



Ladies of Charity  
National Assembly  
September 11-13, 2025

Choose Hope



## Assembly Schedule

### WEDNESDAY – September 10, 2025

7:00p-9:00p **REGISTRATION (2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer)**

7:00p-9:00p **RAFFLES/SILENT AUCTION (2<sup>nd</sup> floor-Wisconsin Room)**

### THURSDAY – September 11, 2025

6:00a-7:00a **BREAKFAST (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom)**

6:00a-7:00a **REGISTRATION (2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer)**

7:15a **BUSES DEPART FOR EMMITSBURG (Woodmont Ave. Entrance - back of hotel)**

### DAY OF REFLECTION: (SETON SHRINE)

8:30a-8:45a Arrival/restrooms

9:00a-10:00a Mass (Basilica). Presider: Fr. Richard Gielow, CM, LCUSA Vincentian Spiritual Advisor

10:00a-10:30a Welcome/Overview of Day by Rebecca Corbell, Seton Shrine

10:30a-10:40a Break

10:40a-11:15a Reflection by Fr. Gielow **(Basilica)**

11:15a-12:15p Boxed Lunch in Guest Dining Room

### THURSDAY – September 11, 2025 (continued)

12:15p-3:15p Choose your afternoon activities:

- 12:15p-1:15p Daily Shrine Adoration/Confession in Basilica
- Museum - Special Exhibit Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Canonization
- Historic Homes Tour
- Gift Shop
- Prayer time in Basilica
- Grounds/Cemetery

3:15p-3:30p Break/Return to Basilica

3:30p-4:00p Reflection by Sr. Claire Debes, DC, past LCUSA Vincentian Spiritual Moderator **(Basilica)**

4:15p-4:30p **BUSES DEPART FOR HOTEL**

6:00p Arrive back at hotel.

4:00p-7:00p **REGISTRATION (2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer) RAFFLES/SILENT AUCTION (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Wisconsin Room)**

6:45p-8:45p **MEET & GREET (2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer)** Sliders & cash bar - sponsored by Archdiocese of Washington LOC

Evening Dinner on your own



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FRIDAY – September 12, 2025	
7:00a–7:20a	<b>Rosary (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Auburn Room)</b>
7:00a–8:30a	<b>Registration (2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer)</b>
7:00a–close	<b>RAFFLES/SILENT AUCTION (Wisconsin Room)</b> Open during assembly hours when no meetings are in session
7:00a–8:15a	<b>Breakfast (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b>
8:30a–9:15a	<b>Opening Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b> Rev. Richard Gielow, C.M. (Presider and Homilist), LCUSA Vincentian Spiritual Advisor
9:30a–10:00a	<b>Opening Ceremonies (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order &amp; Welcome – Irene Siedlarczyk, LCUSA President</li> <li>• Welcome to AIC President Tayde de Callataÿ</li> <li>• Introduction of local co-chairs, 2025 Assembly</li> <li>• Roll Call - Winona Nelson, LCUSA Secretary</li> <li>• Introduction of Board and Past Presidents – Irene Siedlarczyk, LCUSA President</li> <li>• Presentation of National Assembly Rules – Winona Nelson, LCUSA Secretary</li> <li>• Emergency Health Overview – Mary Nell Williams, LCUSA President-elect</li> <li>• Introduction of Timekeepers</li> </ul>

FRIDAY – September 12, 2025 (continued)	
10:00a–10:45a	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS (2nd floor Ballroom ABC) “Fanning the Flame of a Future Full of Hope in the Spirit of Mother Seton”</b> - Fr. Joseph Agostino, CM, Executive Director, International Vincentian Family Office
10:45a–11:15a	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
11:30a–12:45p	<b>LUNCHEON</b> for Vincentian Spiritual Moderators ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cordell Room</b> )
11:30a–12:45p	<b>BUFFET LUNCHEON</b> for all ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC</b> )
1:00p–2:15p	<b>REGIONAL MEETINGS (ALL ATTEND)</b> Northeastern ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> floor Delray</b> ) Mid-Atlantic ( <b>Ballroom ABC</b> ) North Central ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> floor Rugby</b> ) Southern ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> floor Auburn</b> ) Western ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cordell</b> )



