



CWL SACRED HEART

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WHO ARE WE?

CWL is many things to many people. Whether it's faith, service, social justice or sisterhood, thousands of women have found fulfillment by becoming members.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has been designed in response to the voices of members across Canada. It relates to two critical issues identified in the strategic plan:

1

Include (leave no member behind) and affirm (make members feel welcomed, needed and wanted)

2

Validate all members. It is intended to assist you as you welcome members to your parish council and to encourage the involvement of all members.

The background image shows the interior of a church, looking down a central aisle lined with dark wooden pews. At the far end, there is an altar area with a large crucifix on the wall and arched windows. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid in the center of the image, containing text.

CWL MISSION

"THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA CALLS ITS MEMBERS TO GROW IN FAITH AND TO WITNESS THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH MINISTRY AND SERVICE."



WHY CWL SACRED HEART?

At CWL Sacred Heart, we welcome our members; we want them to be genuinely connected and part of our council. Our league is a great sisterhood, and we hope to keep members engaged and committed.

We are made for the community; living and participating in the community is necessary for our well-being. The benefits of the community include inspiration, motivation, feeling understood, connecting with others on the same journey and supporting each other. Community is encouraging and fun; it attracts the Holy Spirit and fosters love.

REASONS TO JOIN OUR COUNCIL

1

The companionship of sisterhood experienced in the League.

2

The League's mission to call "its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service".

3

Our core values: faith following Catholic teachings; service at the local, national and international level; and social justice actively involved in society.

OUR STORY

(83 YEARS)

Our council was formed on December 15th 1940

- As a celebration, we planted a lilac on our 65th anniversary, as well as a fig tree for the centenary of the National Council. The lilac and fig are on the church grounds.
- Two of our oldest members joined our council in 1959, 65 years ago.
- We presently have 40 members and welcome more like you!
- Our current president is Miriam Podmoroff.
- Every 2 years we choose our new executive and president.

OUR WORK

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For the last year, our donations were a total of \$2,000:

- \$500 bursary to St Andrew's Regional High School
- Sacred Heart First Communion and Confirmation children
- St Andrews Regional High School Dry Grad
- Donations to St Joseph Seminary, Rachel's Vineyard, St Vincent de Paul - Rosalie's Village, Catholic Missions in Canada, Mass Intentions, Development and Peace, Birthright, Catholic Christian Outreach, others.



ACTIVITIES

- We celebrate mass intentions for members and parishioners.
- We begin our membership drive in November each year for \$40. New members are welcome any time!
- Prayer box and intentions for members and the community.

OUR EVENTS AND MEETINGS:



- Baking events, garage sale, games, movie night, book club, friendship luncheon, Christmas luncheon, June luncheon, videos for and of members, Pray the Rosary, Celebration Mass (Our Lady of Good Counsel), ceremony for deceased members, attendance at diocesan provincial or national conventions, guest speakers and presentations during meetings.
- General meetings: once a month.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER

- Join us, volunteer and be part of our council and our executive.
- Grow in faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values.



MORE INFORMATION

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Join us!

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