



January 2018

Dear Sisters in the League,

The London Region Convention Committee invites you to the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention to be held at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn and Conference Centre in London Ontario on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

We have many exciting things planned for you. On Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> we have scheduled a tour of Quai Du Vin Winery in St. Thomas with a lunch stop at the Sparta House Tea Room followed by a little time for shopping in the village of Sparta. The tour leaves the Best Western Lamplighter Inn at 10:00 a.m. so you would need to **be there by 9:40 a.m.** to pick up your Tour Ticket. The bus will return to the hotel around 2:45 p.m.

We invite you to attend the opening mass at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish. Buses will depart from the Best Western Lamplighter Inn at 4:00 p.m. Dinner is being served by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Family. (200 tickets are available) If you are not staying for the dinner, you will need to arrange your own transportation.

We're sure you'll find the agenda for Tuesday and Wednesday both informative and spiritually fulfilling. Tuesday morning begins with the Celebration of the Eucharist. With our focus on Homelessness, the donations collected will be shared between St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, The Men's Mission & Rehabilitation Centre in London, and Inn Out of the Cold in St. Thomas. A brief description of the Centres and a list of needed donations is in this package. We ask that you choose **one** of the three to support and **label** your bag. The bag is to be brought to the ballroom prior to 8:30 on Tuesday morning. The Crowning of Mary will follow lunch. We ask each president to process in with 1 (**ONE**) item from their bag.

Our Convention Hostesses (identified by their blue sash) will be happy to answer any questions you may have and will have a list of nearby restaurants available for you for Tuesday evening's dinner on your own.

The British are coming! The British are coming! So, so wear your red, white and blue for our "Fun Night" on Tuesday evening. We will dance and sing-a-long with the dj's music of the Beatles, Herman's Hermits and the Rolling Stones to name a few. Oh yes, don't forget your dancing shoes.

Busing will be provided to and from the closing mass and installation of new officers being held at St. Justin's Parish on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> celebrated by Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro. The charities supported with this mass collection are My Sisters' Place, London and YWCA, St. Thomas. Information about these charities is in this package.

Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call, so come to London for our 98<sup>th</sup> Annual London Diocesan Convention. We look forward to seeing all of you, to making new friends, to connecting with old friends, to learning together and to sharing time with you both at meals and at Mass, the banquet of our Lord.

See you soon!

Your Sisters in Christ,

Joan Lobsinger and Irene Kennedy