

# Know Before You Go

*Your Guide to Essential NCCW Convention Information*

## **2024 NCCW Convention – August 13 -17 in Oklahoma City**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered on Thursday, August 15, and Saturday, August 17, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Meditation Room in the Oklahoma Station Ballroom 6.

### **Allergies (fragrance)**

According to Standing Rules, Section II Meetings, 7. Meeting Agenda, (g) Allergies, "All in-person board meetings shall observe no smoking and shall be fragrance free in meeting and common areas." This means no perfumes are to be used at Convention, and heavily-fragranced personal care items should be avoided if possible.

### **Awards Luncheon**

The Awards Luncheon is open to all attendees and is a ticketed event. Your ticket will be in the packet you receive at registration. The Luncheon to honor the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and our second National Golden Rose Award will be held Wednesday from 12:30 -2:30 pm in the main Oklahoma Station Ballroom.

### **Banquet Ticket Information**

If you registered for the banquet, your ticket will be in the packet you receive at registration. No one can be admitted to the banquet without a ticket. There will be open seating except for reserved tables in the front of the room for sponsors and guests.

### **Convention Photography**

Convention Photography Services, Inc. has covered conventions and corporate meetings for over 30 years, including NCCW for 22 of the last 23 years. Photos taken will be on display the same or the following day. Display tables with the photos will be available through Sunday morning on the fourth floor adjacent to the escalators.

### **Convention Protocols**

- Special seating is reserved at the General Sessions for Past Presidents and our invited guests.
- At the Annual Business Meeting, reserved seating is set up for voting members who are requested to be in their seats 5 minutes before the opening of the meeting.
- Except for the above two sessions, seating at all other times is on a first come basis. The saving of seats is **limited to 2 seats**. Please be welcoming and encourage new friends to join your tables.
- Cell phones must be turned off or set to vibrate at all sessions, Convention events, and liturgies.

## **Emergencies**

If an emergency arises, please use the hotel house phone and dial 911. After your call, please notify the front desk and the NCCW Staff.

## **Evening With Our Sponsors**

Your full Convention registration includes admission to the Evening with our Sponsors. Attendees will enjoy a light supper and hear in-depth presentations from our NCCW Convention sponsors. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with our sponsors and learn more about their partnerships with NCCW.

## **Exhibits**

Exhibits and vendors are in the Five Moons Ballroom (sections 1 – 3), and exhibits from our Convention Sponsors are in the Oklahoma Station corridor immediately outside the Oklahoma Station Ballroom. Please see the daily schedule in this program for the times the exhibits are open. We encourage you to visit the exhibitors to thank them for supporting the National Council of Catholic Women.

## **Food**

In addition to our breakfast on Friday morning, we are offering two other bonus meal options as part of your Convention registration: a grab-and-go lunch on Thursday and a continental breakfast on Saturday. For meals on your own, the Omni Hotel has restaurants on site, and we have arranged to have food trucks immediately outside the hotel to provide tasty options for lunch and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. There are also plenty of nearby restaurants in the Bricktown entertainment district.

## **Hostesses**

Your Oklahoma hostesses are wearing bright Guatemalan scarves in honor of Blessed Stanley Rother for easy identification. You will find our hostesses at the Oklahoma City information table and throughout the Conference. They will be happy to assist you and welcome you to their state.

## **Local Charities**

We are delighted to support two charities in conjunction with our 2024 annual Convention: the St. Joseph's Counseling Center at Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City and the Sanctuary Women's Development Center. In addition to sharing Mass collections with these charities, we will support the Sanctuary by collecting in-kind donations that can be delivered to the Oklahoma information table in the Registration area. A list of requested items can be found on the NCCW website's Convention Page.

## **Lost and Found**

Lost and Found is located at the convention registration desk. After the Convention, all items not claimed will be turned over to Hotel Security.

## **Mass Collections**

Wednesday's Mass Collection will be split between Saint Joseph Counseling and NCCW, Thursday's between Catholic Relief Services and NCCW, Friday's between Cross Catholic Outreach and NCCW, and Saturday's between the Sanctuary Women's Development Center and NCCW. Thank you for your generosity. All checks should be made out to NCCW.

## **Meditation Room**

The mediation room is located in the Oklahoma Station Ballroom 6. Please see the daily schedule for times.

## **Movie Night**

A ticketed event, we are honored to have a special showing of the record-breaking documentary *Jesus Thirsts: the Miracle of the Eucharist* on Tuesday evening.

## **NCCW Information Tables**

Please visit the information tables and the registration area from our Commissions and Committees.

## **NCCW Store**

The NCCW Store is in the Myriad Room next to our registration area. It will be open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please check the daily schedule in this program for the times the store will be open.

## **President Elect's Raffle**

We are pleased that local laws allow us to resume the President Elect's Raffle. Tickets to win the beautiful, framed print of Our Lady of Good Counsel will be sold outside the Silent Auction Room (Pinon) with the winning ticket drawn on Saturday at the close of our meeting.

## **Press Information**

Members of the press who wish to schedule interviews with speakers or the NCCW President should do so through the NCCW Convention Registration Desk.

## **Province Dinners**

Province Dinners will be held on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please check the schedule posted on the Message Board at the registration area for the location of your Province Dinner. Tickets must have been purchased in advance to attend this dinner.

## **Purse Auction**

This fun event will be held on Friday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the main Oklahoma Station Ballroom. Members of the Board have donated purses with a surprise inside! The auctioneer is the Very Reverend Miguel González. This is always a lively, entertaining event and a great fundraiser for NCCW, so do not miss the fun.

## **Recitation of the Rosary**

The Holy Rosary will be recited Saturday from 9:00 – 9:30 am in the main Oklahoma Station Ballroom.

## **Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 7:00–8:00 am on Thursday and Saturday in the Oklahoma Station Ballrooms 7 and 8. A priest may be asked to schedule another time during the Convention.

## **Registration Hours**

The Convention Registration Desk is on the second floor and is conveniently located near the escalator from the first floor and elevators. For hours, please consult the daily schedule in your program.

## **Security or Safety Situations**

If a security or safety issue should arise, please use a hotel house phone and ask for the front desk. After the hotel has been notified, please contact NCCW staff.

## **Share the Wealth Drawings**

As with the President Elect's raffle, we are delighted to resume our daily Share the Wealth Drawings. Tickets will be sold on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and drawings will be held at the close of the daily meetings. Lucky winners share one-half of that day's ticket sale proceeds with the NCCCW.

## **Silent Auction**

We will be accepting items on Wednesday from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm in Pinon Room. Please check the schedule for the times when the room will be open for bids. Bids will close at 8:00 pm on Friday. Winning bids will be posted outside the registration area on Saturday at 8:00 am. Items may be picked up in the Pinon Room and paid for at the NCCW Store between 10:30 am-12:00 pm on Saturday. NCCW will not ship items. Arrangements to carry the items home are the responsibility of the purchaser.

## **Spiritual Advisors Information**

- The Spiritual Advisor Luncheon and Meeting will be held on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Route 66 Boardroom. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event.
- Our priest Spiritual Advisors are invited to concelebrate all Convention liturgies if they have submitted a suitability statement that the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has approved.

The Clergy Vesting Room is in the Mistletoe Room.

## **Weather**

Expect hot outside temperatures in Oklahoma City. If you are going on any of our excursions or venturing outside to explore our host city, remember your sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.) and stay hydrated.