

February 26, 2024

CWL DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Have you registered for our annual Spiritual retreat? It is being held at St Patrick's in Napanee on Saturday, March 9, 2024 and registration is open <u>until Friday, March 1st</u>. This year's focus is: **'Belonging to our Heavenly Father'**. Information poster can be found on our website https://kingston.cwl.on.ca/whats-going-on/coming-soon/

I truly hope you take advantage of this amazing opportunity to grow in faith with your League sisters.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION VIRTUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Reminder – if you or your council are donating to our auction fundraiser, please bring your item to the retreat on March 9th in Napanee. If that doesn't work for you, contact Lyne to make other arrangements. Only items received can be included on the day of the auction. Appreciate your support in this fundraising event.

ANNUAL REPORT BOOK

Maureen Vincentine, our organization chair, is assembling our 2023 report book. All parish presidents are asked to send her their answers to the 4 questions she requested. These are due to Maureen by March 10th to be included in our 2023 council history.

102ND ANNUAL KINGSTON DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Are you joining us for the annual diocesan convention? Registration is open until April 1st. Our keynote speaker is now confirmed. Fr. Ben St. Croix, a priest with the Companions of the Cross Community and currently serving as pastor of St. Maurice church in Ottawa, will help us understand what our National theme 'Here I am Lord, send me' really means to our lives. This and many more surprises... you'll want to be there!

SUNRISE MARIAN DISTRIBUTION

Michael Arsenault from Sunrise Marian Books informed us they will not be available for our convention this year as a vendor. He wishes everyone a great conference and in the meantime, is offering us a **15% discount** code on books, CD's, DVD's, and more. All regularly prices items or items on sale at 5% or 10% off on the site are included. Check out their store at www.sunrisemarian.com. To receive the 15% discount, CWL members can call **800-884-1171** and give the code **CWL2024** (they need to manually process the order to apply the discount). This will be honoured starting now until May 5, 2024.

In the meantime, we are reaching out to other Catholic book vendors for our convention.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The 2023 updated Constitution and Bylaws booklets are available for purchase from the National Office at a cost of \$8.00. You can also download a PDF version from their website https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/604-Constitution-Bylaws-2023.pdf
Every member of the executive, at all levels, should have a copy for reference.

IMPORTANT DATES

- † CWL Diocesan Spiritual Retreat
 - o Saturday, March 9 at St Patrick's, Napanee
- † Diocesan Convention Virtual Auction Fundraiser
 - o Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - o https://www.32auctions.com/KingstonCWLauction2024
- † 102nd Annual Kingston Diocesan Convention
 - o April 27-28 at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre in Kingston
 - o Registration package: https://kingston.cwl.on.ca/whats-going-on/conventions/
- † 77th Annual Ontario Provincial Convention
 - o July 7-10 at the Holiday Inn in Sudbury
 - o https://cwl.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/77th-OPC-UPDATE.pdf

Questions are welcome and feedback is appreciated – please send to kingstondiocesancwl@gmail.com

God bless,

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