



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

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60th Biennial National Convention

August 14-18, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

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National Convention

Of the
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

New Orleans, Louisiana

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Louisiana State Officers Welcome YOU !



Second Vice State Regent, Mary Benoit; First Vice State Regent, Sheila Moore; State Regent, Jane Donahoe; State Secretary, Heather Miles; State Treasurer, Barbara Lantz; and State Chaplain, Father Jason Palermo. Come join us for Mardi Gras Mambo and we will be sure to
“Throw You Something, Mister”



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60th Biennial National Convention

December 2023

Worthy Regent,

I am honored to issue this First Call to the 60th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 14-18, 2024, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

National Conventions are important to the life of our organization. Conventions give us the opportunity to come together to worship, to select new leadership, to gain knowledge, and to take care of the business of the National Court. This First Call to Convention will give you preliminary information for your planning purposes. In addition to this letter, you will find flyers on Fun Night, the CDA Choir, and restaurants for those state regents wishing to plan a state dinner off site, and information on the program ads. Forms for registration and meals, etc. will come to you in the Second Call to Convention which will be mailed in March.

Chaplains and Deacons Attending National Convention:

Any priest or deacon attending the convention who plans to participate in any of our liturgical celebrations must forward a Letter of Suitability from their Bishop to the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The letter should be fewer than six months old. A copy of the letter should also be sent to our National Chaplain, Father Shenan Boquet, and to National Regent, Emily Guilherme.

Reverend Father Shenan Boquet
4 Family Life Lane
Front Royal, Virginia 22630
Fatherboquetcda@hli.org

Emily Guilherme, National Regent
14691 Walters Street
Corona, CA 92880
emthanga1@aol.com

Delegates and Alternates:

By this time, you should have received a separate mailing from the national office containing a form indicating the number of delegates and alternates to which your court is entitled based on the membership in your court as of September 30, 2023. This form must be returned to the national office. We thank you for your cooperation.

NOTE: Forms for delegates and alternates to the National Convention will be sent to the Local Court Regents only. State Regents will receive specific delegate forms for State Officers in the Second Call to Convention. Do NOT include State Officers or Immediate Past State Regents on local court delegate forms as they are automatically designated as delegates of your state.

Bylaws Pertaining to Local and Campus Court Delegates:

Sec. 5 LOCAL AND CAMPUS COURT DELEGATES

- A. Local courts shall elect delegates to the National Convention at a business meeting preceding deadline for submitting delegate registration to the National Office.
- B. The number of delegates shall be determined by membership dues recorded by the National Office as of September 30th of the preceding year.
 - 1. Representation shall be:
 - a. Two delegates for the first 75 or fewer members.
 - b. And one delegate for each additional seventy-five (75) members or major fraction thereof.
 - c. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court's delegates.
- C. The Local Court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates for elected delegates. Campus Courts are allotted two (2) delegates.
- D. Expenses to the National Convention may be paid by the Local Court.

Alternates are normally elected with a designated order in which they will be called to serve, if available, as vacancies arise in the delegation of their court. An elected alternate is not associated with a designated delegate. The vacancy that occurs first in point of time is filled by the first elected alternate or the ranking one available, and so on.

Even though it is unlikely that all alternates would be called upon to serve, we urge that each Court elect the total number of alternates to which it is entitled. A local court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates for elected delegates. Alternates MAY NOT be appointed after elections have taken place.

Running for National Board

Are you considering running for National Board? Please review the information below and plan prayerfully. Being on the National Board is time-consuming but rewarding. Extensive travel and committee work, as well as the regularly scheduled board meetings, require not only your time and your talent but also your total commitment to the Order.

If you are thinking about a position, review the schedule for due dates and materials needed. Please give your State Officers time to consider your request for endorsement. It is the responsibility of the State Officers to choose the best person to endorse. Get your request in early to your State Board.

