

Dear State Regent,

Below is a news release "template" that you can use to publicize attendance by members of your state and local courts at the 2010 National Convention in Buffalo. Please share it with your PR Chairpersons and/or other individuals who handle media. They can customize this template by "filling in the blanks" (highlighted), and then sending it to their local media outlets.

I recommend that this be sent to secular local newspapers about a week after the July 4th holiday weekend: on or about Monday, July 12th.

You should check with diocesan newspapers in early May to find out their summer publishing schedules. Depending on summer deadlines, you may need to send it much earlier to diocesan publications.

You can check the summer schedules of your church bulletins and send it to them as well.

Sincerely,

Tom Panas

For Immediate Release

Contact: [Name of PR Chairman or other person the media would contact with questions]
[That person's phone number]
[That person's email address]

[Name of Your State or Local Court] To Attend Catholic Daughters of the Americas

53rd Biennial National Convention in Buffalo, New York

[Your City and State] [Date] [Number of people attending] from Court [name of your court and court number] in [your city or state] will represent [your city and state] at The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 53rd Biennial National Convention in Buffalo, New York. The convention will take place from July 14-18, 2010.

These local Catholic Daughters will join their sisters from 1,400 courts in 45 states across the country and Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Guam and the Virgin Islands. The Catholic Daughters is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.

"We're excited to represent [name of your city or state] at this convention," said [name of your court or state regent]. "This is the [number of conventions you've attended] convention I've been to and each one is wonderful in a different way. One of the great things about our national conventions is that they provide us with an opportunity to meet our fellow Catholic Daughters from across the country. We learn so much from one another and are better Catholic Daughters when we come home to [name of your city or state]."

During the convention, delegates representing Catholic Daughter members will vote on proposed new resolutions and bylaws. Delegates will also elect a new National Board and new 2012 Nominating Committee to two-year terms. The National Board is the organization's top governing body. It consists of five executive

officers who govern nationally and nine national directors who administer a specific region of the country. The seven-member nominating committee will consider candidates for national office in 2012.

[Here you can mention any members of your court who are delegates or have other special roles and anything about your court's participation at convention that is interesting or unique]

The newly-elected officers will be inducted by a white candle-and-red roses induction ceremony taking place during an installation mass.

Court [name of your court and court number] was formed in [the year your court was formed]. Meetings are held monthly at [location of meetings], [if the court is affiliated with a parish, add the name of the parish.]

Meetings include business matters, prayer, bringing members up-to-date on court plans, activities and charitable endeavors. There is a social aspect to meetings as well, a chance for spiritually-minded Catholic women to spend quality "women time" together.

Court [name of your court] currently has [number of members]. Among the court's activities are [list some of the court's activities]. Charities which our court supports include [list some of the charities your court donates to].

To attend a meeting, join, or learn more, call [name, phone number and email address of the person who interested women should contact.] You can also visit our website [web address of your local or state website] and the Catholic Daughters national website at www.catholicdaughters.org.

About the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of "feminine genius" in today's world. The Catholic Daughters truly live their motto of "UNITY AND CHARITY."

Through their Circle of Love program, Catholic Daughters touch on the many concerns of today's church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children.

The Legislative Program encourages interested members to learn about laws that may influence their faith and to contact their state representatives to make their personal positions known through Operation Morning Star, which is their legislative newsletter.

Girls and young women ages 8-18 can join the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Young college women can become members of Campus Courts at various universities throughout the country.

For further information contact Executive Director Peggy O'Brien at 212-877-3041, email her at CDofANatl@aol.com or visit the Catholic Daughter national website at www.catholicdaughters.org.