

My Dear Sisters in the League,

On behalf of Hamilton Diocesan Officers, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hamilton Diocesan Convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel 116 King Street West Hamilton, ON L8P 4V3. The convention begins on Friday May 13, 2022, to Sunday May 15, 2022.

Your Diocesan Officers, Regional Chair women, Convention Chairwomen Anna Brady and Ana Sousa, Convention Registrar Corinne Carrita, will welcome you with open arms to this long awaited convention. We will be celebrating 100+ years of League sisterhood and service to God and Canada!

All COVID protocols will be followed while on site. Please complete the COVID-19 Questionnaire and bring with you when you register.

Some highlights and incentives to entice you to attend:

- We will be covering the cost of your Saturday lunch!
- We will cover the cost of Sunday breakfast for those members staying overnight on Saturday!
- Each member who attends will receive a special anniversary keepsake!
- Christina Ronzio, Director of the National Liturgy Office for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will speak to us about "Women's Role in the Church"
- National representative will speak on the National theme "Catholic & Living It!"
- Provincial President-Elect, Linda Squarzolo will give a presentation on "Resolutions/Advocacy"
- Special Prayer Services throughout the convention including vigil prayer services both Friday and Saturday evening
- 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary video presentation and time capsule celebration
- Blessing of the Diocesan Book of Life
- entertainment Saturday evening
- Instructed Voting on proposed National Amendments to our C&B and Diocesan elections will be held
- Sunday evening banquet and presentation of special League Awards

#### And so much more!

Our Friday Opening Mass with celebrant Bishop Douglas Crosby will be held at 7 pm at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral 23 Sheaffe St. Hamilton ON L8R 2N7. **Please wear red** to show our support of our Canadian military, and missing and murdered Indigenous girls and women in Canada.

On Saturday, the Eucharistic celebration at 11:00 am is being hosted by the members from St. Patrick, Hamilton council with Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Father Larry Parent as celebrant.

Our Sunday Closing Mass with celebrant Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will be held at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton 714 King St. West Hamilton ON L8P 1C7. An Installation ceremony of the newly elected Diocesan Officers will be celebrated.

Please invite your **Spiritual Advisors** to participate in the round table meeting on Friday afternoon, Masses on weekends and the dinner on Friday and Sunday night.

You will find a tentative agenda, registration information for business sessions, meals and transportation to both masses as well as details about opportunities to pray and celebrate with your sisters from across Hamilton diocese. Please complete all the forms either online at <u>www.cwlhamilton.ca</u> or mail registration forms to Registrar Corinne Carrita, 2 Elizabeth Avenue, R.R. #2, Burford, ON NOE 1A0.

A late fee of \$15.00 per person will be imposed on all registrations, meals & transportation that arrive after the **deadline date of April 16, 2022.** 

Presidents, please ensure that the Organization Chairwoman and Treasurer have submitted your councils' membership fees to the National Office along with the Annual Administration Fee of \$100 to the Diocesan Treasurer prior to registering for the convention. This enables all members of your council to attend the convention free of any other preregistration charges.

#### New this year is online registration and payment by e-transfer or credit card, in addition to the option to pay by cheque. Check it out and see just how convenient it is!

Accommodations are booked directly with the hotel by **April 13, 2022**, to receive our special room rates. Please contact the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel toll-free reservations at:

#### 1-888-627-8161 and asking for the "Catholic Women's" group block or online:

#### https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1644599016631&key=GRP&app=resvlink

This is our Annual General meeting and as the Constitution and Bylaws mandate, it is the responsibility of each parish council president or her representative to attend as the voting delegate. Two members from each council are encouraged to register as accredited delegates and participate in voting. All Catholic Women's League members are especially invited to attend and experience the League in a new way, and be a part of our 102<sup>nd</sup> convention and anniversary celebration.

I encourage you to bring as many of your sister executive and general members with you to experience this convention. Not only are we voting on all the proposed Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws, and electing new Diocesan officers, we are celebrating a great milestone of our Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League of Canada. Your presence is required for these important votes and celebrations.