Qualifications for National Director and National Officer

1. A candidate should be current and an enthusiastic member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
2. A candidate for National Office or National Director must be a current or Past National Director and a Catholic who publicly obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist. (Bylaw Article VI, National Court, Sec. 3B)
3. A candidate for National Director must be a current or Past State Regent and a Catholic who publicly obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist. (Bylaw Article VI, National Court, Sec. 3B)
4. A candidate must be supported by her State Court with a majority of the State Officers giving written approval to endorse her as a candidate for National Director/National Officer.
5. She must be able to communicate via email and willing to respond to emails from the National Board/Regent/Office in a timely manner.
6. She must be computer literate and able to write reports on a computer.
7. She must be willing and able to travel to board meetings, State and National Conventions, and the State Officers Conference.
8. She must be able to make a presentation to groups.
9. She must have thorough knowledge of the Bylaws and the Tools of the Trade.
10. It is strongly suggested that at least one term as State Regent be completed before applying for a National Director position in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.
11. She must be able to write articles for SHARE and the National Quarterly on topics assigned by the National Regent. The articles must be approved by the National Regent.
12. She will serve on or chair at least one committee of the National Board and/or one area of the Circle of Love.
13. She must meet deadlines.
14. She must complete other duties as assigned by the National Regent.
15. **See National Bylaws for complete requirements for running for office.**

Only one (1) officer and one (1) director may be elected from any one state.

Nominees from the floor must submit a packet to the Chair prior to the convening of the first meeting of the National Convention. A packet consists of the office she intends to seek, a statement of qualifications, a statement of endorsement signed by a majority of the State Officers present at the convention, and a written consent to serve signed by the candidate.

The delegate making the nomination shall give a one (1) minute statement of qualifications of the candidate.

All members nominated for a position on the National Board shall give a two-minute speech after all nominations for officers and directors are completed.

States with candidates running for office should reserve a table for Candidates' Night.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you plan to run for an office on the National Board, please be sure to make your air reservations to return home on August 18th after 3pm. The Immediate Past National Board members and the newly elected board members will meet Sunday morning following the Mass. This will be a brunch meeting, and the brunch should end by 12 noon. Be sure to allow sufficient time to be at the airport after the meeting.

In July, 2022 the following were elected to serve on the 2024 National Nominating Committee. As stated in Article VIII Sec. 3A, send **7 copies** of your resume by **March 1st** to:

Primavera Johnson
National Chairman
Urb Glenview Gdns
S36 Calle Eucalipto
Ponce, PR 00730-1655
787-241-6577

Other members of the committee include Rosie Duran (NM), Terrie Vacek (TX), Maria Santos-Silva (CA), Irene Duda (OR), Heather Rave (NY), Cindy Vincent (LA). Alternates are Brenda Spizzo (NC).

Running for 2026 Nominating Committee

Have you attended National CDA events where you are familiar with the many qualified members across the Order? Consider running for the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee has the awesome task of reviewing the candidate resumés and choosing the best people to serve this great organization. If you or anyone in your state is considering running for this committee, make your plans now. As a member of the 2026 Nominating Committee, you will meet at least once or by conference call to consider those names and qualifications submitted for the 2026-28 National Board.

Nominating committee candidates are nominated from the floor on the first day of the convention. If you are planning to run, ensure that you bring a resumé with you. Contact your State Regent to reserve a table for Candidates' Night.

Bylaws

See Tools of the Trade (Sec. 3-11) for the proper format for submitting a Bylaw change as well as deadline information. This is your opportunity to suggest changes to our rules as well as help direct the actions of our Order. Bylaws must be mailed to the Bylaw Chairman and postmarked by January 15, 2024.

Susan Moné
National Chairman
2550 S. Ellsworth Road #535
Mesa, AZ 85209

Resolutions

Resolutions deal with matters that are often time specific. See Tools of the Trade (Sec. 3-10) for the proper form to use when submitting a resolution.

Resolutions must be postmarked by May 1, 2024. Mail proposed resolutions to:

Irene Gramza
National Chairman
2334 W. Evans Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85023-5913

Hotel

Convention Headquarters Hotel

You must make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Please check out the attached sheet titled **Hotel Information**.

Meetings and Masses:

All meetings and Masses will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Robes: Please ensure that robes are cleaned and pressed and that they measure 11 inches from the floor when worn with white shoes. Small stud earrings are allowed. Nothing is pinned or worn on the robe, and nothing (purses, cameras) is carried. Stockings are optional; however, if they are worn, they must be a neutral color. Do not wear white, black, or colored stockings.

Meals: Information concerning convention meals will be in the Second Call to Convention. The hotel has a restaurant. More information will follow in the March mailing.

Tours

Pre-convention and post-convention tours to local areas of interest will be included in the Second Call to Convention in March.

Workshops:

Workshops will be available Tuesday, August 13, at 1:00 PM and repeated at 3:00 PM.

With best wishes, I am looking forward to greeting you in New Orleans, Louisiana.

God bless you.

