

Know Before You Go

Your Guide to Essential NCCW Convention Information

2025 NCCW Convention – August 19 -23 in Orlando, Florida

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Meditation Room in the Grand Ballroom VI.

Allergies (fragrance)

According to *NCCW 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 Our Lady of Good Counsel Award recipient and our National Golden Rose Award will be held on Friday in the main Grand 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. A reception with a cash bar will be held before the banquet.

Convention Photography

Convention Photography Services, Inc. has covered NCCW Conventions for almost 25 years. Photos taken will be on display the same day or the following day. Display tables with the photos will be available through Sunday morning in the foyer on the way to the main lobby.

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

In the event of an emergency, please use the hotel's house phone to dial 911. After your call, please notify the front desk and the NCCW Staff.

Exhibits

Exhibits and vendors are located in the South Ballroom, and exhibits from our Convention Sponsors are displayed in the Grand Foyer, immediately outside the Grand Ballroom. Please see the daily schedule in this program for the times the exhibits are open. We encourage you to visit the exhibitors and thank them for their support of the National Council of Catholic Women.

First Timers Orientation

If this is your first time attending the Convention, be sure to attend the orientation on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., immediately following our opening session. You will learn about all things Convention, get to make some new friends, and have a bit of fun.

Food

Two meals are included as part of your Convention registration: the continental breakfast on Thursday morning before departure to the Shrine and our Friday night FUNdraiser (more on that below). For meals on your own, our hotel offers dining options on-site. There are also plenty of nearby restaurants in the Disney Springs entertainment district.

Forty-Five and Under Gathering

Young women are invited for an evening social on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Hostesses

Your Orlando hostesses are wearing yellow sashes with blue lettering that identifies them as such. You will find our hostesses at the Orlando information booth, located near the entrance of our Convention area, and throughout the Conference. They will be happy to assist you and welcome you to the Sunshine State.

Local Charity

The NCCW is delighted to announce that Magnify of Central Florida is our 2025 Convention charity. We will be collecting funds to support this ministry throughout our event and will also share a Mass collection with them. Please be sure to visit their information table to learn more about their work.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at the convention registration desk. After the Convention, all unclaimed items will be turned over to Hotel Security.

Mass Collections

Wednesday's Mass Collection will be split between Catholic Relief Services and NCCW. Friday's collection will be split between Cross Catholic Outreach and NCCW. Saturday's collection will be split between the Magnify of Central Florida and NCCW. All checks should be made out to NCCW. Additionally, donations to the Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine will be collected during our Spiritual Day of Encounter.

Meditation Room

The meditation room is located in Grand Ballroom VI. Please refer to the daily schedule for the times.

NCCW Store

The NCCW Store is in the registration area. It will be open on Friday and Saturday. Please refer to the daily schedule in this program for the store's opening hours.

President-Elect's Raffle

Tickets to win the beautiful gold chain and medal of Our Lady of Good Counsel will be sold outside the main meeting room (along with our daily share the wealth drawing tickets), with the winning ticket drawn on Saturday at the close of our meeting.

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

Always a favorite at the Convention, the Purse Auction is now a prime-time event and is included with your Convention registration! Whether bidding on high-quality bags containing hidden treasures or cheering on other bidders, the lively and entertaining evening will have something for everyone as we gather to support NCCW. Heavy hors d'oeuvres are included, and a cash bar will also be available. This FUNdraiser will be held on Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the main Grand Ballroom.

Recitation of the Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited on Saturday from 8:15 to 9:00 am in the main Grand Ballroom.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in Grand Ballrooms VII and VIII. A priest may be asked to schedule another time during the Convention.

Registration Hours

The Convention registration booth is on the main floor and is conveniently located right outside our main meeting room. Please refer to the daily schedule in your program for hours.

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 Wednesday, 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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Center Ballroom. 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 9:00 am. Items may be picked up in the Center Ballroom and paid for at the NCCW Store between 10:30 am and 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 Dogwood/Edelweiss Rooms on the Mezzanine level. 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 Diocese of Orlando has approved.

The Clergy Vesting Room is in the Grand Ballroom Office.

Spiritual Day of Encounter

Start your day with a continental breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom, then head out to the foyer to board the buses to the Shrine. The last buses will need to depart by 8:30 a.m. Please be prompt to ensure the program can start on time. Lunch will be provided at the Shrine.

Teen Gathering

Mom, are you bringing your teen daughter to Convention? Make sure she comes to our teen social on Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Tours

Please gather in the Grand Foyer (outside our main meeting Room) before your bus is scheduled to start boarding. A hostess will greet you and check you in for your tour.

Weather

Expect hot and humid outside temperatures in Orlando. 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.

Welcome to Orlando

Learn about local attractions, discounts for Convention attendees, and more! Visit: <https://www.visitorlando.com/delegate/national-council-of-catholic-women-2025-annual-convention/>