



Launch at 2017 Convention

Extra! Extra! Read all about it. The 100th Anniversary of The Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League is coming in 2020.

Wow! Isn't that great news! I'm so excited! Do you know why?

Because there's going to be cake. Who doesn't love cake? Everybody loves cake!

Not only that, I get a chance to look back and reminisce about why I joined The Catholic Women's League in the first place. Can you imagine what your life would be like without The League?

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the good works the League has accomplished in living our mission statement. In promoting our Catholic values; in raising awareness on social justice matters that affect all women and children, in empowering women with support and joyful service.

Just think, we supplied surgical dressings to military hospitals, gave food and medicine to school kids, sent bibles to new Canadian immigrants, placed 72 children in foster homes, collected teddy bears for a sexual assault treatment centre, gathered sweets for the troops.

We petitioned for larger school grants for Separate Schools, for an increase in family allowance; we campaigned for white ribbon against pornography, and against sex education in the schools.

We wrote letters against indecent radio programs & salacious literature, against euthanasia and for doctor's moral rights regarding assisted suicide. We promoted awareness of nuclear arms, elder abuse, acid rain, reduce-reuse-recycle, mental health, microbeads and the high cost of beauty.

We donated to Red Cross, Girl Guides, Birthright and Right to Life, Sisters of St. Joseph, foster homes, children's camps, missions, bursaries, Pornography Hurts, the rebuilding of a church, a wheelchair ramp, and so much more.

We prayed for Peace, for Vocations to the priesthood, to Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, for people of natural disasters, for mercy. We supplied Mass kits to ships at sea, taught catechism classes, set up a bursary for seminarians.

Wow did we do all that!

It is also a time to recognize and honour our members, who have devoted their lives not only to the glory of their faith but to other worthy causes that benefit or comfort humanity.

Frances Lovering, the First President of the Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League, began her service by aiding Canadian soldiers overseas. Her work with the League was recognized by Pope Pius XI.

To our Past Diocesan Presidents who continued to carry out the League mission throughout their service to God. To our Frances Lovering Award Winners, our Belle Guerin winners, and to you, our members who continue to play an important role in the development of our League.

So as you can see, we have a lot to celebrate and to be proud of.

We begin this milestone anniversary celebration with a logo contest. This logo will become the official symbol of the 100th Anniversary of The Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League. There are details in the president's package regarding this contest. Also further insights into the activities planned for our 100th anniversary will be published in The Fall Spectrum.

So dig out your old minutes and your photographs and start reminiscing now, because we're just getting started! Here now is a preview of things to come!

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