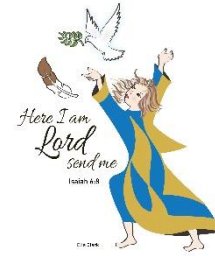




Hamilton Diocesan Council
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



***Here I am Lord, send me
Go Make A Difference!
Sharing His Promise, Love and Hope!***

Is this your first time at a Diocesan Convention?

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

Saturday morning

In the morning there is a pre-convention meeting for parish council presidents or their representative. Parish accredited, Life Members, members and guests have the opportunity to attend a **workshop on "Goal Setting under the Three Pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice"**. This is followed by a Resolutions Dialogue presented by Diocesan Resolutions Chair, Mary Helwig-Hall, where all registered members can attend.

Spiritual Advisors are invited to attend a meeting with the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Father Ranjan D'Sa, to discuss and share information on the League. They are invited to stay for the Mass and lunch that follows the meeting.

The Opening Eucharistic Celebration begins at 11:00 am with Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Father D'Sa as celebrant. An offering will be collected at this Mass for a specific group or organization which will be stated before the Mass.

Members may enjoy a lunch buffet in the ballroom.

Saturday afternoon

The afternoon begins with the business sessions, where reports are given by diocesan officers, national & provincial representatives, and Diocesan Spiritual Advisor.

Keynote speaker, Linda Staudt will share her experience attending the "Synod" in Rome and how the Catholic Women's League can support and participate in becoming a synodal church.

A beautiful May Crowning will uplift your Spirit as we honour Our Lady of Good Counsel with this procession.

A panel of guest speakers will discuss outreach to youth, moms, and seniors in the **"From Faith to Action with Living Compassion"** presentation.

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

Sunday

During the morning, we gather for a buffet breakfast, Resolutions, and the continuance of business sessions.

A workshop on "Rebooting after COVID" will be given by National President, Shari Guinta, which will be interactive and compelling.

The Diocesan elections will be held, and a new diocesan council will be voted into office. We close with **Mass at St. Aloysius, Kitchener, with Bishop Lobsinger as celebrant** and install the newly elected Diocesan Officers.

Cocktails and a closing banquet will be held in the hotel ballroom with presentations, and the winner of the Frances Lovering Women of the Year Award will be revealed.

Registration

Simply sign in at the Convention Registration Desk in the hotel lobby 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 & 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 two scheduled Masses, we have special prayers, an evening prayer vigil and a “Prayer Room” is offered to the members on Saturday.

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

Wear your convention nametag

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

Outside food/beverages

There will be **no outside food or beverage allowed** into the hotel convention hall or foyer. Only reusable bottles, not one-time use disposable bottles may be brought into the hotel. If a member brings/disregards this notice, a **fine of \$500** will be charged accordingly. Members, though can bring their own food or beverage into their own personal hotel room. This is the only condition.

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

**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.**