



**104<sup>th</sup> Kingston Diocesan Convention  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**



*Ignite Your Passion*  
**Empower His Mission**

To be held at the  
**Quality Inn and Conference Centre Kingston Central**  
33 Benson Street, Kingston, Ontario

**April 25 and 26, 2026**  
**Registration and Information Package**

**Archbishop Michael Mulhall,  
Spiritual Advisors,  
Presidents,  
Officers,  
Chairpersons,  
Honorary Life Member,  
Life Members,  
Past Diocesan Presidents,  
and League Members  
are cordially invited to attend the 104<sup>th</sup> Convention**

*Hosted by your Diocesan Council*



## Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

My dear sisters in the League,

I am very pleased to extend our invitation to you, to attend the 104th annual convention of the Kingston Diocesan Catholic Women's League, April 25-26. It will again be held at the Quality Inn and Convention Centre, Benson Street, Kingston.

In our new National theme: Ignite your Passion, Empower His Mission, we are called to allow Jesus to make alive within us the passion to be nearer to Him and to continue to express that passion in our service to all, especially the poor. Today we have the invitation to come together as women of faith to recognize and nurture the passion within us through prayer, conversation and friendships. Attending a convention gives us the opportunity to reignite our love for and our commitment to the Catholic Women's League. We are reminded of our mission statement: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service".

A convention is so much more than just an annual general meeting! We gather as Catholic women living in the Kingston archdiocese; we are invited to grow in faith through the liturgies and prayer services; to celebrate together as sisters in the League; to give witness to the service we have provided in our communities and to learn new ways to act justly.

This year, we have the opportunity to celebrate together as League members, the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26). We also are in the year dedicated by Pope Leo to celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis and our National theme reminds us Blessed are the Poor. We are also in the midst of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the archdiocese. We are so blessed!

I sincerely hope you and other members of your council will accept this invitation to join with your sisters across the archdiocese to participate in a weekend that promises spiritual growth, inspiration and renewal of the passion within us. I look forward to seeing you at the convention and pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel continues to bless us in our endeavours for God and Canada.

*Maureen Vincentine*

Maureen Vincentine  
President, Kingston Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



## Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

January 5, 2026, Monday after the Epiphany of Our Lord

Peace be with you my dear Sisters in the League!

I want to encourage you to register for your upcoming Diocesan Convention to be held in Kingston April 25-26, 2026. As the cold of the winter months makes it easier for us to isolate and hibernate away from the support of others, we may be tempted to procrastinate on responding to such an invitation until the weather is nicer, and we can see if we are up to it, say, by the Springtime. As we celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Catholic diocese, let us recall the wisdom of the farmers in many of our rural communities, within the Archdiocese of Kingston, who make plans during the Winter, so that come Spring, the purchased seeds are ready to be planted in their fields, providing them with a well-founded hope of reaping a large harvest by the Fall.

As each of your parish council receives the invitation to manifest your Catholic sisterhood standing for God and Canada, now is the perfect time to register and invite your fellow members to register for the Diocesan Convention. This year's convention takes place within this providential anniversary year for our diocese, around the theme chosen by Archbishop Mulhall: "*To know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection*"<sup>1</sup>. This Archdiocesan anniversary theme has a unique way of harmonizing with the theme chosen by our new National President, Betty Colaneri: "*Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission!*" Betty's national executive was happy to receive this theme and invite us to hear the musical key focusing it: "*Blessed are the Poor!*"<sup>2</sup>

Paraphrasing Betty in her 1<sup>st</sup> communiqué, it is "Jesus' Words which ignite a spiritual fire within the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada to love and share God's love". This love of God is particularly for the Poor, as Jesus' compassion is particularly moved by those who are *like sheep without a shepherd*<sup>3</sup>. Let us not forget that the Poor are blessed, not because they lack what they need, but because, *in His Mission empowered by the Holy Spirit*, Jesus goes towards them, becomes one with them, naked in the manger and on the cross, hungry in the desert, thirsty on the cross, estranged amidst those who are persecuted, sick from Judas' betrayal, and imprisoned by Caiphas, the night before He died for us. Jesus then turns towards us and tells us: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to Me"<sup>4</sup>. Let Jesus set your faith *on fire*. Let Him ignite, from His Sacred Heart burning with

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<sup>1</sup> From St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, chapter 3, verse 10.

