



Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Call to Convention

September 9 - 11, 2011

**Reverend Moderators and Reverend Pastors
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Board of Directors
Officers and Members of Affiliated Organizations
Friends of A.A.C.C.W.**

YOU ARE INVITED

to the

Fifty-fifth Annual Convention

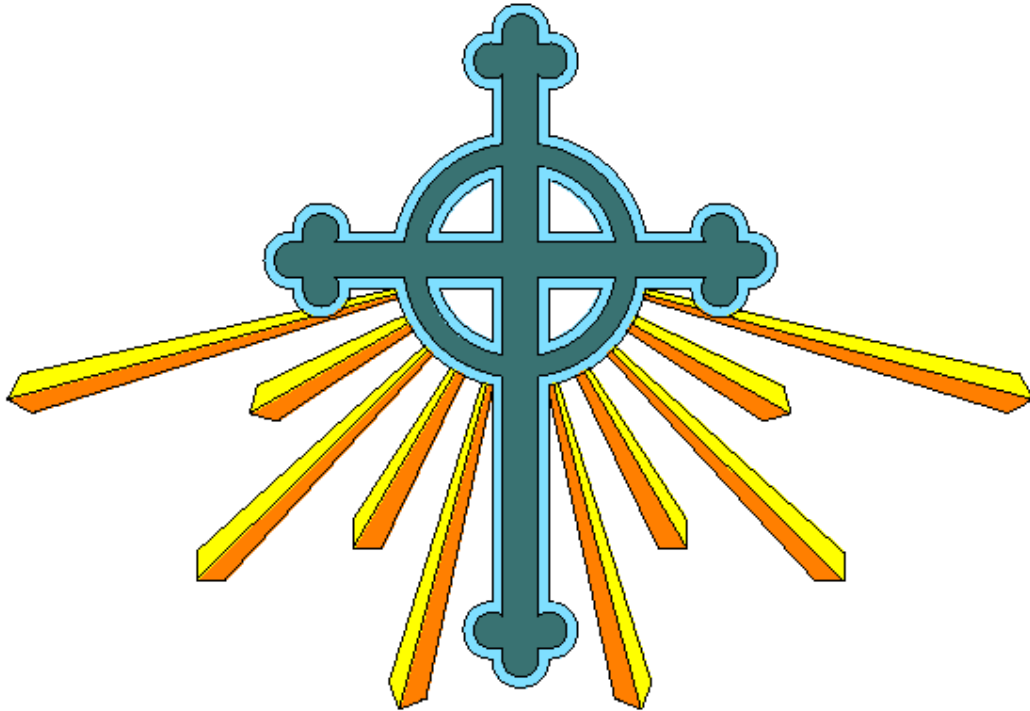
of the

Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

**Under the Episcopal Authority
of
The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory
Archbishop of Atlanta**

**Reverend William M. Williams
A.A.C.C.W. Spiritual Moderator**

*“I have called
you by name...”
Isaiah 43:1*



AACCW

Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

SEPTEMBER 9 – 11, 2011

Convention Headquarters

**Wyndam Peachtree Conference Center
2443 Highway 54 West
Peachtree City, GA 30269-1428
770-487-2000**

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Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Dear Members, Pastors and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we extend to you an invitation to attend the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. This year our Convention is hosted by the Southeast and the Southwest Districts, and will be held at the Wyndam Peachtree Conference Center, 2443 Highway 54 West, Peachtree City, GA 30269-1428; September 9 – 11, 2011. \$95.00/night – two double beds Call 770 487-2000. Ask for the AACCW rate.

The theme of the Convention is “*I have called you by name*”. *Isaiah 43.1*. The Convention activities begin on Friday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. with the Rosary followed by the President’s Welcome – “Getting to Know Each Other” Party with fun; Karaoke, and more. We are very pleased to have as our Keynote luncheon Speaker, Patsy Kang, St. Gabriel CCW Treasurer, Topic: “I have called you by name”. The Saturday evening banquet entertainment will be Stephen Lee. The Sunday Brunch speaker will be Fr. Bill Williams, AACCW Spiritual Moderator.

