



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

Inspired by the Spirit — Women Respond to God's Call



98th Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League Annual Convention
Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre
May 25, 26, 27, 2018

Is this your first time at a Diocesan Convention?

**If you are attending a Catholic Women's League diocesan convention for the first time
...WELCOME!**

What happens at a convention?

Friday afternoon we hold a president's pre-convention meeting while your spiritual advisors meet with other spiritual advisors to chat about the League. This is followed by a resolution workshop open to all registered members to review proposed resolutions. A spiritual advisor/president dinner follows and then everyone is invited to attend the opening Mass at St. Joseph, Guelph at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday morning begins our business sessions. We are delighted to have Father Michael King, Vocations Director speaking on "Respond to God's Call." The Celebration of the Eucharist will complete the morning. Following lunch, we will have a presentation on *Strategic Planning* by a representative from the National Council, the per capita fee instructed vote, committee reports and a short talk by a representative from St. Jerome's University. Saturday night is time to have fun! We meet for dinner and shortly following dinner our entertainment will begin provided by some of you - our very own members and we have a Silent Auction. We close the evening with evening prayer.

Sunday morning many gather for breakfast followed by a talk from our Ontario President-Elect Colleen Perry. Sessions continue throughout the morning along with Joe Mancinni, from the Working Centre speaking on Homelessness and a 100th Anniversary report.

Registration – Simply sign in at the Convention Registration Desk for the whole convention and you are "good to go."

Resolutions Dialogue – On Friday afternoon there will be a Resolution dialogue: a time when registered delegates can gather to pre-read and discuss the resolution that will be presented at the convention business meeting. This offers the opportunity to see another side of the League and the diocesan convention in action.

Convention Masses – Joyfully we have the opportunity to celebrate in three Masses over the course of the weekend. Friday night Opening Mass at St. Joseph, Church, Saturday morning in the Convention Ballroom hosted by the North Region and Sunday Closing Mass at the Basilica of

Our Lady Immaculate Church. A collection will be taken up at the Saturday Mass with all proceeds to the homelessness in the region. The Opening Mass is a wonderful experience with the flag ceremony, procession of Life members and diocesan officers/chairs and the presence of dignitaries. The night concludes with a reception for all hosted by host parish. Well worth attending!

Seating in the Meeting Room – You will note that there is reserved seating for the delegates. White signed tables are for the “voting delegates” and the blue signed tables are for the “accredited delegates.” Life Members have their own special table, which has a statue of Mary on it. The elected officers/chairwomen, spiritual advisor, national and provincial representatives and advisor sit at the head table.

Voting – At The Catholic Women’s League diocesan convention there are two categories of delegates with the right to vote on motions - voting and accredited. “Voting Delegates” are the parish presidents or their designates and they may vote on **ALL** issues. Each parish 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. “Accredited Delegates” include: diocesan officers/chairs, two parish delegates, Life Members and Honorary Life members. As you can see, the majority of delegates do not have voting status and attend as interested League members. See the “Rules of Order” in the program book at convention.

Prayer Service – 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 and we work towards that object through wonderful meaningful Masses and prayer services at convention. Besides the three scheduled Masses we have several prayer services throughout the weekend and Mary’s Way of the Cross, later Saturday afternoon. After the festivities on Saturday evening we encourage everyone to attend a brief prayer service; it is truly a weekend filled with ways to celebrate our faith with our League sisters.

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

Enjoy the **faith, fun and fulfilment** that the League has to offer!