<sup>2</sup> From the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verse 3 and the Gospel of Luke, chapter 6, verse 20.

<sup>3</sup> From the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 9, verse 36.

<sup>4</sup> From the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, verse 40.

Love for those who are *weary and carrying heavy burdens*<sup>5</sup>, your passion to reach out to those in need, *to join His Mission* of compassion, joyfully serving the Lord. As Pope Leo recently wrote to us: “Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies ...Through your work, your efforts to change unjust social structures or your simple, heartfelt gesture of closeness and support, the poor will come to realize that Jesus’ words are addressed personally to each of them: “I have loved you ([Rev 3:9](#)).”<sup>6</sup>

Will you come to the convention this year? Will you find a way within your council to make it possible to invite others for the first time to attend or to return, investing into your new and mature members by subsidizing their registration, in part or in full? Will you especially invite your youngest members, especially those who have recently joined your local council? Will you befriend them and listen to them as they dare to expose to you why it might be difficult for them to come? Will you dare to consider the sacrifice of offering to pay their babysitter, or will you be so blessed as to be trusted with babysitting the children of your sisters in the league, so that they will attend? I hope to see many of you at the Diocesan Convention in Kingston from April 25-26, 2026! Mother Mary, whom we call upon tenderly as Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!



Father Stéphane Pouliot  
Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

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<sup>5</sup> From the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 11, verse 28.

<sup>6</sup> Quoted from paragraph 120 of Pope Leo XIV’s first apostolic exhortation “*Dilexi Te*” (“*I have loved you*”), which explores love and charity for the poor. It was promulgated on Oct. 9, 2025 — the feast day of St. John Henry Newman. Source: <https://www.osvnews.com/tag/pope-leo-xiv/> as well as [https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html)

## Tentative Agenda Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:30 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Ballroom Foyer
8:30-9:00 a.m.	<b>Pre-Convention Meeting</b> Diocesan Executive, including Parish Council Presidents	Century Room
9:15 a.m.	<b>Eucharistic Celebration</b> Celebrant: Father Stéphane Pouliot	Ballroom Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
	<b>Official Opening</b> Land Acknowledgement / Vendor Information	Maureen Vincentine
10:15 a.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> (ticket required)	Ballroom
10:30 a.m.	<b>Business Session</b> Call to Order League Prayer Welcome Greetings from Dignitaries and guests Roll Call Presentation/Adoption of Standing Rules Announcements and Credential Report	Ballroom Maureen Vincentine Annette Meadows Maureen Vincentine  Lyne Tuepah Nancy Richer
11:00 a.m.	<b>Greetings / Report from National President</b> <b>Greetings / Report from Provincial President</b>	Colleen Martin
11:20 am	Presentation	Colleen Martin
11:55 a.m.	<b>Convention Announcements</b>	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) /Grace Luncheon</b> (ticket required)	Father Stéphane Pouliot
1:00 p.m.	<b>Crowning of Mary</b>	Annette Meadows
1:30 p.m.	<b>Key Note Speaker</b>	Debbie Tessier
2:15 p.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> (ticket required)	Ballroom
2:45 p.m.	<b>Reports</b> Treasurer Secretary Vice President Faith Service Social Justice Past President / Historian Life Member Liaison	Mary Lou Hills Michelle Morrow Bernadette Veitch Annette Meadows Colleen Krasna Celeste Guse Lyne Tuepah Betty Anne Brown Davidson
3:45 p.m.	<b>Closing Afternoon Prayer Service</b>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>Convention Announcements / Adjournment</b>	
6:00 p.m.	<b>Informal Dinner</b> (ticket required) <b>and Entertainment</b> <b>Entertainment Bring your dance buddy (a new teddy bear/cuddle doll to be donated to charity)</b>	

