

Parish Councils (in attendance as of June 15, 2020)

DURHAM

Holy Family
St. Francis de Sales
St. Leo the Great
St John the Evangelist
St. Joseph the Worker

HUMBER

Nativity of Our Lord
St. Ambrose
St. Gregory
St. Margaret Mary
St. Roch's

NORTH YORK

Blessed Trinity
Immaculate Conception/
Our Lady of the Lake
Our Lady of Grace
St. Bernard de Clairvaux**
St. Bonaventure
St. Edward the Confessor
St. Luke's
St. Patrick's, Markham
St. John Chrysostom
St. John Paul XXIII
St. Joseph the Worker
St. Justin Martyr
St. Timothy

NORTHERN

Guardian Angel
Holy Martyrs of Japan
Holy Spirit
St. Margaret's, Midland
St. Mary's, Barrie

PEEL

Guardian Angels
St. Anne's
St. Anthony of Padua
St. Francis Xavier
St. Ignatius of Loyola
St. Jerome's**
St. Marguerite d'Youville
St. Martin of Tours
St. Mary's, Brampton
St. John Fisher
St. Joseph's, Streetsville
St. Patrick, Mississauga
Sts. Peter and Paul

SCARBROUGH

Annunciation of Blessed Virgin
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Precious Blood
St. Aidan
St. Barnabas
St. Bartholomew
St. Boniface
St. Dunstan
St. Maria Goreti
St. Joseph's, Highland Creek
St. Rose of Lima**

TORONTO

Holy Cross
Joan of Arc
Our Lady of Lourdes
St. John
St. Matthew's
St. Monica

**New Councils in 2019-2020

TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Virtual Celebration for the
100th Anniversary of

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Wednesday June 17, 2020
7:00 pm



Via
Video or Teleconference

100th Anniversary of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

SPIRITUAL PROGRAM
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Welcome, Hilarion Mitchell, President

Land Acknowledgement, Hilarion Mitchell

League Prayer: Mary Tuccitto, Communications Chair

Opening Hymn: Come and Journey with Me: Kate O'Quinn, Spiritual Development Chair



100th Anniversary Prayer Service

Opening Prayer: Prayer of Thanksgiving

Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

Reading: Colossians 3, 15-17, Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Reflection: Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Prayers of Appreciation: TDC Executive and Regional Chairs

Response: Lord we are truly thankful

Closing Prayer

A Prayer to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of Canada

O Canada, Lead by Kate O'Quinn

Closing Hymn: On This Day O Beautiful Mother, Lead by Kate O'Quinn

Toronto Diocesan Council Executive (in attendance)

Spiritual Advisor	Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea
President	Hilarion Mitchell
President Elect/Organization	Sue Lubowitz
Spiritual Development	Kate O'Quinn
1 st VP/Resolutions	Andrea Smart
2 nd VP/Education & Health	Connie Cristinziano
Recording Secretary	Shaila D'Souza
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Fenech
Treasurer	Lolita Perry
Christian Family Life	Iris McNulty
Community Life	Ciscily Winkler
Communications	Mary Tuccitto
Legislation	Elizabeth Joseph
Newsletter Editor:	Lucia Vacca

Region Chairs and Spiritual Advisor (in attendance)

	Regional Chair	Spiritual Advisor
Durham	Angie Baglieri	Rev. David Bollo
Humber Valley	Mary Grossi	
North York	Marie Barry	
Northern	Anne Marie Martyniuk	Rev. Silvio Eljuga
Peel	Aurora Chavez	
Scarborough	Nenita MacKenzie	
Toronto	Araceli Farinas	

Parish Council Spiritual Advisors (in attendance)

Fr. James Cherickal, St. Francis Xavier, Peel Region

Life Members

Margaret Ann Jacobs	Celestine Hall	Karen Lawless
Mary Capobianco	Mary Hawkley	Donna Shaddick
Shirley Christo	Carole Pitcher	Marlin Taylor
Pat Cross	Mary Quinlan	Mary Ellen Stinson

APPRECIATION

Elizabeth Joseph, Legislation Chair

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea
Regional and Council Spiritual Advisors
Toronto Diocesan Executive
Regional Chairs
Invited Guests
Life Members
Members of Toronto Diocese

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Shaila D’Souza



Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel filled with the Holy Spirit, you were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your son. Intercede with your Son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism, fervent in prayer, and generous in the service we give to our sisters and brothers.

