

## **KDCCW 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Speakers**

### **Seeking Hope, Sowing Grace, Sharing Mercy In Times Such As These**

#### **Thursday, April 14: Beth Mahoney – Banquet Keynote Speaker**



Beth Mahoney, Spirituality Commission Chairperson of the National Council of Catholic Women, will be the keynote speaker for the banquet after the Memorial Mass on Thursday evening, April 14, 2016. Beth hails from Fall River, Mass. She is the National Mission Director for Holy Cross Family Ministries which seeks to support the spiritual well-being of the family through prayer. She has an extensive background in retreat work and public speaking. She has served as a pastoral associate in the Diocese of Fall River as a college campus minister and in a shelter for abused women and children. She has been published by Ave Maria Press and authored *Grant Us Peace: Rosary Meditations for Those Who Mourn*.

#### **Friday, April 15: Father Leo Patalinghug, “The Cooking Priest”**

Fr. Leo is a priest member of a community of consecrated life – *Voluntas Dei*. He is the founder, host and director of *Grace Before Meals* – an apostolate to strengthen families through sharing meals. He is a host on EWTN's show *Savoring Our Faith*, and the co-host of Sirius XM Radio show *Entertaining Truth*. Father Leo has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, EWTN and the Food Network where he won the cooking challenge on *Throw Down!* with Bobby Flay. He is also a martial artist and break dancer and presents solid Catholic teachings with flair



**Saturday, April 16 Morning: Cathy Bonner**



Cathy hails from the Diocese of Orlando, Florida. She is a member of the NCCW Leadership Training and Development team and the creator of Women Healing the Wounds; a program of NCCW to combat domestic violence. Cathy has presented at many conventions across the country and had been the guest of the KDCCW in the past presenting with the LTD team.

**Saturday April 16, Luncheon: June Lawrence**

June Lawrence, Development Officer at Cross Catholic Outreach of Cross International, will be the keynote speaker at the convention's closing luncheon after Saturday's Mass. June graduated from the University of the West Indies and then received her MACP in Psychology from Trinity International University. Cross Catholic Outreach is a Catholic ministry that serves the poorest of the poor internationally by channeling aid through dioceses, parishes, and Catholic missionaries, cost-effectively helping the poor break the cycle of poverty while advancing Catholic evangelization.