For further information please see the Hamilton Catholic Women's League Diocesan website: <u>www.cwlhamilton.ca</u> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Convention Co-chairwomen Anna Brady (519 753 5674) or Ana Sousa (519 654 0118) or <u>conventionchair@cwlhamilton.ca</u>

I look forward to seeing you all in Hamilton May 13 -15, 2022!

Warmest regards,

Joyce Cotter Hamilton Diocesan President

> This Convention is a scent free event. Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free! Many members suffer from allergies and respiratory problems so please be aware.

#### **Registration Form**



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The Hamilton Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada

#### 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

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Sheraton Hamilton Hotel 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4V3

Registration Deadline - April 16, 2022	please complete all areas of the form
Name	
Address	
City/Town	_Postal Code
Telephone ( ) Email Address	
Parish Council	City
Region Brant Hamilton Kitchener	North
This is my first diocesan convention Yes No	
Please check <b>only one item</b> in this section I am attending this convention as a:	
Voting Delegate (Parish President or delegate)	Attach credentials form
Parish Accredited Delegate	Attach credentials form
Diocesan Officer	Attach credentials form
Life Member	Attach credentials form

Non Voting attendees:

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
Parish Council Spiritual Advisor
Catholic Women's League Member
National Representative
Provincial Representative
Member of the Hierarchy
Guest

I will be attending these events: (select all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Presidents' Preconvention Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Sessions

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Resolutions/Advocacy Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Sessions

Friday Spiritual Advisors' Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Banquet Only

Please complete forms online: www.cwlhamilton.ca

Or mail to:

Convention Registrar Corinne Carrita, 2 Elizabeth Avenue, RR 2, Burford, ON NOE 1A0

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	Credential Form – Accredited Delegate #3
	Please check: Honorary Life Member Life Member Diocesan Officer/Chairperson
	Name of Accredited Delegate
	Address:
	Parish Council:
~	Complete online or mail to: Corinne Carrita, 2 Elizabeth Avenue, R.R. #2 Burford, ON NOE 1A0 This contact information will be used by the Registration Committee and Diocesan Recording Secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is completed.
	Credential Form – Parish Council Voting Delegate (president or her alternate - one per parish) Each co-president must specify when she will be the voting delegate on her credential form.
	Friday: Saturday: Sunday:
	This is to verify that: Name of Voting Delegate
	Address:
	Parish Council:
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Please specify any Dietary Needs: Dairy Diabe Glute	r-free	Vegan Vegetarian Other (please sp		
	t with respect to special needs:			
Friday, May 13	President/Spiritual Advisors Dinner	□ Chicken □ Tilapia	\$67.00 \$62.00	
	Rue Opening liturgy	Risotto	\$54.00 \$8.00	
Saturday, May 14	Bus Opening liturgy Buffet Breakfast		\$25.00	
	Break AM	□ Coffee □ Tea	\$6.00	
	Lunch buffet		free	
	Break PM	□ Coffee □ Tea	\$6.00	
	Plated Dinner	Pork Loin Vegetarian	\$67.00 \$56.00	
Sunday, May 15	Breakfast buffet		free	
	Break AM	□ Coffee □ Tea	\$6.00	
	Bus Closing liturgy		\$8.00	
	Banquet	Beef	\$72.00	
			\$56.00	
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	Late fee applicable after April 16, 20 Extra Annual Report Books		\$15.00 \$10.00	
		TOTAL ENCLOSED:	ψ10.00	
Payment Method	credit card e-transfer	cheque		

\*Annual report books are available for no cost on our website: www.cwlhamilton.ca

All cheques payable to: The Catholic Women's League Hamilton Diocese Please send completed forms to: Convention Registrar Corinne Carrita Online <u>www.cwlhamilton.ca</u> or Mail: 2 Elizabeth Ave R.R. # 2 Burford ON N0E 1A0

# **CONVENTION MENU**

#### FRIDAY - SPIRITUAL ADVISORS/PRESIDENTS DINNER -Plated

Field green salad with sundried tomato vinaigrette Herb crusted tilapia fillet with lemon beurre blanc with rice pilaf OR Fresh brie & herb stuffed chicken breast with cabernet jus with rice pilaf OR Wild mushroom risotto with fresh thyme, asiago & truffle Tiramisu with raspberry coulis, Coffee or Tea