Emily Guilherme
National Regent

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Hotel Information

The 60th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

Convention Dates:

Pre-convention Workshops and Concert
Opening Convention Mass

Tuesday, August 13, 2024
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Meeting Days

(Wednesday-Saturday)
Closing Banquet

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday,
August 14-17, 2024**
Saturday, August 17, 2024

Hotel Location:

Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Hotel Reservations:

You have two options to secure your hotel room, online or by telephone.

State Regents cannot secure more than a block of five (5) guest rooms under one name.

All actual attendee names will be required to be provided to the Hotel **no later than July 1, 2024:**

Instructions to make your room reservation online:

- Step 1 Go to: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50691838>
- Step 2 Select your arrival/departure dates
- Step 3 Select room type
- Step 4 Enter name and payment information

Instructions to make your room reservation by telephone:

- Step 1 Call 1-800-HILTONS
- Step 2 Once you reach a live agent, request the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
- Step 3 Identify that you are with a Group (“**Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2024**,” the code is ACD)

Discounted Group Room Rate:

\$155.00 USD, per room, per night; plus occupancy fee of \$3.00 USD, per room, per night
Discounted rate is available from August 3-18, 2024.

The last date to make a room reservation at the discounted rate is Monday, July 12, 2024.

Deposit Required:

The hotel will require a first night’s deposit (room and tax) to secure your reservation.

Guest Room Cancellation Policy:

In order to avoid cancellation charges, a 72-hour cancellation notification to the hotel is required.
Please keep your cancellation confirmation number in case of any discrepancies.

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RESOLUTIONS

Five (5) copies of each Resolution being submitted must be POSTMARKED by June 15, 2024.

Please mail to: **Irene Gramza**
National Chairman of Resolutions
2334 W. Evans Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85023-5913

****An electronic copy of the Resolution must be emailed to Irene at: igramza@aol.com**

SUGGESTED FORM FOR RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, in this paragraph state the issue of concern; and

WHEREAS, continue with reasons for consideration; and

WHEREAS, there could be a third and fourth paragraph to further illustrate; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, sum up action to be taken and if the purpose is grave, a second resolved might be in order.

EXAMPLE

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous need in the world today for more vocations to the Priesthood and religious; and

WHEREAS, the future of the church is dependent upon these vocations; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas initiate a program of prayer for an increase in vocations as part of their monthly meetings.

Submitted by:	Name and number of Court
Date:	Date of Meeting at which resolution was passed
Regent:	Signature of Regent
Contact Information:	Email address and/or phone number

(Please note: the above is just a “fictitious” example and is not something that is being proposed at this convention.)

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AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING BYLAWS

The National Committee on Bylaws shall receive and review all proposed changes to the Bylaws. The Bylaws may be amended at any Biennial National Convention by a two-third (2/3) vote of the National Court present, provided written notice has been submitted to the Local and State Courts four (4) months prior to Convention.

Three (3) copies of each proposed bylaw change and rationale (one on each page) **MUST BE POST MARKED BY JANUARY 15, 2024** and mailed directly to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

Susan Moné
National Chairman
2550 S. Ellsworth Road #535
Mesa, AZ 85209

An electronic copy of the Bylaw Amendment must be emailed to Susan at: smone2164@gmail.com by January 15, 2024.

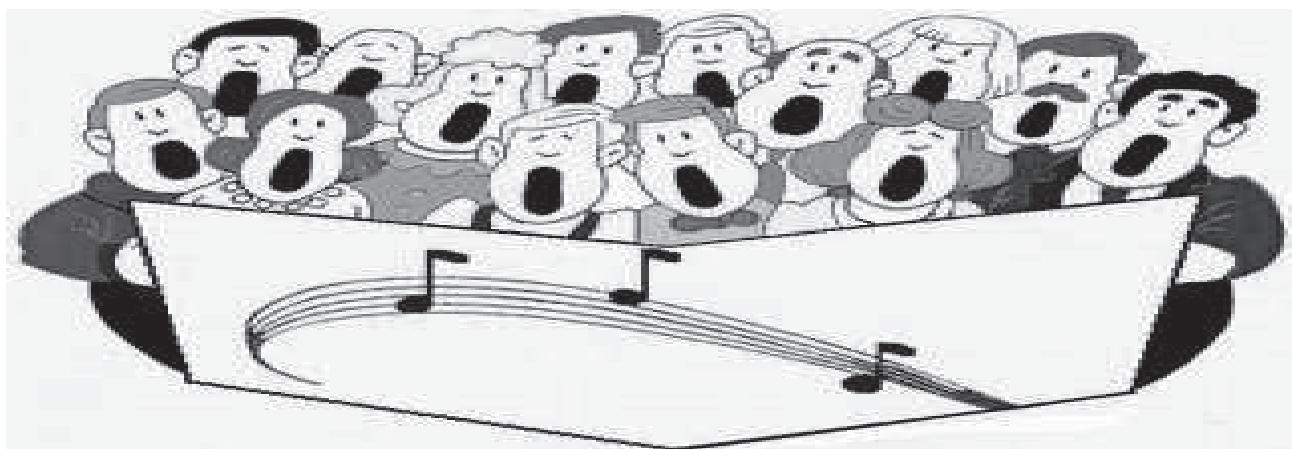
All approved amendments must be in proper form, signed by the Local Court Regent and the Local Court Recording Secretary and include the court name and number and the date of the court meeting in which the proposed amendment passed. A copy of your proposed amendment and rationale should be sent to your State Regent for her records.

