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FROM: Esther Waters, State JCDA Convention Chairman  
Peggy Supak and Sheila Martinka, State JCDA Co-Chairmen

REF: Call to Convention, theme "I am the Bread of Life"

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 27<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL TEXAS STATE JCDA CONVENTION.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State JCDA Convention will convene in the City of McAllen, Texas, June 23-25, 2017, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 800 Convention Center Blvd., McAllen, Texas 78501. The room rate is \$129/per night up to 6 occupancy and the hotel is extending the rate of \$129 per night for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the convention for anyone interested. To make reservations call 956-688-8329 and mention Junior Texas Catholic Daughters or register online at **Booking Link:**

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When making hotel reservations please reserve what is needed by your group, but please try not to greatly overbook. If you learn you will not need any of the rooms reserved by your group please do not cancel the rooms, contact co-chair Peggy Supak, [fayetteatty@hotmail.com](mailto:fayetteatty@hotmail.com), or 979-966-2286 so that she can have the rooms reassigned to another group, if needed. Any room reserved that is later canceled will be lost to us at the special rate. Since we have a block of rooms and we hope to have that block filled we do not want to lose any of our rooms at the special rate.

We hope you will come and enjoy Friday night fun night in Oval Park. There will be Mariachis and Matachines to provide all with the cultural atmosphere of the valley. Attendees then will be able to enjoy the park along with life size games such as Jenga, Chess, and Connect Four to name a few. There is a reflection pond and paddle boats will be available along with other activities that are planned.

We ask you share the contents of this packet with your court members. All JCDA and CDA members in Texas and guests are invited and encouraged to attend the convention.

We are asking that all forms, exclusive of the raffle, door prizes, tote bag items and court report power points be sent to co-chairman Peggy Supak and she will forward the information to the appropriate chairperson. Deadlines are set out in the paperwork and will be strictly adhered to.

This packet contains a great deal of information. Please read the items carefully and make note of the deadlines for each. Complete and submit the forms by the deadlines. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the committee chairman and/or JCDA co-chairmen.

Notice there is a slight change to the candidates for office this convention. Candidates must check in at the credentials table prior to the convention convening to make sure all her paperwork is on file. If the candidate does not check in or her paperwork is not properly on file she will not be able to be nominated. We are asking for current photos of award applicants—outstanding junior, state pin and adult recognition awards so be sure to send in a photo with those applications.

All courts whether attending the convention or not are asked to create and send in a scrapbook page of their court's activities. We want every JCDA court to be represented in this year's state scrapbook.

We encourage courts to participate in our Christmas in June – Make a Child's Wish Come True project if you haven't already done so. We will be accepting monies and ornaments up until May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have raised enough money to host our wish child at the convention banquet but that depends on the courts and support of the project.

The convention committees, state JCDA officers and state co-chairmen are planning a spiritual and fun convention. We look forward to seeing all of you at the convention.