**Those who wish to bring one even if they don't wish to attend the entertainment are welcome to bring them to the meeting.**

## Tentative Agenda Sunday, April 26, 2026

7:30 a.m.	<b>Registration</b> (coffee and breakfast on your own)	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 a.m.	<b>Living Rosary</b>	Ballroom
9:25 a.m.	<b>Convention Announcements / Credential Report</b>	
9:30 a.m.	<b>Presentation</b>	Father Stéphane Pouliot
10:00 a.m.	<b>Instructed Vote on National Bylaws</b>	Lyne Tuepah
10:30 a.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> (ticket required)	Ballroom
10:50 a.m.	<b>Spiritual Advisor Report</b>	Father Stéphane Pouliot
11:00 a.m.	<b>Hope Fund Disbursement</b>	Maureen Vincentine
11:10 a.m.	<b>President's Closing Remarks &amp; Convention Adjournment</b>	
11:20 a.m.	<b>Final Registration and Credential Report</b>	Nancy Richer
11:25 a.m.	<b>Elections</b>	Lyne Tuepah
12:00 p.m.	<b>Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) /Grace Luncheon</b> (ticket required)	Father Stéphane Pouliot
1:10 p.m.	<b>Post-Convention Meeting</b> Diocesan Executive, including Parish Council Presidents	Century Room
2:00 p.m.	<b>Buses Depart for Closing Mass</b>	
3:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Mass</b> Celebrant                    Archbishop Michael Mulhall Concelebrants              Father Stéphane Pouliot, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Parish Council Spiritual Advisors Priests of the Archdiocese	St. Mary's Cathedral
	<b>Installation of New Executive</b> Father Stéphane Pouliot, Lyne Tuepah	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Pre-Banquet Reception</b> Open to everyone	Ballroom
5:30 p.m.	<b>Banquet</b> (ticket required)	Ballroom



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please COPY as necessary to complete ONE form PER PERSON. Please PRINT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 CWL Council: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are there any diet concerns, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first CWL Convention? (circle one) YES or NO

Please check one

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL ADVISOR   | <input type="checkbox"/> DIOCESAN OFFICER/CHAIRPERSON<br><i>(Complete appropriate Credential form enclosed)</i>       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Representative  | <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Representative  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT (voting delegate)<br><i>(Complete appropriate Credential Form enclosed)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> PARISH COUNCIL ACCREDITED DELEGATE<br><i>(Complete appropriate Credential form enclosed)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER – ACCREDITED DELEGATE<br><i>(Complete appropriate Credential form enclosed)</i>          | <input type="checkbox"/> PAST DIOCESAN PRESIDENT<br><i>(Complete appropriate Credential form enclosed)</i>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CWL MEMBER   | <input type="checkbox"/> PARISH COUNCIL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest (non-member)   |

**Saturday evening entertainment: Bring your dance buddy (a new bear/cuddle doll to be donated to charity) You can bring even if you don't wish to attend the entertainment.**

**Convention Registration Fee: \$ 30.00**  
 \*\*\*\*Annual report book will be available online after the convention unless you wish to purchase one\*\*\*

Convention Registration Fee \$30.00  
 Annual report book \_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you take the bus to Mass Sunday: (circle one) YES or NO

**MAIL on or before March 28, 2026**

- this form (or forms)
- cheque and
- credential form to:  
**Nancy Richer - CWL**  
**11155 Grisdale Blvd.**  
**Iroquois, ON K0E 1K0**

**TOTAL PAYMENT sent with this form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
 Make cheque payable to: 'The Catholic Women's League of Canada'  
 (on memo line of cheque please write "registration").

