



Ladies of Charity National Assembly September 7-9, 2023



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Assembly Schedule

This schedule is subject to minor changes.

WEDNESDAY – September 6, 2023

9:00a-1:00p	REGISTRATION (Coat Check-Mezzanine)
2:00p-4:00p	<p>"Miss Buffalo" River Cruise (box lunch included). A free city trolley just outside the hotel will take you to the boat dock. (329 Erie Street at the entrance of the Erie Basin Marina)</p> <p>*For those with limited mobility, beginning at 1:00, there will be a small shuttle provided to the boat ramp. Both the Miss Buffalo Cruise and the Cabaret are wheelchair accessible. Make someone aware at the LOC registration desk upon your arrival and information will be shared as required.</p>
4:30p-5:30p	REGISTRATION (Coat Check-Mezzanine)
6:00p-9:00p	<p>Cabaret Evening – "Diva By Diva" The Bijou, 643 Main Street. Pre-theater hors d'oeuvres, show, and dessert *See note above regarding accessibility. There will be a small shuttle to the theater for those with limited mobility. All others walk two blocks.</p>

THURSDAY – September 7, 2023

7:00a-8:15a	REGISTRATION (Coat Check-Mezzanine)
7:00a-8:15a	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (Grand A)
8:30a	BUSES DEPART for Niagara University (Pearl St. hotel entrance)
9:30a-1:00p	DAY OF REFLECTION: "A Lady of Charity is a Lady of Prayer" at Niagara University – Fr. Richard Gielow, CM., Vincentian Spiritual Advisor, LCUSA. Followed by a box lunch. Buses leave at 1:00 for Niagara Falls, or back to hotel (your choice), after lunch.
1:30p-4:00p	Optional trip to Niagara Falls, NY. See Niagara suggestions in this packet. Buses leave Niagara Falls at 4:00p.
5:30p-7:00p	REGISTRATION (Coat Check-Mezzanine)
6:00p-7:00p	ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS', CO-PRESIDENTS', VICE-PRESIDENTS' MEETING Hosted by past and present national presidents. (REGENCY A)
7:00p-9:00p	OPENING RECEPTION - CASH BAR (GRAND E, F, G) WINE PULL SILENT AUCTION OPENS (NIAGARA)



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FRIDAY – September 8, 2023

7:00a–7:20a	Rosary (REGENCY A)
7:00a–8:30a	Registration (Coat Check-Mezzanine)
7:00a–5:00p	SILENT AUCTION (NIAGARA) Open during assembly hours when no meetings are in session
7:00a–8:15a	Buffet Breakfast (GRAND A)
8:30a–9:30a	Opening Mass. (GRAND B, C) Rev. Richard Gielow, C.M. (Presider and Homilist), LCUSA Spiritual Advisor
9:30a–10:00a	Opening Ceremonies (GRAND B, C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order & Welcome – Holly Walter, LCUSA President • Introduction of local co-chairs, 2023 Assembly • Roll Call – Karen Radu, LCUSA Secretary • Introduction of Board and Past Presidents • Presentation of Nat'l Assembly Rules • Introduction of Timekeeper
10:00a–10:45a	KEYNOTE ADDRESS (GRAND B, C) "Who Is My Neighbor? The Parable of the Good Samaritan: A Vincentian Perspective" Sr. Ellen LaCapria, DC
10:45a–11:15a	Q & A

FRIDAY – September 8, 2023 (continued)

11:30a–12:45p	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUFFET LUNCH (GRAND A) • Vincentian Spiritual Moderators' Luncheon (ELLCOTT 2nd level)
1:00p–1:45p	(ALL ATTEND) REGIONAL MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeastern (GRAND B, C) • Mid-Atlantic (GRAND A) • North Central (REGENCY A) • Southern (REGENCY B) • Western (REGENCY C)
2:00p–2:45p	LCUSA WORKSHOPS (Session 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Project Mona's House – Guiding Human Trafficking Victims to a Better Future" – Kelly Diane Galloway, Founder and President (GRAND B,C) • "The Full Range of Pro-Life Activities in the Diocese of Buffalo" – Cheryl Calire, Dir. (REGENCY A) • "The Two Feet of Love in Action: A Buffalo Parish's Response" Dennis Walczyk, Director of Social Justice at St. Joseph University Parish Buffalo (REGENCY B) • Equitable Access To Care: Overcoming Stigma Surrounding Mental Health Treatment through Community Building – Toni Taylor, Chief Program Officer, Recovery Options Made Easy (REGENCY C)
3:00p–3:45p	LCUSA WORKSHOPS (Session 2) Repeat above sessions



