



# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

*One Hundred Years: Growing in Faith, Love and Service*

The celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Toronto Diocesan Council in 2021 is well under way. We have lapel pins of the logo available for you. Please contact your President. They should also be available at Regional meetings this Fall. They are \$10 each. You can see the design in the heading above.

### **Suggestions for Councils to Help Us Celebrate**

We would like all councils to be included in the planning and celebrations leading up to our 100th Anniversary year. So, if you have not yet done so, please take note of and act on the following:

1. Many councils have been celebrating major anniversaries over these past several years, so they have had a good start on researching and presenting their own major events and photographs as part of their histories. Send them to us now because we are updating our Toronto Diocesan History Book, which ended with the year 2001. Patricia Cross at [pccpat@rogers.com](mailto:pccpat@rogers.com) and Carole Pitcher at [cpitcher@bell.net](mailto:cpitcher@bell.net) are waiting for your input.
2. We also have a time capsule that was created by Life Member Karen Lawless in 1996. It will be opened during our festivities in 2021. Remember if you have items to add to the capsule as we close it again until another milestone anniversary, pass those on to Ann D'Souza at [ant\\_dsouza@hotmail.com](mailto:ant_dsouza@hotmail.com)
3. Let us know if your council qualifies as one of the oldest and if a member will celebrate a milestone in 2021. Also, send us a record of the Spiritual Advisors who have served your council. If any have since passed, please indicate this.

### **A Grand Discovery and Opportunity to Celebrate**

Have you heard of the **Junior League**? If you don't know about it, your mother or grandmother may be familiar with it. It still exists today and there is a Toronto Chapter. Begun in 1901, in the United States, it involved prominent women in the community, some in business, who would provide financial help to charities as well as participating in charitable endeavours.

In 1914, about 15 Catholic women established a chapter in Toronto. When the CWL began creating councils in 1921, the **Junior League Sub-division** as it was called, was incorporated into the League. By 1939 it had over 300 members. It held balls, galas, teas, bridge games and all sorts of activities to bring in money for its charities. These were usually held at either the King Edward Hotel or the Royal York. They continued to operate into the 1950's and had a wide range of contacts and sponsors they could approach with prosed projects.

Well, how can we let an opportunity to celebrate this important part of our history pass unnoticed? We have a plan to celebrate and we hope to be able to let you know further details soon. Stay tuned.

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