



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

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



February 2018

Dear Presidents and Sisters in the League,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 98th Annual Diocesan Convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada at the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Center, 50 Stone Rd. West, Guelph, N1G 0A9 (519-780-3700 or toll free 1-888-347-2319) commencing Friday, May 25, 2018 to Sunday, May 27, 2018. Our Convention Chairwomen are Rosanne Sogan and Anna Brady.

We continue with our theme; "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call".

Accommodations are booked directly with the hotel by April 24th, 2018 to receive our special room rates. Be certain to reserve your room in the **CWL convention block to get the special room rate and quote the following to ensure group rate: CWL OR book through our website www.hamilton.cwl.on.ca and follow the link. The Group Code will automatically be applied.**

You will find a brochure with a tentative agenda included with this letter. Please mail your registration, meal and transportation forms to Anna Brady, 303 Wellington St. Brantford, N3S 4A2.

Please complete one form for each person.

A late fee of \$15.00 per person will be imposed on all registrations, meals and transportation that arrive after the deadline date of **April 24, 2018** (postmarked).

A \$15.00 per person late fee will be imposed at the door for those who have not pre-registered. Availability of meal tickets is not guaranteed at that time.

Registrants requiring payments will not be processed until the Registrar receives both forms and cheque.

This is our Annual General meeting and as the Constitution and Bylaw mandates it is vital that you, as parish president attend at this meeting to appropriately represent your council.

I encourage you to bring as many of your sister executive and general members with you to experience this convention. We have been working with the Delta Guelph Hotel to keep our expenses down as much as possible.

VOTING AND ACCREDITED DELEGATES

Each council is required to have **one voting delegate** at convention as outlined in the Constitution & Bylaws (C&B) (part XIV Section 6: Expenses for Voting Delegates, (b) Parish councils) and Part XV: Representation at Annual Conventions Sections Section 1 Voting delegate.) The parish president is the voting delegate for all votes taken at convention. If the parish president is unable to attend the convention, she may designate another member from her executive as the voting delegate in her absence. Voting delegates shall sit at the designated tables reserved for presidents. Each council is

encouraged to have **two accredited delegates** at each convention in addition to the voting delegate. It is customary to offer this responsibility to the members on your executive in order of their positions on the executive. These delegates are entitled to vote on all issues except the election of officers, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and an increase in per capita. **Voting and accredited delegates** will be given a delegate card at registration and are required to show it when voting on issues.

REGISTRATION

Presidents, please ensure that your Organization Chairwoman and Treasurer have submitted your councils' membership fees to National Office in Winnipeg prior to registering for the convention. Each parish council has received a \$100.00 statement of Annual Administration Fee. Payment of this fee enables all members of your council to attend the convention free of any other preregistration charges. Please note this **administration fee must be paid to the Diocesan Treasurer before your council registers for the convention.**

At 2:30 p.m. Friday there will be our **pre-convention executive President's meeting** followed by a **resolution dialogue** (3:45 p.m.) that I encourage all members to attend. You will be able to read about and make suggestions to the proposed resolution if passed at the earlier president's meeting.

Personally invite your **Spiritual Advisors** to attend their meeting at 3:30 p.m. and then join us for dinner in the ballroom of the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre.

Following dinner, we invite your spiritual advisor to concelebrate the **Opening Mass with Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki at St. Joseph, 409 Paisley Rd, Guelph**, at 7:30 p.m. As we have done in the past, please wear **red** to show our support of our Canadian military.

On Saturday, we will hear one of our guest speakers, **Very Reverend Michael King, Vocations Director of Hamilton** (Responding to God's Call), will celebrate the **Holy Eucharist which is hosted by the North Region**, a presentation on **Strategic Planning from National** and **Mary's Way of the Cross**. Saturday's evening is our time for fun with dinner, entertainment and our famous **Silent Auction**.

Many of our Spiritual Advisors like to attend our Closing Mass and banquet and we encourage you to invite them to these events. The **Closing Eucharistic Celebration** will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St. Guelph**. **Bishop Douglas Crosby** will once again be the main celebrant.

Remember **Faith, Fun and FULFILLMENT!** We will be capturing all three of these over the course of the weekend. Our **Faith** throughout the weekend through our liturgies and prayer service: **FUN** on Saturday night and meeting up with old friends: and **FULFILLMENT** in the heart and soul of learning about the League!

Please do remember that this is a **scent aware** convention as many of our members suffer from allergies and respiratory problems.

If you any have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 519-893-7429 or Convention Co-chairwomen Rosanne Sogan (905-560-4815) or Anna Brady (519-753-5674).

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all we do for God, Canada and the Catholic Women's League!

Joan Schurter
Hamilton Diocesan President