The Commission workshops on Saturday will be as follows:

Family and Community

Presenter: Angela Williams - Topic: Children at Risk

Legislation and International

Presenter: Frank Mulcahy - Topic: “How does a Catholic woman speak to legislators and why would she want to?”

Presenter: Dr. Sharon Harley

We would like at least three (3) Delegates from each Parish or Mission

All Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese are invited to attend the entire convention and/or luncheon, banquet, and brunch and also con-celebrate the Convention Mass on Saturday and Sunday mornings, which will be held at the hotel.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call at any time:

Shirley Towle 770-683-0060

Dana Lee Willis 770-365-4396

Molly Gamblin 1-706-883-6162

Gwendolyn Scott 770-786-1429

We look forward to your enthusiasm particularly during this weekend of sharing.

God Bless,

Shirley Towle, A.A.C.C.W. President

Dana Lee Willis, A.A.C.C.W. Executive Vice-President/Convention Chairman

Molly Gamblin, Southwest District President/Convention Co-Chair.

Gwendolyn Scott, Southeast District President/Convention Co-Chair

✿President's Welcome✿

**Shirley Towle
A.A.C.C.W. President**

INVITES YOU

TO OUR

55th ANNUAL CONVENTION

PLEASE join us on

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTMEBER 9th

7:00 P.M.

FOR A

*“Getting to Know Each Other” Party
with fun, Karaoke and more...*

The hotel will provide a wonderful

BUFFET DINNER

at the Hotel Restaurant

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$21.00 inclusive

We can't wait to see you there!

AGENDA

**ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011**

FRIDAY, September 9^h

Registration....2:30 PM – 7:00 PM and as needed after President’s Reception
Province Meeting (all are welcome)3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Dinner on your own5:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Rosary followed by the President’s Open Reception.....7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
with fun, *Karaoke & more...*
Hospitality Room 10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

SATURDAY, September 10th

Continental Breakfast in Hospitality Room.....6:00 AM – 7:00 AM
Registration.....7:00 AM – 7:30 AM and after Mass
Mass.....7:30 AM – 8:15 AM
Exhibits.....8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Business Meeting.....9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Workshop.....10:45 AM – 11:45 PM
Luncheon.....12:15 PM – 1:45 PM
Workshop.....2:00 PM – 3:15 PM
District Meetings/Leadership.....3:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Social Hour.....6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Banquet.....7:30 PM

Hospitality Room open after Banquet and Entertainment

SUNDAY, September 11th

Light Continental Breakfast – Hospitality Room.....7:00 - 8:00 AM
Mass and Installation of Officers8:30 AM
Brunch.....10:00 AM

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CONVENTION INFORMATION

EVERYONE attending the Convention MUST REGISTER – **Deadline August 27, 2011.**

Voting Delegates will receive their voting cards upon presentation of credentials at the A.A.C.C.W. registration table. Please have your voting card with you at all business sessions. Each parish or Mission is entitled to three (3) Voting Delegates. Any A.A.C.C.W. Board Members or Past AACCW Presidents of your parish are not to be included in the three voting delegates representing your parish. They will be given their own voting card at the registration table.

Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters must register.

Wear your badge at all times. It will admit you to all sessions. **ALL SESSIONS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY. VOTING DELEGATES MUST BE SEATED IN THE DESIGNATED AREA 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE SESSION STARTS.**

BRING TO CONVENTION – Your collection of basic baby layettes, used cell phones, and any money collected for the Mustard Seed Project.

DEADLINE for cancellation and refund of registration fees is August 27, 2011 and in order to receive a refund, a written request is required by August 27, 2011.

To: Deanna Holmer 298 Holly Springs Road Toccoa, GA 30577-7315	1-706-297-7493 <u>deannaf@windstream.net</u>
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CREDENTIAL CARDS – The Credential cards will be held at the AACCW Registration table at the Convention and given out when you sign-in.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS – are made directly to hotel and please note hotel deadline is Noon August 15, 2011. All hotel arrangements are between you and the hotel. All room rates are **\$95.00, plus tax**, for two double beds (maximum 4/rm). Be sure to mention the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention – “A.A.C.C.W.” to assure that you will receive the reduced rates. Credit cards will hold your reservation, but you will not be charged until after check out. Checks will be accepted.

