopted.

A vote on the change to the amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Rosalie Constable, Court Our Mother of Good Counsel #1311, New York to call for the question on Amendment #23.

The motion to call for the question was seconded and adopted.

A vote on the amended Amendment #23 was taken and the amendment failed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mass collection yesterday for Holy Cross Family Ministry was \$5,096.

**BYLAWS - continued**

A motion was made by Second Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette to refer proposed bylaw changes #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #31, and #32 to committee.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

**Amendment #28 was by motion sent back to committee**

**Amendment #30 was not brought forward**

**NATIONAL REGENT ELECT, SUSAN MONÉ**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme called National Regent Elect, Susan Moné to the podium. Susan Moné shared her theme: ***Be a Beacon of Hope, in the Light of Darkness.*** She also shared that the 2024-26 National Chaplain will be Fr. Erick Villa from California. Fr. Villa shared that next year will be the Catholic Church year of Hope.

At noon, the meeting was adjourned to the church.

**INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT**

The Income and expense report was presented by National Secretary-Treasurer, Darlene Moritz. Any questions regarding the report were addressed by Darlene Moritz and National Regent, Emily Guilherme.

A motion was made by Patrice Hampton, Court Christ the Good Shepherd #2731, Texas, to accept the Income and Expense Report that was presented. The motion was seconded and adopted.

**EDUCATION CONTEST**

The Education Contest winners were presented by National Secretary-Treasurer, Darlene Moritz. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **NEWSLETTER CONTEST**

The Newsletter Contest winners were presented by National Director, Barb Ward. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The National Scholarships were presented by National Director, Yvette Griego. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

The Leadership Awards were presented by National Director, Brenda Anderson. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **YOUTH AWARDS**

The Youth Awards were presented by National Director, Yvette Griego. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT AWARDS**

The Spiritual Enhancement Awards were presented by National Director, Brenda West. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

The Quality of Life Awards were presented by National Director, Nancy Bambanek. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **WEBSITE CONTEST**

The Website Contest winners were presented by Second Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **FACEBOOK CONTEST**

The Facebook Contest winners were presented by Second Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **FAMILY**

The Family Awards were presented by Second Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette. (See Reports and Awards Book)

## **RESOLUTION**

National Directors, Michele Bowman and Irene Gramza submitted a resolution for the 3-year Eucharistic Revival. The resolution was approved on August 12, 2024 and can be found on the National Website.

## **NATIONAL REGENT'S REPORT**

National Regent, Emily Guilherme, gave her report and thanked the Past National Regents, especially JoAnne Tomas and Helene Shepard, her Board, National Secretary, her sister Mary Silva, Tom Panas, and Martha Hamboussi from the National Office. Emily gave a special thank you to National Chaplain Fr. Shenan Boquet.

## **CONVENTION 2026 - IOWA**

The Iowa State CDA members did a skit for the 2026 National Convention in Coralville, Iowa.


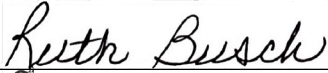

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing prayer was led by National Chaplain, Fr. Shenan Boquet.

**Post Convention**  
**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**LITURGY**

A Closing Mass was celebrated at 8:00 a.m. in the Grand Salon A, B, C, of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Susan, Killian, Advisor	
Ruth Busch	
Lorraine Durfee	
Susan Garton	