

# MASSACHUSETTS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

## 51<sup>st</sup> BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION



## FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

*Thanks be to God.*

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RE: **FIFTIETH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

FROM: Patricia McShane, State Regent

It is my pleasure to issue this first call to the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Massachusetts State Convention:

DATE: April 26 – 28, 2019  
PLACE: Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor  
180 Water Street  
Plymouth, MA  
THEME: Thanks be to God

Our convention promises to be informative and productive. A detailed convention packet will be mailed out in January. The packet will contain registration and meal forms, hotel information, and specifics about convention activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** All CDA members are encouraged to attend our 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 meetings and workshop(s).

**ADORATION:** Adoration will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. All clergy in attendance are invited to participate in all spiritual activities. Court chaplains should bring their albs and stoles and are invited to con-celebrate all Convention Masses.

**DELEGATES/ALTERNATES:** Each court Regent should have received from the National Office a delegate sheet along with instructions for electing the number of delegates and alternates to which the court is entitled. Courts must elect delegates to the Convention in time to send the delegate list to State Regent Patricia McShane by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please read the National Convention mailing carefully to ensure that your court has the proper representation at the State Convention.

Courts are allowed two (2) delegates and an additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer shall automatically be one of the court's delegates. The Local Court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates for the delegates elected. Expenses to attend the State Convention may be paid by your Court.

Delegates and alternates are **elected**, not appointed. It is wise to elect all the delegates and alternates to which your Court is entitled, even if it appears that they cannot attend the Convention. Sometimes delegates can attend after all. **No delegate sheets will be accepted after February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**DUES/ASSESSMENTS:** All State and National dues and assessments must be paid in order for a court to have delegates seated at the Convention. If you have any questions regarding your State or National assessments, please contact the National Office at [CDofANatl@aol.com](mailto:CDofANatl@aol.com) or Patricia Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent, as soon as possible.

**BYLAW AMENDMENTS:** Local courts may submit proposed amendments to the CDA Bylaws. Any proposed bylaw amendment approved at the State Convention must be sent to the National Committee for final presentation at the 2020 National Convention. Local courts must vote on a proposed bylaw amendment at a local court meeting. Submit proposed bylaw amendments to the State Regent by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Local courts may submit proposed resolutions. Any resolutions passed at the State Convention that do not pertain solely to the State of Massachusetts will also be sent to the chairman of the National Resolutions Committee for consideration. For your convenience, a resolution format will be included in the Convention packet. Resolutions proposed by a local

court must be approved by a vote of the members at a regular meeting and sent to the State Regent by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS:** Send in your list of deceased members since last Convention (2017) by March 31<sup>st</sup> to Co-Chairwoman Alicia Baer. Complete instructions for mailing and for participation in the memorial service will be found in the Convention packet.

**FUNDRAISING:** This Convention we will have State raffles with winners drawn each day. Please consider participating in the fundraising activities. 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 and pay the bills for the convention.

**CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE:** Anyone wishing to be considered as a candidate for State Office by the Nominating Committee must submit her name by **February 1, 2017**. All positions are open for nomination. Candidates must submit five (5) copies each of the following: a Statement of Qualifications, a Statement of Endorsement from your local court, a current picture, and a Consent to Serve statement. Send all packets to the **Nominating Committee Chairwoman, Sheila Kanan, 4 Perkins Court, Haverhill, MA 01832**.

**EXHIBITS:** There will be no judging of exhibits at this convention only sharing of ideas and projects. All courts are encouraged to submit an exhibit to show what your court is doing. Exhibits may be set up beginning on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Specific rules for participating in the Exhibits will be included in the official Convention packet.

**CONTESTS/AWARDS:** Circle of Love forms are enclosed. State Chairwomen will announce the top five entries of each “spoke” of Circle of Love in Court numerical order for all categories during our Convention. No reports will be given during the business meetings as they will be placed in the convention bags for all attendees to read.

**REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS AND CHAIRWOMEN:** All State Officers and State Chairwomen are asked to submit a one-page report highlighting their activities for the past two years. Send reports in time to be received by the State Regent no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>. Reports will be copied and inserted into the convention bags. Reports must be “camera-ready.”

**WORKSHOPS:** Workshops are open to all registered attendees at the State Convention. Workshops will be presented on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM and at 1:00PM. We hope to have participation from all courts, so the information supplied can be shared with the rest of your membership. There is no charge to attend the workshops; however, to ensure we have enough seating and materials, a registration form will be supplied in the Convention packet.

**TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA:** A tentative convention agenda will be included in the registration and information packet that will be mailed to you by Convention Chairwoman, Sheila Kanan. A list of due dates is included with this mailing for your convenience.

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 2019 State Convention. This is the time for you to renew old friendships and to 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 make sure their delegates and **as many members as possible** attend our Convention to vote, to learn, and to take back and share what they've experienced with the rest of the court's membership.

We listened to your concerns and suggestions made through the surveys and Focus Group meeting. We made some changes to the convention. **THIS IS TRULY YOUR CONVENTION!**

Remember, this is your time to make a difference in our organization by your attendance and participation in **YOUR** convention.

May you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas season and a joyful New Year!

Blessings,

*Tricia*

Patricia McShane, State Regent  
Massachusetts Catholic Daughters of the Americas