May the spirit of the living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel, lead us in the way of truth and love. With the help of your prayers, may we come to rejoice forever with you and the great company of saints in the kingdom of heaven. Amen

BLESSINGS

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea

100th Anniversary of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada

SOCIAL PROGRAM

(pages 11-14)

Introductions: Hilarion Mitchell, President

Greetings

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins (recorded)
Anne-Marie Gorman, National President
Colleen Perry, Provincial President (recorded)
Diane Lemay, Past Chairperson 2020 Convention
Committee, Montreal

Toast

Canada and the League: Margaret Ann Jacobs, National
Past President & Chairperson of Laws

Cake Cutting

Betty Colaneri, National Chairperson of Legislation,
Chairperson of the Centenary Committee

Song: Celebration, Kool and The Gang

All participants unmuted to dance to recording of the song

Appreciations: Elizabeth Joseph, Legislation Chair

Closing Prayer: Prayer to our Lady of Good Counsel: Shaila
D’Souza, Recording Secretary

Blessings

Msgr. Patrick O’Dea

Welcome: Hilarion Mitchell, President

Land Acknowledgement (Brampton South of Hwy 107)

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on which has been the site of human activity since time immemorial.

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory was the subject of Treaty 13A, also known as the Head of the Lake Purchase.

We must be mindful of broken covenants and strive to make this right, with the land and with each other.

League Prayer: Mary Tuccitto, Communications Chair

We humbly pray You, O God our Father, to bless The Catholic Women’s League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills, that we may know and fulfill Your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Amen

Opening Hymn: Come and Journey with Me: Kate O’Quinn

Come to the song, come to the dance
Bring all you are and all you can be
Come with your voice, come with your heart
Come and journey with me.
Come and journey with me.

We're gonna have a good time tonight (Ce-le-bra-tion)
Let's celebrate, it's all right
We're gonna have a good time tonight (Ce-le-bra-tion)
Let's celebrate, it's all right

Yahoo! Yahoo!

Celebrate good times, come on! (Let's celebrate)
Celebrate good times, come on!
It's a celebration!
Celebrate good times, come on! (Let's celebrate)

Come on and celebrate, tonight
(Celebrate good times, come on!)
'Cause everything's gonna be all right
Let's celebrate (Celebrate good times, come on)
(Let's celebrate)
(Celebrate good times, come on!)
Celebration

Source: [Lyric Find](#)

Songwriters: Eumir Deodato / Robert Bell / Dennis Thomas / Earl Toon / Robert Mickens / James Taylor / George Brown / Claydes Smith / Ronald D. Bell

Celebration lyrics © Warner Chappell Music, Inc

Song: Celebration, Kool and The Gang

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GwjfUFyY6M>

All participants unmuted to participate

Yahoo! This is your celebration
Yahoo! This is your celebration
Celebrate good times, come on! (Let's celebrate)
Celebrate good times, come on! (Let's celebrate)

There's a party goin' on right here
A celebration to last throughout the years
So bring your good times, and your laughter too
We gonna celebrate your party with you

Come on now

Celebration
Let's all celebrate and have a good time
Celebration
We gonna celebrate and have a good time

It's time to come together
It's up to you, what's your pleasure
Everyone around the world
Come on!

Yahoo! It's a celebration
Yahoo!

Celebrate good times, come on!
It's a celebration
Celebrate good times, come on!
Let's celebrate

We're gonna have a good time tonight
Let's celebrate, it's all right
We're gonna have a good time tonight
Let's celebrate, it's all right, baby

Come let the sun, fill up your eyes
Take the time, to look around.
And love, just love and walk with each other
Come and journey with me.
Come and journey with me.

Come and see, come and be
Be all you are and all you can be.
And leave all behind and calm your mind
Come and journey with me.
Come and journey with me.

100th ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Prayer: Andrea Smart, 1st VP/Resolutions

God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past.
We think back to those who first had a vision of an organization of Catholic Women,
to those who put their names forward to run for an elected office,
to those who gave of their vision, their talent, their time, to make it happen.

And as we remember the efforts of the founders of the Catholic Women's League of Canada,
we offer words of thanks and praise

God of growth, we remember too, those who helped the Catholic Women's League of Canada to grow in wisdom and in faith.

We think of all the women and Spiritual Advisors who provided governance and leadership.

For all these varied forms of leadership we are grateful.

God of community, we remember events that brought us together; Meetings and conventions at the Parish, Diocesan, Provincial and National levels.

For the gifts of friendship and fellowship, we say thanks.

God of our present, on this day we remember all that led this community of Catholic Women to this day.

For 100 years of ministry to and with the League, for 100 years of growing together in love, for all that has made us what we are now, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Written by Kate O'Quinn (Adapted from: (Worship Offerings Prayer of Thanksgiving <https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/10/prayers-of-thanksgiving-and-hope-for.html>))

READING: Psalm 95:1-7 Ciscily Winkler, Community Life Chair

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Closing Hymn: On This Day O Beautiful Mother

Refrain: On this day, O beautiful Mother, On this day, we give thee our love.