Please refer to Sec. 3 Amendments Sample of Amendments to the Bylaws page 3-13 of the Tools of the Trade for the proper form for amending the bylaws at a Biennial National Convention.

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Restaurants

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Annunciation	1016 Annunciation St	<u>(504) 568-0245</u>
Antoine's	713 St. Louis St	<u>(504) 581-4422</u>
Arnaud's	813 Bienville St	<u>(504) 523-5433</u>
Bayona	430 Dauphine St	<u>(504) 525-4455</u>
Brennan's	417 Royal St	<u>(504) 525-9711</u>
Broussard's	819 Conti St	<u>(504) 581-3866</u>
Briquette	701 S. Peters St	<u>(504)-302-7496</u>
Chophouse	322 Chophouse	<u>(504) 522-7902</u>
Cochon	930 Tchoupitoulas	<u>(504) 588-2123</u>
Compere Lapin	535 Tchoupitoulas	<u>(504) 599-2119</u>
Desi Vega's Steakhouse	628 St. Charles Ave	<u>(504) 523-7600</u>
Domenica	123 Baronne St	<u>(504) 648-6020</u>
Emeril's	800 Tchoupitoulas	<u>(504) 528-9393</u>
Galatoire's	209 Bourbon St	<u>(504) 525-2021</u>
Grill Room (Windsor Court)	300 Gravier St	<u>(504) 522-1994</u>
Herbsaint	701 St. Charles Ave	<u>(504) 524-4114</u>
Johnny Sanchez	930 Poydras St Suite 101	<u>(504) 304-6615</u>
Josephine Estelle	600 Carondelet (Ace Hotel)	<u>(504) 930-3070</u>
La Boca	870 Tchoupitoulas	<u>(504) 525-8205</u>
Luke	333 St. Charles Ave	<u>(504) 378-2840</u>
Mais Arepas	1200 Carondelet St	<u>(504) 523-6247</u>
Meril's	424 Girod St	<u>(504) 526-3745</u>
Mr. B's Bistro	201 Royal St	<u>(504) 523-2078</u>
Muriel's (Jackson Square)	801 Chartres St	<u>(504) 568-1885</u>
The Pelican Club	312 Exchange Pl	<u>(504) 523-1504</u>
Peche Seafood Grill	800 Magazine St	<u>(504) 522-1744</u>
Restaurant August	301 Tchoupitoulas	<u>(504) 299-9777</u>
Restaurant Rebirth	857 Fulton St	<u>(504) 522-6863</u>
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse	525 Fulton St	<u>(504) 587-7099</u>
Tableau	616 St. Peter St	<u>(504) 934-3463</u>
Trenasse	444 St. Charles Ave	<u>(504) 680-7000</u>
Yvonne's	412 Girold St	<u>(504) 518-6007</u>
Redfish Grill	115 Bourbon St	<u>(504) 598-1200</u>



Calling all voices of Angels.....

to join the choir for the 2024 National Convention.

*We all know that singing is a form of praying our love for God,
so please consider signing up.*

Please fill out information below and mail to:

First Vice State Regent, Sheila Moore, 44410 Edward Guidry Road, St. Amant, LA. 70774

Or you can email – lacdafirstvstr@gmail.com Contact Phone – 225-241-9599

Music will be sent out to choir members ahead of time and choir practices will be announced.

All forms must be submitted by MAY 30, 2024

Thank You in advance for answering the call!

