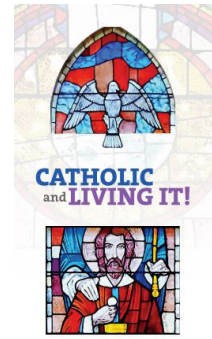




Hamilton Diocesan Council
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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Sharing His Promise, Love and Hope!



My Dear Sisters in the League,

On behalf of Hamilton Diocesan Officers, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 103rd 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 Saturday May 6, 2023, to Sunday May 7, 2023.

Your Diocesan Officers, Regional Executive, Convention Chairwomen Ana Sousa and Joan Schurter, Convention Registrar Corinne Carrita, will welcome you with open arms to this exciting convention. We will be celebrating 103 years of League sisterhood and service to God and Canada!

Some highlights and incentives to entice you to attend:

- **Each member who attends will receive a special keepsake!**
- Colleen Martin, Provincial President Elect and Organization Chair will present a **workshop on "Sharing His Promise, Love and Hope"**
- Diocesan Resolutions Chair, Mary Helwig-Hall will give a presentation at the "Resolutions Dialogue"
- Special Prayer Services throughout the convention including a Marian service and vigil prayer services Saturday evening
- Parish Councils will inform us on their **"Community Service Project for the Youth"**
- entertainment Saturday evening
- Instructed Voting on proposed National Amendments
- Saturday evening banquet and presentation of special League Awards **with His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV**

And so much more!

On Saturday, the Eucharistic celebration at 11:00 am with celebrant Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Father Ranjan D'Sa.

Our Sunday Closing Mass with **celebrant His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby OMI, DD** will be held at 2:00 pm at the St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral 23 Sheaffe St. Hamilton ON L8R 2N7. A reaffirmation ceremony of the elected and appointed Diocesan Officers will be celebrated.

Parish Spiritual Advisors

Please invite your **Spiritual Advisors** to participate in the Saturday Morning Coffee Social, round table meeting on Saturday morning, Masses on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon and the banquet on Saturday night.

You will find a tentative agenda, registration information for business sessions, meals and transportation to the closing Mass 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 15, 2023**.

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.

Again 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 3, 2023**, 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 League" group block or online:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1663355249574&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

This is our Annual Meeting of Members 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 103rd convention and 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 the proposed Amendment to the Constitution & Bylaws, but we are also rejoicing and giving thanks to the members of the Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League of Canada for their service to the community. Your presence is required for this important vote and celebration.

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 Ana Sousa (519 654 0118) or Joan Schurter (519 500 7344).
conventionchair@cwlhamilton.ca

I look forward to seeing you all in Hamilton May 6 & 7, 2023!

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.**