



**PRESS RELEASE  
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The Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, representing over 48,500 women in Ontario, will gather at the Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, on July 13<sup>th</sup> thru July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the 72nd annual provincial convention. The theme of **Care for Our Common Home** will be showcased throughout the convention, where over 350 members representing 13 Ontario dioceses will come together for business sessions, workshops, faith, fun and fulfillment.

The official opening will begin with the Celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, with the Most Reverend Archbishop Michael Mulhall and Most Reverend Archbishop Emeritus Brendan O'Brien, our Provincial Spiritual Advisor, at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

On Monday, our keynote speaker will be **Professor Hazel Markwell**, from St. Paul's University in Ottawa, who will be speaking on Human Dignity and End-of-Life Care.

On Tuesday afternoon, our guest speaker will be **Marilyn McLean** from the **Kingston Street Mission**. The Mission, for short, is a "safe haven" and place of friendship and warmth.

On Wednesday morning, we will listen to **Tara Hurford**, from **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**, who will give us an update on the situation in under-developed countries. Elections will also be held on Wednesday morning, with the installation of the new executive at the closing mass at 12:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church.

Our National President, **Anne Gorman**, will present her national message and workshop on Monday afternoon on her theme, *Care for Our Common Home*; **Lisa Henry**, member of the National Strategic Planning Committee will give an update. Wednesday morning, **Anna Tremblay**, Spiritual Development Chairperson will facilitate a workshop on water, our provincial focus. We conclude with an invitation to the 2020 convention from Hamilton Diocese.

**Provincial President Anne Madden, will be available to meet with members of the press on Monday July 15th at 12:15 p.m. following business sessions.**

**Media Information kits will be available at the Registration Desk**