**Deadline for registration is March 28, 2026** No refunds after registration deadline

## Credential Form – Accredited Delegate

Please check:  Honorary Life Member  Life Member  Past Diocesan President  Diocesan Officer/Chairperson

Name of Accredited Delegate: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this with your registration form to: Nancy Richer

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## Credential Form – Parish Council Voting Delegate (One Per Parish)

This is to certify that:

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Voting Delegate of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Council

Signature of Parish Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this with your registration form to: Nancy Richer

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## Credential Form – Parish Council Accredited Delegate

This is to certify that:

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is an Accredited Delegate of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Council

Signature of Parish Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this with your registration form to: Nancy Richer

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## Credential Form – Parish Council Accredited Delegate

This is to certify that:

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is an Accredited Delegate of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Council

Signature of Parish Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this with your registration form to: Nancy Richer

*The contact info above will be used by the Registration Committee and Diocesan Recording Secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.*



## SUMMARY MEAL ORDER & PAYMENT FORM

Please complete this summary meal form together with the detailed form, and please PRINT.

CWL Council: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Each delegate must pick up their own delegate bag and package at the CWL Registration Desk.*

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Coffee/tea breaks are gifted this year. To assist with numbers, please indicate if you will be partaking so we can give you a break ticket and the hotel has an accurate number.

### **ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & GRATITUTY**

Saturday April 25	Beverage and snack break 10:15 a.m.	X	\$0.00	= \$
Saturday, April 25	Luncheon	X	\$28.00	= \$
Saturday, April 25	Beverage (only) Break 2:15 p.m.	X	\$0.00	= \$
Saturday, April 25	Dinner Buffet	X	\$35.00	= \$
Sunday, April 26	Beverage (only) Break 10:30 a.m.	X	\$0.00	= \$
Sunday, April 26	Luncheon	X	\$34.00	= \$
Sunday, April 26	Banquet: Roast Beef	X	\$55.00	= \$
Sunday, April 26	Banquet: Atlantic Salmon	X	\$55.00	= \$
Sunday, April 26	Banquet: Red Thai Curry	X	\$45.00	= \$
Sunday, April 26	Spiritual Advisor's Banquet Ticket: Steak: _____ Salmon: _____ Curry: _____	X	\$55.00	= \$
		or X	\$45.00	
Carryover from Registration Forms submitted	Registration Fee:	X	\$30.00	= \$
	Annual report book fee:	X	\$5.00	= \$
	Bus to Closing Mass	X	\$0.00	
<b>Total Payment</b>				<b>= \$</b>

**All meals MUST be ordered and PAID FOR in advance. Meal tickets are not available for cash at the Convention. Please ADVISE of any dietary restrictions on the registration form.**

Please return this form along with the registration form.

Include your cheque for the costs of meals, registration and Report book Payable to

**'The Catholic Women's League of Canada' and mail by March 28, 2026 to:**

Nancy Richer, 11155 Grisdale Blvd., Iroquois, ON K0E 1K0

**All meal tickets will be included in your registration package. For members only attending the Sunday banquet, please obtain your ticket from your council president or designate.**

**ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS:**

Must be made directly with the Quality Inn and Conference Centre Kingston Central – **Phone 1-613-546-3661**

**Specify that you are attending "The Catholic Women's League"** A block of rooms for Friday and/or Saturday night is reserved until **March 28, 2026** and room rates are: \$159.00 plus taxes, plus overnight parking of \$6. All rooms have 2 Queen or 1 King Bed

## Menu

### Saturday Morning Break

Coffee and Tea

### Saturday Lunch: Taco buffet

- Chef's salad
- Hard & soft taco shells
  - o Seasoned ground beef
  - o Shredded lettuce, cheese, salsa, and rice
- Assorted sweets

### Saturday Afternoon Break

Coffee and Tea

### Saturday Night Buffet: Roasted Chicken Buffet

- Chef's salad
- Roasted potato
- Baby carrots
- Roasted bone in Chicken
- Dinner rolls
- Assorted sweets