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY BREAKFAST - Buffet

Eggs, bacon, breakfast sausage, home fries, assorted breads & muffins Fruits, yogurt, juices, Coffee or Tea

#### SATURDAY LUNCH - Buffet

Mixed greens with two dressings; daily soup; Penne pasta in tomato & basil sauce; Gemelli pasta in roasted garlic cream sauce Garlic bread, fresh rolls & butter, Jumbo cookies, Coffee or Tea

#### SATURDAY DINNER - Plated

Maple butternut squash with cinnamon cream soup Tomato & fresh mozzarella with red onion rings & balsamic reduction Wild honey glazed pork loin with Italian potato OR Grilled Portobello with eggplant caponata Belgium triple chocolate mousse cake, Coffee or Tea

#### SUNDAY BANQUET-Plated

Roasted woodland mushroom with sherry & chives soup Spinach & strawberry salad with goat cheese & raspberry vinaigrette 6 oz. top sirloin of beef au jus with mashed potato OR Gnocchi with spinach cream sauce New York style cheesecake with fruit compote, Coffee or Tea

## 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hamilton Diocesan Convention May13-15, 2022 Sheraton Hamilton Hotel Hamilton, Ontario **Tentative Agenda**

#### Friday, May 13, 2022

Friday, May 13, 2022		1:00 p.m.	Instructed Votes
1:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Registration	•	
1:30 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Vendors Room Open	2:15 p.m.	Announcements
2:00 p.m 3:30 p.m.	-	2.2E n m	Health Break (20 minutes)
• •	Pre-Convention Executive Meeting Spiritual Advisor's Meeting	2:35 p.m.	National Representative
2:30 p.m 4:00 p.m.			Catholic & Living It!
	Governance & Interactive	2.45	Business Sessions Resume
2.45	Presentation	3:15 p.m.	Marian Prayer Service
3:45 p.m 4:15 p.m.	Provincial Pres-Elect –Linda Squarzolo	4:00 p.m.	Announcements
4.20	Resolutions/Advocacy Presentation	5:30 p.m.	Dinner & Silent Auction
4:30 p.m.	President/Spiritual Advisor Dinner	7:00 p.m.	Presentations
6:30 p.m.	Buses Depart Hotel	7:45 p.m.	Entertainment
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Eucharist	9:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
	St. Mary, Hamilton	Sunday, May 3	1, 2020
8:10 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies/Reception		
9:15 p.m.	Buses Return to Hotel	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 p.m.	Candlelight Vigil	7:00 –10:00 a.m.	0
Saturday, May 14, 202	22	8:45 a.m.	Opening Prayer
	Breakfast - Suites	0.00	Credentials Report
6:15 - 7:45 a.m.		9:00 a.m.	National Representative Message
7:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Registration	9:20 a.m.	Provincial Representative Message
7:00 a.m 5:30 p.m.	Vendors Room Open	9:45 a.m.	Q&A
8:00 a.m.	Business Sessions Open	10:00 a.m.	102th Anniversary Celebration
	Land Acknowledgement	10.40	Business Sessions Resume
	Meeting Called to Order	10:40 a.m.	Announcements
	Opening Prayer/Reflection Welcome and Introductions	11.00 a m	Health Break (20 minutes)
		11:00 a.m.	Diocesan Elections
	Greetings Cradentials Benert	11:55 a.m.	Announcements
	Credentials Report Rules of Order	12.00	Angelus, Grace
		12:00 p.m.	Lunch (on own)
	Adoption of the Agenda	2:15 p.m.	Buses Depart Hotel
	Adoption of the 100 and 101 Annual	3:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Eucharist
	Meeting of Members Minutes	4.15	Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton
	Synopsis of Pre-convention Executive	4:15 p.m.	Buses Depart for Hotel
	Meeting Treasurer's Report	4:45 p.m.	Social Time at Hotel
9:30 a.m.	Announcements	5:20 p.m.	O Canada, Toasts, Etc.
9.50 d.III.	Health Break (20 minutes)	5:45 p.m.	Closing Banquet
9:50 a.m.	Presentation of Chairpersons Reports		
10:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker - Christina Ronzio		
10.00 d.m.	Director National Liturgy Office, CCCB		
	Women's Role in the Church		
11:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Eucharist		
11:55 a.m.	Announcements		
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12:00 p.m.	Lunch		
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## COVID-19 Health and Safety Questionnaire

