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2017 State Convention

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Ref: Call to Convention

This is the official call to the 50th Biennial Texas State Convention and the celebration of the Texas State Court's 100 years of Unity and Charity. Imagine yourself walking along the seawall on Ocean Dr. with the sea breeze gently on your face and the sand beneath your feet. The Sparkling City is waiting for you to visit, to wine and dine and take in the unique culture that is Corpus Christi.

The 50th Biennial Texas State CDA Convention will convene in the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, April 20-23, 2017, at the American Bank Center, 1901 North Shoreline. The Omni Corpus Christi Hotel is the host hotel located at 900 North Shoreline. The convention theme is *"Everything is possible to the one who has faith."* Mark 9:23.

The 2017 convention committee invoked the Holy Spirit with every decision that was made and relied heavily on the convention theme of Faith. Everything has been possible because we have Faith; we have Faith that you will answer the call to convention.

The contents of this packet **must** be shared with your Court Members. All CDA members in Texas are invited and encouraged to attend the convention. In addition, please extend an invitation to your Court Chaplain and spouses to attend our convention. All clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate the opening Mass as well as the Mass held daily. Priests are asked to bring their alb and stole if they plan to concelebrate.

Regents will receive a Delegate and Alternate form, from the National CDA Office, which indicates the number of delegates your Court can send to the convention. Your Court should elect Delegates and Alternates no later than February 15, 2017. Complete the enclosed Delegate & Alternate form and mail immediately to State Regent Eve Trevino, 1102 Delta Dr., Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412, after your Court election. If your Court will not be sending Delegates and Alternates to the convention, please mark the form as such and mail the form to State Regent Eve Trevino.

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