### Sunday Morning Break

Coffee and Tea

### Sunday Lunch: The Mediterranean

- Greek Salad
- Pastitsio (roasted squash Ziti pasta beschamel sauce)
- Chicken Souvlaki
- Lemon and oregano rice pilaf
- Assorted sweets

### Sunday Banquet

*Served with freshly baked bread and whipped butter, fresh steamed vegetable medley, potato or rice, freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea and herbal teas*

Baby greens Salad  
Atlantic Salmon  
Roast Beef  
Red Thai Curry (vegetarian option)

### Choose 1

- **Roast Beef** Carved sirloin with red wine sauce
- **Atlantic Salmon:** pan-roasted fillet with teriyaki glaze
- **Red Thai Curry** with vegetables and tofu on basmati rice

Double Chocolate Cheesecake: caramel sauce and candied pecans





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**PROVINCIAL AND DIOCESAN VOLUNTARY DONATIONS**

**PROVINCIAL VOLUNTARY FUND**

**Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund**

Bishop Pappin was the Provincial Spiritual Advisor and died suddenly while in office. The Provincial Executive established this fund in his memory, and it is used annually to financially assist seminarians in Ontario.

**DIOCESAN VOLUNTARY FUND**

**HOPE Fund**

This unique diocesan project was the inspiration of Theresa Mangan, and Lillian O'Connor with encouragement from Father Boyle, then Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, with input from Carmel Foster. It was established as a project of love and concern for our neighbour.

The Hope Fund has tended to give consideration to applications that relate to family or individual situations. However, non-funded groups that are struggling to provide a better community environment are not necessarily prohibited from receiving a 'ray of hope.'

Parish councils are encouraged to make an annual donation to the Hope Fund and to submit the name of potential recipients along with a brief summary of the reason for submitting the name(s). The application form should be returned to the diocesan president as per the instructions on the bottom of the form.

**Kenya Help**

Kenya Help was founded in 2008 by Nancy Stevens. However, the seeds for its creation were sown during Nancy's first trip to Africa in 2005, working as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She then volunteered in several other African countries before making Kenya her home away from home. The knowledge Nancy gained working on these various projects created a vision of "doing things differently" to continue her mission of changing the lives of others in Africa. Working with the community leaders and elders has been her focus; to work together for the same goals. Kenya Help encourages self-sustainability, builds schools, and provides food and clean drinking water.

Their mission is to make positive change for the children of Ngong, Kenya. They work to enhance the education of students by providing full classrooms, food and clean water. They provide the tools in order for the communities to become more self-sustainable and be able to lift themselves from poverty. Education is empowering the children and communities and gives them the courage to better their lives. Their vision is to see the next generation of leaders grow physically strong, spiritually generous, technically knowledgeable and ready to change the work.

To make a donation to the HOPE Fund and Kenya Help, please use the REMITTANCE FORM for Provincial and Diocesan Voluntary Donations with a cheque payable to 'The Catholic Women's League of Canada'



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## REMITTANCE FORM PROVINCIAL AND DIOCESAN VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Parish Council \_\_\_\_\_

Council Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print)*

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FUND	AMOUNT
PROVINCIAL Voluntary Fund <b>Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund</b>	\$
DIOCESAN Voluntary Fund <b>HOPE Fund</b>	\$
DIOCESAN Voluntary Fund <b>Kenya Help</b>	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

Please make cheque payable to **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
 and forward by **April 1, 2026** to the Diocesan Treasurer:

Mary Lou Hills  
 704 - 845 Gardiners Rd.  
 Kingston, ON K7M 7E6



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## HOPE FUND APPLICATION

**Name and Address of Nominee(s):**

**Brief description:**

**Background Information:** (Please provide as much information as possible as to other funding the nominee may be receiving, any special circumstances or difficulties, etc.) Use back of page, if necessary.