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FRIDAY – September 12, 2025 (continued)	
2:30p–3:15p	<p><b>LCUSA WORKSHOPS</b> (Session 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deidre McCalaster - “From Crisis to Hope: Empowering Solutions for Homelessness” <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> floor Delray)</b></li> <li>Rachel Chung - “Meeting Christ at the Cross: Living with hope and living with chronic illness” <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> floor Rugby)</b></li> <li>Laura Yeomans - “Choose Hope: Helping Families Suffering Domestic Abuse” <b>(Ballroom ABC)</b></li> <li>Joan Neal - “Hope, Advocacy and the Vision of Catholic Social Teaching” <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> floor Auburn)</b></li> </ul>
3:30p–4:15p	<p><b>LCUSA WORKSHOPS</b> (Session 2) Repeat above sessions</p>
4:30p–5:30p	<p><b>Planning for the Future--Association Presidents, Officers and Vincentian Spiritual Moderators (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b> This session is for all Association officers, Vincentian Spiritual moderators, and any ladies interested in future leadership or Vincentian Spiritual Moderator roles.</p>
5:30p–6:30p	<p><b>JUNIOR LADIES’ MODERATORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES INFORMATION SESSION (Ballroom D)</b> Facilitator: Sharon Terwelp, Director North Central Region and Chairperson LCUSA Juniors</p>
6:30p	<p><b>Dinner on your own</b></p>
6:30p–8:30p	<p><b>LCUSA National Board Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Hampden Room)</b></p>

SATURDAY – September 13, 2025	
7:00a–7:20a	<p><b>Rosary (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Auburn Room)</b></p>
7:00a–8:30a	<p><b>Registration (2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer)</b></p>
7:00a–12:00p	<p><b>RAFFLES/SILENT AUCTION (Wisconsin Room)</b> Open during assembly hours when no meetings are in session</p>
7:00a–8:15a	<p><b>Breakfast (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b></p>
8:30a–9:00a	<p><b>PRAYER SERVICE (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b> Sr. Ann Claire Rhoads, DC, LCUSA Vincentian Spiritual Moderator</p>
9:00a–9:45a	<p><b>Tayde de Callatay: AIC President</b> - “We Build Together To Bring Hope To Life” <b>(2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b></p>
9:45a–10:00a	<p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
10:00a–11:40a	<p><b>PLENARY - TABLE DISCUSSIONS (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b> “St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Her virtues/ Our virtues” Facilitator: Kathy Kavanaugh, former LCUSA Board member</p>
12:00p	<p><b>RAFFLES &amp; SILENT AUCTION CLOSE</b></p>
12:00p – 12:40p	<p><b>Past National LCUSA Presidents’ Luncheon (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cordell)</b></p>



SATURDAY – September 13, 2025 (continued)	
12:00p – 3:30p	<p><b>BUFFET LUNCH &amp; BUSINESS MEETING (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCUSA President’s Report - Irene Siedlarczyk</li> <li>• LCUSA Treasurer’s Report - Donna Montague</li> <li>• AIC Report - Suzanne Johnson, AIC Executive Board</li> <li>• Madagascar collection - Holly Walter, Past LCUSA President</li> <li>• Announcement of grants awarded - Mary Nell Williams, LCUSA President-elect</li> <li>• New important implementations for all associations - Irene Siedlarczyk LCUSA President</li> <li>• Presentation of 2026 Assembly by Miami, FL</li> <li>• Assembly Resolutions - Winona Nelson, LCUSA Secretary</li> <li>• Commissioning of Vincentian Spiritual Moderators - Sharon Terwelp, Spirituality Chair</li> <li>• Final Blessing given by Vincentian Spiritual Moderators</li> <li>• <b>PLEASE PICK UP ALL RAFFLE AND AUCTION ITEMS PRIOR TO BANQUET</b></li> </ul>
4:15p-4:30p	<p><b>BUSES DEPART FOR CLOSING MASS (Woodmont Ave. Entrance - back of hotel)</b></p>
5:30p – 6:30p	<p><b>CLOSING MASS (Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington DC)</b></p>
7:30p – 10:00p	<p><b>Banquet (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ballroom ABC)</b> Cash bar Thank-you and Farewell</p>

SUNDAY – September 14, 2025	
All depart	
8:00a-10:30a	<p><b>LCUSA Board Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Hampden Room)</b></p>