



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

**CATHOLIC**  
and **LIVING IT!**



Welcome Home

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**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: voting and accredited.

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!***