Wyndam Conference Center
2443 Highway 54 West
Peachtree City, GA 30269-1428
770-487-2000

NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED. All prepaid **registrations and reservations** for Luncheon, Banquet, and Brunch should be picked up at the A.A.C.C.W. registration table at the hotel.

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Dear Presidents or Contacts,

Again this year, Basic Baby Layettes are being collected by the Community and Family Concerns at this Convention. The layettes will be brought up at the Offertory at the Convention Mass on Sunday and are for the B.I.B. (Better Infant Birth) project.

Layettes – the baby clothing we contribute to B.I.B. make a wonderful gift to those new mothers in need. Better Infant Birth has an incentive program for mothers-to-be in their clinics and the layettes are part of this program.

BABY LAYETTES

DIAPERS	cloth or disposables
BABY SHIRTS	either ready made or hand made
JACKET	cotton, wool flannel or knitted wool
NIGHTGOWNS	simple flannel or soft cotton
RECEIVING BLANKETS	54” x 54” size is good. These can be made from a used lightweight blanket, or any other suitable fabric. Knitted or crocheted blankets are welcomed.

Other items which may be included: caps, sweaters, plastic pants, bibs, booties, small sheets, petroleum jelly, ivory soap, diaper pins, baby powder, A.D. ointment, baby oil. You may include as few or as many items in a layette as you wish.

Family Concerns will be collecting any used cell phones which will go to women of domestic violence for emergency use.

Please leave the baby layettes and old cell phones in the collection container by the AACCW Registration Table.

Let us remember, in a special way, those who lost their lives on 9/11

Please stop by the Meditation Room and say a pray for ones who lost their lives on 9/11. A Prayer Intention Plaque will be available to list the names of those you wish to honor in a special way. The Plaque will be carried up with the gifts during the Mass on Sunday.

The Offertory collection taken up at Sunday’s Convention Mass will be given to the Mustard Seed Ministry and donations from the Baskets will go to the Joplin, MO project.

List all members who will be attending from your parish on the enclosed registration form. Each parish is entitled to three (3) voting delegates, in addition to any A.A.C.C.W. Board Members and Past AACCW Presidents in your parish.

All hotel reservations must be in no later than noon August 15, 2011 directly to the hotel at 770-487-2000 and you must mention the AACCW Convention rate. After that date, rooms are subject to availability.

NOTE: Everyone attending the Convention must pay the registration fee.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Husbands who wish to attend the Banquet or Brunch.

2. Priests, Deacons, and Religious Sisters. Affiliates are expected to pay for their luncheon, banquet or brunch. Even though the registration fee is not required, please check in at the Reservation table for tickets.

The enclosed Registration Form should be mailed no later than August 25, 2011.

Past AACCW presidents who are not Board Members: under Article VIII, Section 2, Voting Body, you are now permanent delegates to the AACCW Convention. It will not be necessary for you to be one of the three delegates from your affiliation. If you are planning to attend the Banquet on Saturday night, please notify Shirley Towle 770-683-0060, so you and your husband or guest can be seated at a special table and receive the appropriate recognition.

Send form and money to:

Deanna Holmer

1-706-297-7493 email:

deannaf@windstream.net

298 Holly Springs Road

Toccoa, GA 30577-7315

To be received by August 27, 2011

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

or A.A.C.C.W.

**SUGGESTED BULLETIN OR NEWSLETTER RELEASE FOR
A.A.C.C.W. 51st ANNUAL CONVENTION**

CCW/WOMEN'S GUILD PRESIDENTS – as soon as you possible, please put the below flyer on a poster, as a bulletin or newsletter insert, and a condensed announcement in the bulletin each week before convention deadline. Your cooperation and support of our convention is greatly appreciated. See you at the Convention.

Cut and paste or scan the box below:

ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
55th ANNUAL CONVENTION
September 9 - 11, 2011

Per Archdiocesan decree:
All Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Atlanta are members of the ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANIZATION.
Therefore, we invite you to attend the 55th Annual Convention to be held at.

Wyndam Conference Center,
2443 Highway 54 West
Peachtree City, GA 30269-1428.
770-487-2000

Call the Wyndam Conference Center now, but no later than August 15, 2011 and make your reservations for Friday and Saturday nights, September 9 & 10 at a very good AACCW rate per night of \$95.00, plus tax.

This year our Convention theme is:
“I have called you by name” Isaiah 43.1

We hope you will join with other women in the Archdiocese as they come together to pray, challenge their minds and hearts to grow, share and be open to God's call to serve. We will have two liturgies, rosary service, workshops, speakers, and a business meeting. We look forward to seeing all our old friends and to making new ones this convention affords us the opportunity to do both. Please plan to attend for a weekend of fellowship and good company and show your support for this great organization.

For our Parish reservation, please call President: _____ at _____.
Council of Catholic Women/Guild President

Our CCW/Guild President will have the complete Convention Registration information and will mail the form and the checks for all our Parish reservations to AACCW, arriving before the deadline of Aug. 27, 2011.

**A Prayer Intention Plaque will be made for ones who lost their lives on 9/11.
Remember them by adding their names to the list provided in the Meditation Room.**

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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR 2011-2012 TO BE VOTED ON AT THE A.A.C.C.W. CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011

The Resolutions Committee has prepared the following Proposed Resolutions. The A.A.C.C.W. Board of Directors at their meeting June 4, 2011 approved it. Any changes you would like to make to these resolutions should be made in writing and mail to: Celeste Prier, Resolutions Committee Chair, 1630 Elm Ridge Way, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 by August 15, 2011 or email celesteprier@yahoo.com. Phone # 404-668-4680.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Presented by the Resolutions Committee:

Celeste Prier, Chair

Alison Mimms

Mireya Cadogan

AACCW Convention Resolutions 2011

Call to Holiness

Whereas the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women realizes that as a united group of catholic women, we are called by God to be Holy; to a life of healing, loving, and forgiving; and

Whereas our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, warned us not to be afraid of Christ for He takes nothing away, and gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return; and

Whereas every person is called to bear witness to the truth, who is Jesus Christ and to fulfill the mission at hand to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world,

Be it resolved that the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will strive to understand and trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to be God's whole and forgiven people in and for the world.

A Call To Peace and Justice

Whereas September 11, 2011 is the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country which claimed thousands of lives and forced Americans to realize our vulnerability to such acts; and

Whereas the world is filled with strife and violence and recognizing the call to peace by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, who reminded us that all human beings have been created by God;

Be it resolved that the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will continue to defend the value of every human being by recognizing our call to show God's mercy, compassion and respect to all; and

Be it further resolved that the Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will encourage its members to pray to Our Lady of Fatima and ask her to intercede and protect our homeland and bring an end to the various wars in the Middle East and elsewhere.

ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Article VII, OFFICERS, Section 2, subsection a. (2), page 2, presently states:

Section 2. Nominations and Elections

a. Nominating Committee

- 1) The Nominating Committee shall consist of two representatives elected by each District and one AACCW Board member who shall be elected by the Board at Its March meeting in the odd-numbered year. The Board representative shall serve as Nominating Committee Chair.
- 2) The Nominating Committee shall submit the name of at least one (1) and no more than three (3) candidates for each office. The new officers shall be elected at the Convention in the odd-numbered year. If there is only one candidate for an office the election shall be by voice vote. A majority shall elect. If there is more than one candidate for an office, the election shall be by ballot.

The under noted is the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee at the AACCW June 4, 2011 Board meeting:

PRESIDENT:	Dana Lee Willis
PRESIDENT – ELECT	Deanna Holmer
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Cindy Sencindiver
TREASURER:	Gwendolyn Scott

The new officers will be elected by the Delegate members at the 55th Annual AACCW Convention September 9 – 11, 2011, by voice vote – a vote of confidence.