

Dear Worthy Regent, Officers and Members:

Our National CDA Regent, Sherry Nilles, has sent the following message about the National Convention in 2 weeks:

Good Friday morning, July 8, 2022,

Our 59th Biennial National Convention is almost here!
What a privilege and joy it has been to be the National Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for the past two years!
Where did two years go???

Final Reminders

1. Adoration in the Chapel (Bahia 2).

Deacon Paul Tschwann from Zumbrota, MN, will be opening the Chapel for Adoration Wednesday, July 20, Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22 from 6:00 AM-8:00 AM. Our beautifully decorated chapel is in Bahia 2. Thank you, Deacon Paul, for providing this opportunity to praise and thank God for His generosity and love. Please consider joining this time of Adoration for five minutes, 30 minutes, or an hour.

2. Charity Blood Drive during the convention.

Thanks to Maria del Socorro Orantes for setting up this life-giving project for the National Convention. This is something very new for our Catholic Daughters convention. The Charity Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, July 20 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in the Miramar Corridor. No registration before convention is needed. Registration will be available Pre-convention hours Monday or Tuesday and Wednesday during the convention. Please stop at the registration desk for the blood drive in the San Juan Foyer July 18, 19 and 20.

3. Attached is a flyer from Centro Raquel Pro-Life Center. This is the state charity for Puerto Rico. Gifts accepted include Visa Gift Cards, Paypal account gifts or checks made out to Casa Raquel, Inc. This is a pro-life center that helps any mother give life to her child and provide assistance physically, emotionally and financially.

4. For the men attending the National Convention. Father Willey Pena, former state chaplain for Puerto Rico, will provide a mini retreat Friday, July 22, 2022, in the Miramar Ballroom from 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. Father will be speaking on being a Catholic man in this day and time. Father Willey is a fantastic speaker and will be presenting a wonderful inspirational time for all men attending our convention. Please encourage all men to attend this mini retreat.

5. Please remember our raffle. At every National Convention, state courts, local courts, officers of courts, individual members...anyone! is asked to provide a raffle item for the Raffle held during the national convention. Suggested value is around \$50. This helps pay convention expenses and provides a little excitement

and fun during the convention. Please consider providing a raffle item. Please deliver the item to the San Felipe/San Cristobal Room when you arrive for the convention. Ladies from Puerto Rico will be in the room to accept your item and display it during the convention.

6. Restaurant information. Attached to this email are local restaurants for a real taste of Puerto Rico cuisine. Food will also be available from kiosks in the San Juan Corridor during the convention hours. Breakfast foods will be available from 6:00 AM-8:15 AM and lunch foods will be available from 11:15 AM-1:15 PM on Wednesday, July 20 Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23.

7. And finally, please remember that a gratuity has not been included in the cost of the hotel rooms. Please be kind to the hotel workers. They will be providing service to enhance our experience at this convention. A tip of \$1 per day per person in the room is suggested.

National Board Members, please send this email to your territorial courts.
State Regents, please send this email to your local courts.

Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you at the 59th Biennial National Convention in beautiful San Juan, Puerto Rico.

If you cannot attend, please pray for all who do attend that the time here will be productive, and that the convention will be inspiring, helpful and fun for all those who do attend.

God bless you,

Sherry Nilles
National Regent
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**Take care. God bless.
In Unity and Charity**