

# SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN 95<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention



Exhortación apostólica  
postsinodal  
**Christus vivit**  
del Santo Padre Francisco  
a los jóvenes y  
a todo el Pueblo de Dios

**Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023**  
**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**Sacred Heart Griffin High School**  
**West Campus**  
**1601 W. Washington, Springfield, IL**  
**Mass with Bishop Paprocki**  
**at St. Agnes Church (11:00 am)**  
**Hosted by the Springfield Deanery**  
**Council of Catholic Women**

**CHRIST IS ALIVE!** He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. (par. 1) I am also addressing this message to the entire People of God. (par. 3)

## Convention Registration Form for Wed., Sept. 27

First Name:		
Last Name:		
Address:		
Phone #	Email:	
Parish:	City/Town:	Deanery

How many SDCCW Conventions have you previously attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration including morning refreshments (8:00 – 9:00 am) and lunch (12:00 pm).

Registration .....	\$50.00	<input type="text"/>
Registration for Clergy and Religious .....	\$25.00	<input type="text"/>
Additional Fee after Sept. 7 .....	\$5.00	<input type="text"/>
Check Payable to SDCCW .....	Total:	<input type="text"/>

Mail registration/money to Janet Zimmerman, 1213 Mildred Ct., Springfield, IL 62712  
Contact Janet: [janetZim14@yahoo.com](mailto:janetZim14@yahoo.com) 217-494-4743

If you wish, bring cash or check for Mass Collection, Raffles and Silent Auction

**ARRIVING: Tues., Sept. 26:** Rooms have been reserved at the  
Courtyard by Marriott, 3462 Freedom Dr., Springfield.

To obtain the SDCCW Convention group rate of \$135 plus taxes (per room)  
call (217-793-5300) before Aug. 25 and specify that you are going to the SDCCW Convention.  
Also, indicate a room with two queen size beds or one king size bed.

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## Key-Note Speaker: CATHY BECKER



**Cathy** has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and is a Nationally Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister.

**Cathy** currently serves as the Director of Faith Formation at St. Agnes Parish in Springfield, IL. At St. Agnes, Cathy has developed a Family Formation Program, Restored Order Sacrament Process and Adult Formation Ministries.

**Cathy's** previous ministries include being a sales representative and catechetical resource for the Catholic Publisher RCL Benziger, Pastoral Associate at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Springfield IL., and Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry Coordinator in parishes in Rockford, IL. and Greensboro, NC.

**Cathy** has been a teacher and author for the Center for Ministry Development and Benedictine University in Springfield, IL. and the NFCYM Pathways to Professional Ministry Focus Area.

**Cathy** has presented retreats, keynotes and workshops on spirituality and ministry leadership in several dioceses across the country including, Belleville, Colorado Springs, Boise and Honolulu.

**Cathy** resides in Springfield with her husband, Joshua, three daughters, two Australian Cattle Dogs and a gecko --- who are, as a family, at the core of her vocation and joy.

**Cathy** will give two presentations: "**New Maps for a New Landscape.**"

Current statistics reveal that while 58% of Americans go to church only once a year or never, 93% believe in God (or a higher power) and almost 50% pray daily. Throw Covid, politics, generational differences and culture into the equation and it can seem as though the Catholic Church has no hope.

Nevertheless, there is always **HOPE** to be found in our **God of Resurrection.**

The landscape has changed for the Church but that has always been true; the only constant in our history is that there is always change.



We will look at the changing landscape of faith, find the fixed landmarks and chart a new map with new routes. Routes to help us welcome back the prodigals, engage new seekers and find comfort and hope in our new surroundings.

**The "Christ is Alive" SDCCW 2023 Convention will give participants opportunities for renewed hope, prayer (especially the Mass), new/renewed friendships, visiting exhibits and participating in the Silent Auction, Quilt and Dinnerware Raffles and 50/50 Drawing, etc.**

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