



The Hamilton Diocesan Council
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
102nd annual Convention
May 13-15, 2022



Welcome Home!

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

My Dear Sisters in the League,

On behalf of Hamilton Diocesan Officers, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 102nd 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
- 102nd 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 www.cwlhamilton.ca or mail registration forms to Registrar Corinne Carrita, 2 Elizabeth Avenue, R.R. #2, Burford, ON N0E 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 102nd 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: www.cwlhamilton.ca If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Convention Co-chairwomen Anna Brady (519 753 5674) or Ana Sousa (519 654 0118) or conventionchair@cwlhamilton.ca

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.**