Signature of CWL President  
Signature of Spiritual Advisor  
Name of Council  
Town or City of Council

**Please submit application by April 1, 2026 to:** Maureen Vincentine

Email: kingstondiocesancwl@gmail.com

Address: 810 Mudcat Road, Foxboro, Ontario, K0K 2B0

To submit your donation to the HOPE Fund please use the **Remittance Form for Provincial and Diocesan Voluntary Donations** and mail it **by April 1, 2026 to the Diocesan Treasurer:**

Mary Lou Hills  
704 - 845 Gardiners Rd.  
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## **BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS**

The essence of Birthright is love. Birthright is unique and committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child. Birthright started in Toronto. In our Archdiocese, there are locations in Kingston and Belleville.

Please check the appropriate space to direct your donation to the location of your choice.

Name of Parish Council \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town of Parish Council \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Belleville

\_\_\_\_\_ Kingston

\_\_\_\_\_ Please divide between the 2 locations

\_\_\_\_\_ Our donation has been sent directly to Birthright

Please make all cheques payable to **The Catholic Women's League of Canada** and **forward with this form by April 1, 2026** to the Diocesan Treasurer:

Mary Lou Hills  
704 - 845 Gardiners Rd.  
Kingston, ON K7M 7E6

***Optional:*** Each year, councils are invited to bring donated items for Birthright to convention (i.e. blankets, diapers, wipes, sleepers, etc.) They will be divided and donated to between location.



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**NATIONAL BURSARY FUND**

*Send remittance form and cheque payable to  
'The Catholic Women's League of Canada' to the National Office  
Send COPY of the remittance form ONLY to the Diocesan Treasurer by April 1, 2026*

***The current form from the National website [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca), National Voluntary Fund Remittance Form is attached.***

Four agencies and the CWL national bursary fund are permanently assisted by donations received from members and councils of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

- **Coady International Institute** — of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, was founded by Dr. Moses Coady who gave leadership to the Antigonish Movement, which promotes the ideal that by learning and working together, men and women become “masters of their own destinies.”
- **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)** — established in 1967, is Canada's official Catholic overseas development organization launched by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. CCODP has helped support projects such as grassroots community development, literacy programs, mother and child health care, skills training, agricultural programs and emergency relief. CCODP also supports educational programs, helping make Canadians more aware of the problems and goals of people in developing countries. CCODP's primary sources of funds are the yearly Share Lent campaign, Canadian International Development Agency and donations from individuals and groups. Since 1969, the League has supported women's projects in developing countries funded by CCODP through the “1% Program.” Brochures are available from national office.
- **Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC)** — CWL Mission Partners Fund raises funds to provide missionaries with the tools they need to catechize throughout mission dioceses found within Canada. CWL Mission Partners, in conjunction with the League, supports six religious education programs.
- **Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)** – raises funds to support Eastern Catholic churches by building up the church, affirming human dignity and alleviating poverty, encouraging dialogue and inspiring hope.
- **National Bursary Fund** - In 1988, the League received two generous donations in response to the call for lay formation in Pope John Paul II's Exhortation, *Christifideles Laici*. In light of the expressed desire of the League to encourage members' service “For God and Canada”, the national executive agreed by motion that these donations be used to establish a bursary fund. The bursary fund is used to provide financial assistance to members needing it to pursue studies, courses, seminars, conferences, workshops and diploma/degree programs in areas of spiritual growth, adult faith formation, and youth ministry, ministry to patients in palliative care, ministry to shut-ins, parliamentary procedure, and literacy tutoring.

**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada**

**C-702 Scotland Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 1X5**

***NATIONAL VOLUNTARY FUND REMITTANCE FORM***

**Parish Council** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diocese/Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

**Telephone number (daytime):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>NATIONAL VOLUNTARY FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace	
Catholic Missions In Canada	
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	
Coady International Institute	
National Bursary Fund	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Please send with cheque payable to: The Catholic Women’s League of Canada  
C-702 Scotland Ave.  
Winnipeg, MB  
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