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4:00p–5:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GATHERING OF VINCENTIAN SPIRITUAL MODERATORS and all those interested. Facilitators: Sr. Claire Debes, DC, Sr. Grace Hertzog, SC, and Sr. Ann Claire Rhoads, DC, LCUSA Vincentian Spiritual Moderators. (REGENCY A) JUNIOR MODERATORS and all those interested. Information Session. Facilitator: Sharon Terwelp, LCUSA Director North Central region and Chairperson LCUSA Juniors committee (REGENCY B)
Evening	DINNER ON YOUR OWN
6:00p–9:00p	LCUSA BOARD MEETING/DINNER (GENESEE - LOBBY level)

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7:00a–7:20a	Rosary (REGENCY A)
7:00a–8:30a	Registration (Coat Check-Mezzanine)
7:00a–1:00p	SILENT AUCTION (NIAGARA) Open during assembly hours when no meetings are in session
7:00a–8:15a	Buffet Breakfast (GRAND A)

SATURDAY – September 9, 2023 (continued)

8:30a–9:00a	PRAYER SERVICE – Sr. Claire Debes, DC, Sr. Grace Hertzog, SC, and Sr. Ann Claire Rhoads, DC, LCUSA Vincentian Spiritual Moderators (GRAND B, C)
9:00a–9:45a	PLENARY SPEAKER – “Surviving the Unthinkable by Overcoming Evil with Good” – Susann Montgomery Clark, founder of Megan Montgomery Foundation to Prevent Domestic Violence, Inc. (GRAND B, C)
9:45a–10:15a	Q & A
10:15a–10:30a	BREAK
10:30a–11:15a	PLENARY – PANEL DISCUSSION “Our Ethical and Moral Duty to Care for Refugees” (GRAND B, C) Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Lulek, Senior Dir., Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Dir., Ladies of Charity of Buffalo Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shyam K. Sriram, PhD., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Canisius College Kathy Elias, member of a Buffalo ecumenical grass roots community who assist refugees in resettlement
11:15a–11:45a	Q & A
11:45a–1:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUFFET LUNCH (GRAND A) National LCUSA Presidents' Luncheon (ELLCOTT 2nd level)



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SATURDAY – September 9, 2023 (continued)

1:00p

SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES

1:00p – 2:15p

PLENARY: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING (**GRAND B, C**)

- President's Report - Holly Walter, LCUSA President
- Treasurer's Report - Claudia Van, LCUSA Treasurer
- AIC Report - Suzanne Johnson, AIC Executive Board
- Announcement of grants awarded – Irene Siedlarczyk, LCUSA President-elect
- Madagascar collection - Holly Walter
- Presentation of 2024 Assembly by Quincy, IL/ St. Louis, MO
- Assembly Resolutions - Margaret Hanson, LCUSA Board Parliamentarian
- Presentation of Vincentian Spiritual Moderator Certificates
- Final Blessing

3:45p

Buses Depart for St. Joseph Cathedral
(**Pearl St. hotel entrance**)

4:30p – 5:30p

CLOSING MASS –
St. Joseph Cathedral
(**50 Franklin Street**)

6:30p – 7:30p

RECEPTION – Cash Bar (**PRE-FUNCTION
AREA - MEZZANINE**)

7:30p – 10:00p

Banquet (**GRAND B, C**)

SUNDAY – September 10, 2023

All depart

8:00a-10:00a

LCUSA Board
Meeting/Breakfast
(**GENESEE - LOBBY
Level**)