

LCUSA Assembly 101

Decision - Decide if you are going to attend the Assembly. Review the agenda and speakers scheduled to speak at the conference. Block out your calendar 9/6-9/9 2023 for days you plan on attending. Select days you will attend:
Wednesday - 9/6/23 - Boat tour on *Miss Buffalo II* and/or *Diva by Diva* (Extra Events sponsored by Buffalo LOC)
Thursday - 9/7/23 - *Day of Reflection at Niagara University*
Time at Niagara Falls State Park. Meet & Greet 7 pm
Friday - Conference begins at the Hyatt
Saturday - Conference continues at the Hyatt and ends with Mass and Banquet

How to Register - Register for the conference in 1 of 2 ways: Complete registration forms on-line and pay by credit card or check: <https://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/register-assembly-2023/>

Or - Complete and mail a paper registration to LCUSA along with a check made payable to LCUSA and please write "Assembly 2023" in the memo line. Mail to LCUSA National Service Center 2816 East 23rd St., Kansas City MO 64127
Registration closes 8/8/23

Agenda/Events:

Wednesday:

***Miss Buffalo II** - 2-4 pm

***Diva by Diva** - 6:00 Appetizers, theater show, desserts and coffee

Thursday: *Day of Prayer and Reflection* - Bus leaves the Hyatt at 8:30 am - Continental Breakfast beforehand. Coffee & Danish at Niagara

1:00 pm - (boxed lunches included) Bus to Niagara Falls - or return directly to the Hyatt

4:00 pm - Bus at Niagara Falls returns to the Hyatt

7:00 pm - "Meet and Greet" at the Hyatt - includes food and cash bar

Friday: Opening Mass at the Hyatt, followed by key note speaker, regional meetings (we are northeastern region) and workshops (you will choose two to attend)

Saturday: Conference continues with plenary speaker, panel discussion and LCUSA business meeting. Closing Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Franklin St., Buffalo (4:30 pm Mass)

Pre- Banquet cash bar at 6:00 pm, Banquet 7 - 10:00 pm

Note: The Rosary: Friday & Saturday at 7:00 am (optional)

Cost: The entire conference is \$300 to attend all Thursday to Saturday events. Wednesday events require an additional \$10 per event, guests \$25. If you cannot attend the entire conference, based upon your schedule and budget, you may register for one or two days of your choice See the registration form. To attend only the Banquet the cost is \$80. Note: If registered for the entire Assembly (9/7-9/9) - all meals are included with the exception of Friday evening.

Hotel Stay - If you are staying at the hotel: Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel & Conference Center, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo register for your room at: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BUFFA/G-LCUS> or, call the Hyatt at 1-888-591-1234. Refer to group booking #29359099. Special Rate of \$144 per night available until 8/4/23

Packing - start by checking weather forecast. Dress inside the conference is "business casual". Dress comfortably for Miss Buffalo II boat tour and Niagara Falls - some walking required. Banquet is generally, "business formal".

Parking at Hyatt - Decide if you will commute or be staying at the hotel. If you will be using your personal vehicle for transportation, there is parking at the parking ramp across from the hotel for \$10 per day. **Bring your ticket to the hotel clerk who will present you with a coupon or stamp your ticket for the \$10 per day parking rate which you will present at the ramp upon leaving.

Arrival - after checking-in at the hotel if applicable. Go to the Assembly Registration desk - hours will be posted. Receive registration packet, Name badge, schedule, ticket(s) to Wednesday events if applicable

Bus transportation - provided from the Hyatt to Niagara University/Niagara Falls & to closing Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral and return to Hyatt.

Conference Seating: seating is not assigned. Don't be afraid to sit with someone new. It's a great way to network and make new friends.

The Extras - Be sure to check out the displays in the pre-conference area from various LOC groups, Madagascar Twinning, Buffalo African American history and items for sale by LCUSA. Additionally - Silent Auction/Theme basket Raffle in the Niagara Room and there will be a Wine-Pull at the "Meet and Greet" Thursday and split club drawings at various events - all are optional.

AND - Have a Good Time - Meet new Friends and Renew Old Friendships!