



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



Sparkle God's Way!
Be A Beacon of HOPE and LIGHT to All

Dearest League sisters,

On behalf of the Diocesan Executive Team, and further to my "Save the Date" announcement shared in January, it is with sincere joy and heartfelt anticipation that I warmly invite you to the **106th Hamilton Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members and Convention**.

I am especially delighted to share that this year we will be gathering at another new location, offering beautiful and comfortable accommodations, welcoming meeting spaces, and convenient access just off the highway. As a reminder, the Hamilton Diocesan 106th Hamilton Diocesan AMM/Convention will take place from **May 29 – May 31, 2026**, at the Affinity Conference Centre (TownePlace Suites by Marriott & Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton) in Brantford, Ontario.

A thoughtful and inspiring program has been prepared, providing meaningful opportunities for formation, spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and meaningful connection. Our diocesan and convention theme, "**Sparkle God's Way as Beacons of Hope and Light to All**," harmonizes beautifully with our National and Provincial themes, calling us to renewal, unity, and faithful service.

Registration deadline and hotel room booking: **May 10, 2026**.

Completed registration forms are to be returned to: **Liz Pawlowski** by: **May 10, 2026**

- **Email** (scan and send): cwlhamiltonconvention@gmail.com
- **Mail:** **Liz Pawlowski 174 Westbank Trail, Stoney Creek, ON L8J 0H3**
- Or **Online** at www.cwlhamilton.ca

A hot/cold buffet breakfast is included in hotel stays. Guests not staying at the hotel may purchase the buffet breakfast for \$18 (all taxes included).

Vendors: We have opened our doors and hearts to over a dozen vendors, who will be available **Saturday only** from early morning until 5:30 pm. Vendors will be located in the Grand Ballroom Foyer.

Opening Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Paris, Ontario, and Closing Mass at St. Basil's in Brantford, both approximately a ten-minute drive from the conference centre.

An instruction sheet is included in the registration package outlining payment options for meals by **cheque or e-transfer**, following the enclosed directions.

The following is a sample of some highlights that await you:

- Opening Mass presided by His Excellency Bishop Joseph Dabrowski
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Linda Dudar: “Sparkling God’s Way: Catholic Women Leaders Lifting Each Other Up by Igniting Our Passion, Empowering His Mission”
- Keynote Speaker: Amanda DiFalco, Fellow of the Institute of Global Homelessness, presenting “Blessed Are the Poor,” a compelling call to serve with compassion, dignity, and justice
- Distinguished guests
- Closing Mass at St. Basil’s, one of Brantford’s oldest Catholic foundations
- Presentation and vote on two Hamilton Diocesan draft resolutions
- Instructed vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws
- Instructed vote for Provincial Elections
- Diocesan elections for 2026–2028 and Installation of Officers
- Prayer services, fellowship, and community

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws (Part XIV, Section 6), parish council presidents are required to attend as voting delegates. Each parish is encouraged to send two additional accredited delegates. Parish councils are responsible for covering the expenses of their president or designate. Where necessary, a president may appoint a voting delegate in her place.

Kindly share the registration package with your members and your Spiritual Advisors. All are warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend.

On behalf of the Diocesan Team, we look forward to welcoming you in a spirit of joy, unity, and sisterhood. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and bless our preparations and event.

Please mark your calendars for our **107th AMM/Convention**, booked for **May 28 – 30, 2027**.

With gratitude and prayers,

Teresa

Teresa DiFalco, President
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