



*137th Annual Gathering
Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Louisiana*

*Friday and Saturday
May 31 – June 1, 2024*

*Host Church:
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
3412 Haring Road Metairie, LA*

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Louisiana are pleased to invite you to its 137th ECW Annual Gathering at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Metairie LA May 31st & June 1st 2024. Our theme this year is: ***"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*** John 6:35. All are invited to join us for Christian fellowship, worship, learning, and fun! We pray that the time you spend with us will help you understand, explore, be fulfilled, and celebrate The Bread of Life!

The Annual Gathering planning team has designed a wonderful program. On Friday, May 31st, St. Augustine's ECW will greet you at 3:00 p.m. for light refreshments, visiting with old and new friends, and discussions. There will be ministry presentations, a stained glass tour, and evening prayer. A gala reception will conclude Friday's program at the home of Eris Marse. The ECW of St. Augustine's and the churches of the greater New Orleans area are sponsoring the soiree.

On Saturday, June 1st, continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. Our keynote speaker, Mary Helis Erickson from All Saints in River Ridge, LA will talk to us about Bread and the Bible: Life is What You Bake It!

We are blessed to have Bishop Shannon Duckworth on Saturday who will bring us news about our diocese and who will serve as celebrant at the Festival Eucharist complete with parish banners. A wonderful luncheon will be prepared by St. Augustine's ECW. The Honored Woman Program will be featured during Saturday's session. The Annual Gathering's plenary session will also be a segment.

Overnight guests may take advantage of special event rates at the Marriott Metairie at Lakeway, located near the south shore entrance of the Causeway Bridge, a short distance from St. Augustine's venue. Please review the "Important Details" page enclosed with this letter for information on booking a room and other important items concerning the 137th ECW Annual Gathering.

The Annual Gathering is a nurturing event offering women an opportunity to share ideas, grow your faith, make new friends, and renew old friendships – exploring "the Bread of Life" with your sisters in Christ. Join us for a wonderful two days!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (985) 474-1848 or email me at geauxecw@gmail.com

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