

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
LONDON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
96th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION
APRIL 18, 19 & 20, 2016
SARNIA, ONTARIO**

LETTER OF INFORMATION

1 Breakfasts, lunches and supper (Tuesday) as well as Banquet (Wednesday) must be purchased when you complete and send in the registration forms. **NO** meal tickets will be sold at the convention. All tickets are reserved and must be picked up and signed for by the individual delegate at the Registration Desk.

2 Please invite your Spiritual Advisor to attend the Reception at 3PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall on Wednesday, April 20th hosted by Father Matt Kucharski, prior to the closing mass. Remember to order a banquet ticket for your Spiritual Advisor. Where a Spiritual Advisor serves two (2) or more Parish Councils, please make a note of this, so that your parishes can be seated together at the banquet and so that only one banquet ticket is ordered for the Spiritual Advisor.

3. **Please give your Spiritual Advisor** the enclosed letter from Father Matt Kucharski inviting them to the **Spiritual Advisors Reception** at 3PM on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Sacred Heart Church Hall.

4. Complete the **Convention Registration, Meal Ticket and Tour Reservation Form** (yellow) for each person attending the convention and/or banquet. Transfer the information to the **2016 Council Registration Recap/Summary Form** for your council (white). Clip these sheets together and send them along with your cheque to:

Marian Blonde
137 Maplestone Ave
Sarnia, ON N7S 4X1

Please ensure that your Council's name is on your cheque

PLEASE NOTE: these forms DO NOT reserve your room at the hotel

5. Refer to the Hotel and Tour Information sheet and reserve your hotel room by **March 18, 2016**. To receive the group rate for the Catholic Women's League Convention, ask for the Catholic Women's League block of rooms. Book early as rooms will be released to the general public after **March 18, 2016**.

6. **THIS IS A FRAGRANCE –FREE CONVENTION.**

7. If you receive this information Package for the Diocesan Convention and you are not currently the President of your Parish Council, please make sure that the current President receives the information in a timely fashion so that she can make arrangements for the members of her Parish Council to attend the Convention.

8. We encourage all delegates to travel by bus to the opening and closing masses as there is limited parking at the churches, especially Our Lady of Mercy Church. There is **NO** charge for the buses.

9. There is one tour being offered for Monday, April 18, 2016. Please refer to the Hotel and Tour Information sheet for the details of the Sarnia Lambton Tour.

10. CLOSING MASS COLLECTION – Wednesday, April 20, 2016 will be for the following Charities:

1. **Noelle's Gift** – www.noellesgift.ca - supports needy children and youth
2. **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank**, Sarnia
3. **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank**, Corunna
4. **St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank**, Petrolia

Please make Cheques payable to the **Catholic Women's League 2016 Convention** for distribution to the charities.

11. Each council is asked to bring a gift (person toiletries, hygiene products) for the following charities:

1. **Woman's Interval Home** – temporary home for women and children leaving an abusive relationship
2. **Migrant Workers Ministry** – temporary workers from Global South coming to our region to work on farms during harvest.

Suggestions for bags for woman and men:

Women – toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, make up pads, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, brush or comb

Men – socks, deodorant, shampoo, shaver or razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, hair brush or comb

On Tuesday, April 19th at 1:15 PM during the Celebration of Blessed Oscar Romero and Crowning of Mary, a representative from each council will process the Gifts/Posters in.

12. Please be advised that photographs taken at the 96th Annual Diocesan Convention may appear on the Diocesan website. If you are concerned about having your picture on the website, please return notice of this with your name, council and a recent picture of yourself so that we may identify you when screening photos. Please advise all delegates attending from your council that they will be required to sign a waiver upon registration to allow their photo to be taken and published.