



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

“One Heart, One Voice, One Mission”

January 2nd, 2016

Dear Sisters in the League and Spiritual Advisors:

Along with the Sarnia Region Convention Committee, I wish to invite you to the 96th Annual Diocesan Convention that will be held at the Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Centre in Point Edward (Sarnia), Ontario. We will be gathering for three days on April 18th, 19th, and 20th having fun, sharing stories, listening and learning.

On Monday, a bus tour of Sarnia Lambton will be offered with stops at Twin Pines Orchard Estate Winery for a little bit of wine tasting, followed by lunch and a fashion show at Marcanda Tea House. When you return you will have time for dinner and to prepare for the opening mass at 6:00 PM where you will be spiritually nourished at Our Lady of Mercy Church. After enjoying the opening ceremonies, buses will take you back to the Holiday Inn where you can participate in the Resolution Dialogue and have the opportunity to ask questions, hear opinions and share views on the topics.

On Tuesday, we will be having the crowning of Mary and celebrating all the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy performed by our councils in honour of Blessed Oscar Romero. We look forward to hearing Fr. Paul Baillargeon's presentation on the Parish Family Grouping and impact on the CWL. Our “Fun Night” features a Country Style Dinner and Country Hoedown, so come dressed in your favourite Country/Western outfit for toe stomping fun!

Wednesday promises to be an equally interesting day with our keynote speaker, Michelle O'Rourke on the topic of Palliative Care and Dying with Dignity, as well as our National and Provincial CWL representatives. Elections will be held in the morning so we look forward to hearing from the incoming President, Angela Pellerin - our luncheon speaker. Our parallel program will feature Life Members, Patricia Rivest and Lucy Hendriks speaking on “Membership”. This will also be your opportunity to “Stump the Life members” with any questions about the workings of the CWL. In the afternoon, Aux. Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will speak to us on our theme “One Heart, One Voice, One Mission”.

Just before the closing mass, which will be held at Sacred Heart Church, the Spiritual Advisors are invited to attend a Social Gathering at 3:00 PM where they will have the opportunity to share ideas and fellowship hosted by Fr. Matt Kucharski. The installation of the new executive will occur at the closing mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, followed by the banquet back at the Holiday Inn.

This convention promises to fill our mandate of “Faith, Fun and Fulfillment”! Mark your calendars now, register early and don't miss out on this wonderful event!

Blessings!

Marie-Theresa

London Diocesan President