Please detach form below and mail bottom portion by the deadline date

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE CHOOSE: **SOPRANO** **ALTO** **TENOR**

OTHER..please explain _____

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Dear Catholic Daughters and Friends of CDA,

As plans are made for our **60th Biennial National Convention** in New Orleans, Louisiana, we are offering a place for you to send your messages of appreciation, your greetings, and your messages of congratulation to those attending the National Convention. Please consider purchasing an ad in the Convention Program Booklet. Not only will you be able to send your messages of support, but you will also have a wonderful convention memory long after the convention closes.

To purchase an ad, follow all instructions regarding type and size of the ad on the next page. Unfortunately, only digital camera-ready art can be accepted. Handwritten copies will not be accepted.

Proceeds from the 2024 Convention Program Booklet ads will help further our charitable programs and help alleviate the cost of the convention.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to each of you for your support of this project.

See you in New Orleans

Susan Moné
Convention Program Chairman

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Convention Program Booklet Ad Contract

Full page \$250.00
Half Page..... \$150.00
One Quarter Page..... \$100.00
Eighth of page..... \$ 75.00

Advertising Contract
(Please type or print neatly)

Ad Size _____ Price of Ad _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Make all checks payable to *Catholic Daughters of the Americas*.
Send all payments to:

Susan Moné
Convention Journal Ads
2550 S. Ellsworth Rd. #535
Mesa, AZ 85209

You must send all artwork by email. Please download the template from the CDA website at catholicdaughters.org, create your ad in the appropriately sized box, and email it to: smone2164@gmail.com

The deadline for the ad copy is **June 1, 2024**

We appreciate your generosity and your prayers as we prepare for our convention.

Full Page

\$250

(7 ½" W x 10" H)

1/2 Page

\$150

(7 1/2" W x 5" H)

1/4
Page
\$100

(3 3/4" W x 5" H)

1/8 Page

\$75

(3 3/4" W x 2 1/2" H)



2024 National Convention

WALK / RUN Registration Form



Please join us for a “WALK / RUN” event for the **Circle of Love National Projects and Charities**. There is a \$25 registration fee which includes a T-Shirt! The registration/deadline for ordering T-Shirts is **MAY 30th**. In addition to the registration fee, we are asking Courts to help raise additional money by asking members of your Court attending or not, to help donate by using the sponsorship form to designate specific amounts to a specific project or charity. Whether you walk, watch, or cheer, please consider participating in this event.

National Projects

Habitat for Humanity
Holy Cross Family Ministries
Laboure' Society
S.O.A.R.
National Center on Sexual Exploitation

National Charities

Apostleship of the Sea Catholic Relief Services
Tutwiler Clinic Disaster Relief Fund
Catholic Extension Human Life International
Missionaries of Charity
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Pontifical North American College

Please make checks payable to “CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS”, and complete the attached form below and mail along with your \$25 registration fee or Court donation to:

Sheila Moore, First Vice State Regent
44410 Edward Guidry Road
St. Amant, LA 70774
lacdafirstvsr@gmail.com
225-241-9599



Name: _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Court Name: _____ **Court No:** _____

Court State _____

Circle T-shirt size: Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

Deadline for registration, money and T-shirt order form is MAY 30, 2024

Shirts will not be sold at Convention

Friday Fun Night

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New Orleans

without

Mardi Gras?

NO WAY!!!!

Wear all your PURPLE, GOLD, and GREEN

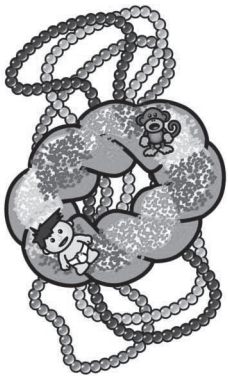
Along with your BEADS and BLING

Come join us and take a CHANCE

At our celebration of FUN and DANCE

Sponsored by

Louisiana State Catholic Daughters



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Who is eligible?

All adult members of Catholic Daughters who have made a significant contribution to CDA, to their church, or to their community (local, state or nation-wide).

Who can nominate?

Individual members, local or state courts, and all members of the National Board.

How can we nominate?

Send a letter of nomination to the National Regent.

Letter must contain:

- What inspired you to nominate this member?
- Describe this member's work and contributions.
- Explain the impact of the contribution or project.
- Include pictures of the member at work if possible.
- Add a history of the member's work in CDA.

Nominations must be signed by nominator, dated and postmarked or emailed by March 1, 2024.

Selection will be made by ballot at the National Board during the March National Board Meeting.

Submit nominations to:

Emily Guilherme, National Regent
14691 Walters Street
Corona, CA 92880
emthanga1@aol.com

The Woman of the Year will be announced at the
2024 National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana