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# Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

## Call to Convention

*Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening*

### Convention Highlights

Keynote - Dr. Patsy Sulak

Fr. Greg Gerhart

Mass w/Bishop Garcia

Memorial Service

Business Meeting

ByLaws Update

Priest Anniversaries

Presentation of CEF Check

Evening Banquet

Vendors

Silent Auction

### Convention Chair

Pat Johnson

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I am thrilled to invite you to an unforgettable experience at the 2026 Austin DCCW Convention to be held March 16 & 17 in Round Rock, Texas. Our convention will be hosted at the familiar Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel in Round Rock, Texas which offers a dynamic venue to inspire, connect and energize members. Our convention theme is “Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening”.

Our convention agenda is designed to celebrate our mutual dedication to volunteerism and personal and spiritual development. Attendees will engage in essential business sessions that focus on our key priorities and establish the foundation of our future success. We will have renowned speakers and experts who will provide valuable insights on our spiritual and physical wellness, deepen our understanding of matters important to us as Catholics and as women, and inspire us to take action.

Equally important, we have incorporated ample time to network, shop with numerous vendors and stroll through and shop the unique gifts in our silent auction.

We hope you leave the convention with a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm for our mission. Hopefully our time together will strengthen our faith and commitment to grow and develop the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women from our parishes throughout the diocese.

We eagerly await the festivities and an inspiring experience as our attendees “Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening”.

Renae Willberg

President, Austin DCCW

# Preliminary Agenda

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## **Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Early Check-in  
Drop off silent auction items  
Board Meeting & Dinner

## **Monday, March 16, 2026**

Registration opens 7:30 AM  
Opening Rosary 8:45 AM  
Keynote—Dr. Patricia Sulak  
Buffet Lunch  
Business Meeting  
Committee Reports  
Fr. Greg and Seminarians  
Mass w/Bishop Garcia  
Banquet

## **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Memorial Mass 8:45 AM  
Speaker (to be confirmed)  
Business Meeting  
Adjournment

*We will be able to shop with vendors and the silent auction throughout the day during breaks.*

## Ads/Sponsorships for our Convention Program

If you, your church, your parish, your deanery or a business acquaintance would like to purchase an ad in our convention program, please submit a camera ready ad (.jpg or .png format) or the information you want to be shown to Pat Johnson at [docpatj@gmail.com](mailto:docpatj@gmail.com) before **February 16, 2026**.

Likewise, if any person or business would like to help sponsor our convention by making a monetary contribution, their name or company logo will be added to the convention program.

Details for each of these options are shown at [austindccw.org](http://austindccw.org) or by clicking the QR code shown in this document.



*Keynote Speaker*

## **Dr. Patricia Sulak**

Patricia J. Sulak, M.D. is passionate about improving the lives of everyone she encounters. She and her husband, Jeffrey A. Waxman, MD, are Co-Founders of Living WELL Aware, a holistic wellness educational program. While internationally known for her innovative research on difficult women's medical issues, her current endeavor is assisting men and women of all ages in elevating their health and happiness.

Dr. Sulak shows the way to reclaiming our health and happiness, using her experience of over 40 years as a physician, educator, researcher, and highest-rated speaker. Through her keynote presentations, conferences, webinar series, and her book, workbook, and wellness journal, Dr. Sulak provides the necessary framework for all of us to have fulfilling lives.

Dr. Sulak shows no evidence of slowing down! She welcomes opportunities to share her passion of obtaining a life of abundance by Living WELL Aware.



## Hotel Accommodations

### Embassy Suites by Hilton

270 Bass Pro Drive  
Round Rock, Texas 78665



#### **Important to Know:**

- Room rate is \$169.00 plus taxes.
- Check-in Time: 3:00pm.
- Deadline for Reservations: February 15, 2026.
- Complimentary: self-parking, in room Internet, fitness center, buffet breakfast (6-10am), evening social (5-7:30pm).
- Attendees are responsible for making and paying for their own reservations.
- Room Cancellation: Rooms must be cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival or a one-night room/tax charge will be incurred.

#### **For Reservations:**

Call 512.308.3883    [Reserve Online](#)

*For discounted rate mention:*

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## General Information

- Registrants may register/pay online at [austindccw.org](http://austindccw.org), by scanning the QR code above, or by filling out and mailing the attached registration form.
- Cost of registration is \$100, which includes all activities Monday and Tuesday, and Monday lunch.
- Monday evening's banquet is a \$75 separate charge.
- Mail registrations/checks to: Austin DCCW, 972 Bottoms East Rd, Troy, TX 76579.
- Payment must accompany the registration form by **March 2, 2026**. After that date, there will be a \$10.00 late fee.
- Use one registration form per registrant.
- We are adding ability to use credit cards to pay for silent auction items this year.
- Extend invitations to your pastor, deacon and spiritual directors to attend. These guests should be paid for by the parish affiliates.
- Convention charity will be the Sisters in the Austin Diocese.

## Vendor Information

- Vendor contracts are due **March 2, 2026**.
- One 6' skirted table is provided, no electrical outlets.
- Exhibit times are 8am-9pm Monday, 8am -noon Tuesday.
- Setup time is 3-5pm Sunday, March 15 or 7:30am Monday, March 16.
- Visit [austindccw.org](http://austindccw.org) for contract or submit online.

## Silent Auction Information

- Each parish is asked to donate 3 items.
- Bring items by 8:30am, Mon, March 16.
- Hand-crafted or baked items are most popular.
- Highest bidder will need to pick up item 20 minutes after the banquet ends.
- Payments can be made by check or credit card.
- Browsing will be allowed throughout the day during breaks.



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March 16-17, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton

Round Rock, TX 78665 Phone: 512-308-3883

## Registration Form

Only one person per registration form.

You can also register and pay online at: [www.austindccw.org](http://www.austindccw.org) or by clicking the QR code below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a first-time attendee? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

We recognize the oldest/youngest attendee, so if you choose, how old will you be on March 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration** - Monday – Tuesday Sessions: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ (\$110 after March 2, 2026)

*Monday's lunch (ala carte sandwich, pasta salad, veggie, dessert) is included so you may have more time to visit and shop with vendors and silent auction.*

**Monday Evening Banquet** - \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Select one: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken parmesan, fettuccine alfredo, grilled vegetables

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled salmon, potatoes, asparagus

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian entrée - breaded eggplant with rice, carrots

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to Austin DCCW)

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