

## THE LEAGUE IN THE PERSONAL LIFE OF A MEMBER

Members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada believe:

- That as human beings and as Christians, they have a responsibility to witness the Good News of the Risen Christ and that membership in the League opens a new vision, helping them to fulfill, in greater measure, their Christian mission in the church and in the world.
- That through study, they better understand the church's teachings and the ways in which Christ may be known in society today.
- That throughout the League's programs, they gain greater understanding of the liturgy, nourish their faith and gain spiritual strength to joyfully fulfill their mission.
- That through active participation in the League's standing committees, they have many opportunities to give good example and leadership in the formation and expression of Christian attitudes and principles.
- That as Christian education is of ever-increasing importance in the modern world, they can foster its ideals in a practical way.
- That as the League is dedicated to the preservation of Christian family life, they help strengthen Canadian families.
- That League membership gives all women in Canada an opportunity to communicate; to develop a better understanding of their varied cultures; and to have concern for all Canadians.
- That through the League, they help "change the world" by assistance in parish, community and country; and become global citizens in the world community through assistance to Development and Peace and through affiliation with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

## WHAT IS THE CWL?

It is the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada.

## WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

For personal and spiritual growth, friendship and fun.

## WHAT WE DO

These are the areas of the League's concern and activity:

### 1. Spiritual Development

- spiritual growth of members
- study of Catholic teachings
- role of women in the church
- evangelization and mission assistance
- lay ministries
- ecumenism and interfaith endeavours

### 2. Organization

- recruit members and maintain membership
- leadership development
- League resource material
- annual reports
- life membership

### 3. Christian Family Life

- marriage and family
- sanctity of life
- ministry to:
  - youth
  - disabled
  - seniors
  - widowed
  - separated
  - divorced
- vocations

### 4. Community Life

- dignity and rights of persons
- social and economic justice
- refugees, immigration and citizenship
- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
- developing countries

## 5. Education and Health

- Catholic education
  - Catholic schools and catechesis
  - rites of Christian initiation
- literacy and continuing education
- scholarships and bursaries
- wellness and sickness/disease
- environment
- genetics

## 6. Communications

- The Canadian Leagues magazine
- media:
  - for evangelization
  - to promote the League
  - evaluation and promotion of good content
  - newsletters and bulletins
- media relations
- pornography

## 7. Resolutions

- research and preparation of resolutions and briefs
- study and implementation of resolutions passed by other levels
- at provincial and national levels, presentation of resolutions to government

## 8. Legislation

- monitor and study legislation at all levels of government
- preparation of briefs and position papers on proposed legislation

*Organized nationally*

*June 17, 1920*

*And officially recognized*

*By the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

*As a national private association of the faithful*

## THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE CWL

For more information, cut off and drop this in the collection basket. A CWL member will contact you.

Name:

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## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the League shall be to unite Catholic women of Canada

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of human life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

### Parish CWL Council Activities include:

- Strawberry Social and Pin Presentation
- Spring Tea
- Christmas Social and new member welcome
- Pot Luck dinner meeting in September
- Christmas Bazaar in November
- Special Masses and Spiritual Events
- Student Speaking Contest

## THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God