Date:
Name:
Council:
<ol> <li>Have you (or someone you live with) travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days and were instructed by the border safety agency to isolate?</li> </ol>
Yes No
<ol> <li>Are you experiencing COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, sudden loss of smell or taste, sneezing or other COVID-19 symptoms (even if you suspect it's due to the COVID-19 vaccine)?</li> </ol>
Yes No
3. Have you been in close contact with someone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (even if you suspect it's due to the COVID-19 vaccine) or who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
Yes No
4. Do you live with someone who is currently self-isolating on the advice of a public health authority or medical practitioner?
Yes No
5. Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
Yes No
6. Are you, or someone you live with, awaiting COVID-19 test results (excluding voluntary testing not related to the situations referred above)?
Yes No
Upon arrival, please complete and bring this form with you when you register. Thank you.



## Hamilton Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada





Welcome Home

102nd Annual Diocesan Convention Sheraton Hamilton Hotel May 13 - 15, 2022

Is this your first time at a Diocesan Convention?

If you are attending a CWL Diocesan Convention for the first time... WELCOME!



#### Friday

During the afternoon there is a pre-convention meeting of parish council presidents, while at the same time council Spiritual Advisors meet to chat about the League. This is followed by a Resolutions/Advocacy Presentation by Provincial President-Elect Linda Squarzolo, where all registered members can attend.

A Spiritual Advisor/President's dinner follows and everyone is invited to attend the Opening Mass & reception at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Hamilton at 7:00 pm. The flag ceremony with procession of Life Members, Diocesan Officers and Committee Chairs. Speeches from dignitaries signifies the opening of our convention. We close the evening with a Candlelight Vigil in the Hotel Ballroom.

#### Saturday

The morning begins early with our first business sessions. We are delighted to have Christina Ronzio, Director National Liturgy Office, CCCB join us to speak on "Women's Role in the Church", incorporating the themes: Care for Our Common Home, Loneliness, Welcome Home and Catholic & Living It. The celebration of the Eucharist will complete the morning session.

Following a complimentary lunch for all, we will have the instructed votes on the amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws. A presentation on the National theme, "Catholic & Living It!" will be given by the National representative.

Saturday evening is a time for having fun! We meet for dinner, and shortly after we will have a presentation, evening entertainment and a chance to bid at our silent auction. Don't forget your chequebooks.

#### Sunday

During the morning, we gather for a complimentary breakfast for those staying overnight; listen to messages from our National and Provincial representatives and even get a chance to ask some long-awaited questions.

We will celebrate 102 years of the League in the Hamilton Diocese, with a video presentation, Blessing of the Diocesan Book of Life and a Time Capsule ceremony.

We close with Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton and install the newly elected Diocesan Officers. We enjoy the banquet with our sisters and Spiritual Advisors; anticipate the winner of Frances Lovering Award, and thank the past Diocesan executive team.

#### Registration

Simply sign in at the Convention Registration Desk to receive your package.

#### Seating in the Meeting Room (Main Ballroom)

NOTE that there is reserved seating for the delegates.

White signed tables are for the "voting delegates", while the blue signed tables are for the "accredited delegates". Life Members have their own table, which has a statue of Mary on it.

The elected officers and chairpersons, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, national and provincial representatives sit at the head table.

#### Voting

At our convention there are two categories of delegates who have the right to vote on motions: <u>voting</u> and <u>accredited</u>.

A "Voting Delegate" is the parish president or her designate. They may vote on ALL issues.

"Accredited Delegates" include Diocesan Officers and Committee Chairs, parish delegates, Life Members and Honourary Life Members. Each parish council is encouraged to have two (2) accredited delegates who vote on all issues except election of officers, increase in per capita fee, and amendments to the constitution & bylaws.

As you can see, most delegates do not have voting status and attend as interested League members. See the "Rules of Order" in the program book at convention for more information.

#### **Spiritual Celebrations**

As members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, we are directed through the Objects of the League to achieve individual and collective spiritual development. We work towards those objects through wonderful meaningful Masses and prayer services at the convention.

Besides the three scheduled Masses, we have several prayer services throughout the weekend and this year a "Prayer Room" is offered to the members for the weekend.

It is truly a weekend filled with ways to celebrate our faith with our League sisters.

#### Wear your convention name tag

Your nametag identifies you as a registered delegate of this convention. You must wear it to enter the meeting hall.

#### **COVID** Protocols

All members/guests must adhere to government and hotel COVID protocols. As these protocols are currently in transition, please follow the new and check our diocesan CWL website for updates.

Any changes to COVID protocols will be communicated and posted on the Hamilton CWL website prior to convention.

#### Enjoy the fellowship and share in the love with the members from Hamilton Diocese!



Hamilton Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada





# LIFE MEMBER CONVENTION INCENTIVE FUND

Criteria

This fund has been created to encourage members to attend the **Hamilton Diocesan Annual Convention.** 

Applicants for this fund are:

- a) A member whose membership has been paid for the present year
- b) A member interested in learning more about the Catholic Woman's League
- c) A first-time attendee to a diocesan convention
- d) A member who has submitted her registration for the convention
- e) A member who is not a parish president or co-president
- f) A member who is not a voting delegate

One application for each parish council per year will be considered. Please ensure that the application has been signed by the applicant and parish council president.

The sum of \$200.00 will be awarded to cover the cost of hotel accommodation, meals, annual report book and bus transportation to and from the opening and closing liturgies for each recipient.



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## LIFE MEMBER CONVENTION INCENTIVE FUND

# APPLICATION FORM PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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I affirm that I am applying for the LIFE MEMBER CONVENTION INCENTIVE FUND. I have paid my membership for 2022 to the parish council. I am not attending the convention as a voting delegate.

I have not attended a Diocesan convention

Member's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the applicant has paid her membership for the year 2022. I affirm that our membership fees have been sent into the National office for processing.

I endorse this applicant for the LIFE MEMBER CONVENTION INCENTIVE FUND.

Parish President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All applications are to be submitted to convention co-chair Ana Sousa via email by the convention registration deadline of April 09, 2022: <u>conventionchair@cwlhamilton.ca</u>.



# **Volunteers Needed**



## For the Hamilton Diocesan 102<sup>nd</sup> Convention

As you know many hands make light work. We are looking for volunteers to help with different divisions at the convention. Some time slots range from 1/2 hour to 2 hours depending on the divisions. If interested in any one of these jobs **please contact Co-Convention chair Ana Sousa 519 654 0118** or <u>conventionchair@cwlhamilton.ca</u>

#### **Divisions:**

#### **Registration Desk**

-working the registration desk and giving members their registration/meals packages
 -1 hour time slots

- Friday 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Saturday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

#### Meals

-collecting tickets for meals for lunch & dinner and coffee during health breaks

- -1/2 hour time slots
- -Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> health break, lunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> health break, dinner
- -Sunday breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> health break, banquet

#### **Transportation**

-collecting bus tickets for the Masses-1/2 hour time slots-Friday Mass, Sunday Mass

#### Hall Properties

-runners at business sessions, placing items on convention tables, assists with signed motions, removal of items at end of business sessions, helps members with microphone

-1 ½ hour time slots

-Friday business session, Saturday business sessions, Sunday business sessions

#### Set Up/Take Down

-helping set up displays, archives, grotto, altar

- -helping take down displays, put items into storage, removal of items
- -1-2 hour time slots
- -Friday morning, Sunday lunch & Sunday evening

# Let's All Work Together!!



# Convention Silent Auction Donations Needed



# Proceeds in Support of League Development & Leadership Fund

The League Development & Leadership Fund is used to assist parish councils to promote League leadership training, League development and spiritual workshops and to offset expenses of Diocesan Officers, Committee Chairs, and Regional Executive in attending provincial and national conventions.

Please Contact:

- Diane Jones: <a href="mailto:educationandhealth@cwlhamilton.ca">educationandhealth@cwlhamilton.ca</a>
- Christine McKenzie: christianfamilylife@cwlhamilton.ca



# Thank You

Donations can be dropped off on the Friday or Saturday morning of the convention weekend to the Silent Auction conveners.