Near thee Madonna, fondly we hover, Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

On this day we ask to share, Dearest Mother thy sweet care Aid us ere our feet astray, Wander from thy guiding way. **R.**

Rose of Sharon, lovely flow'r, Beauteous bed of Eden's bow'r Cherished lily of the vale, Virgin Mother, Queen we hail. **R.**

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We pray, that as we continue to join together throughout the year, to celebrate this joyous occasion, that You draw us ever closer to You and to our Sisters in the League.

We thank you for the tremendous support of our Spiritual Advisors at all levels of the League. We pray that you will continue to bless and keep them as they live and model their commitment to the League.

We ask for your guidance as we begin our journey into the next century with our new Strategic Plan. We know change is never easy, but necessary, to keep up with what is happening in the League and in the world. Give us the strength, courage and knowledge to see the Plan through to completion.

May the Catholic Women’s League of Canada always proclaim love, peace and hope in Your name. Grant that we remain a strong voice for women everywhere and that we continue our wonderful work for God and Canada. We pray, in Jesus name. Amen

0 Canada, Kate O’Quinn

O Canada!
Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

**READING: Colossians 3, 15-17 Msgr. Patrick O’Dea, TDC
Spiritual Advisor**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and instruct one another in all wisdom, and with thanksgiving in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION: Msgr. Patrick O’Dea

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Response: Lord we are truly thankful.

Angie Baglieri, Durham Regional Chair: Dear God, we thank you for the gift of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada, established in 1920, in Montreal, under the leadership of our first President, Belle Geurin. We give thanks for the creation of our motto “For God and Canada”, established two years later and still alive in our hearts and actions today. Let us give thanks for all we have accomplished over this last century. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Mary Grossi, Humber Valley Regional Chair: For the gift of our first convention, held in Toronto in 1921 and The Canadian League Magazine, founded in 1921. This magazine was included in an Exhibit at the Vatican, offered in homage to the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI in 1936, and is still connecting us nationally today. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Marie Barry, North York Regional Chair: For the gift of our Provincial Councils, established in 1948. The year also witnessed the League receiving formal approval and mandate of the Canadian Conference of Bishops, now known as the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Anne Marie Martyniuk, Northern Regional Chair: For the privilege of celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our Patroness, on April 26th. This was granted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Aurora Chavez, Peel Regional Chair: For the opportunity and ability we have to monetarily and prayerfully support agencies in need. One such agency is the Coady Institute, which we have supported since 1961. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Nenita MacKenzie, Scarborough Regional Chair: For the League’s leadership shown locally, provincially and nationally. “Women in the Church”, inspired by the documents of Vatican II was approved for study in 1971. A National Pro-Life Fund was established in 1974 and this year also saw the first meeting of a League delegation with federal ministers to discuss resolutions. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Araceli Farinas, Toronto Regional Chair: For the League’s insight of the ‘power of the pen’. A letter writing campaign was initiated in support of the Grandmothers of Argentina in 1983. May we continue to recognize the importance, impact and effectiveness of our letter writing. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Iris McNulty, Christian Family Life Chair: For the gift of our members, Canada wide, under the leadership of our current National President, Anne-Marie Gorman. We thank you especially for the way our League recognizes and honours our deceased members, with the initiation of The Book of Life in 1996. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Lolita Perry, Treasurer: For the gift of growth and of milestones and our voices being heard. In 2006 we celebrated a League first, with the annual government meeting including a visit with the Prime Minister. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Elizabeth Joseph, Legislation: For the gift of the League’s spiritual commitment. In 2016, 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care was initiated and continues to be a strong commitment to the League. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Nancy Fenech, Corresponding Secretary: The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, from its beginning, is a League composed of women of faith and women active in service and social justice. May we always stay strong to our commitments as we move forward into our next century. This we ask through Christ our Lord. In honour of His Mother, Mary, let us pray:

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death.
Amen.

Written by Kate O’Quinn adapted from below
Source: (events for each decade taken from The Canadian League, Volume 96/No.2/Spring 2020)

CLOSING PRAYER

Connie Christinziano, 2nd VP/Education and Health Chair

A Prayer to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada

Dear God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, as we celebrate 100 years together as an organization within your Church! We thank you for the love and joy that the League brings, not only to its members, but to all the agencies and those less fortunate that we support.

May the Holy Spirit pour forth Your love and grace into the hearts of all who are celebrating this milestone Anniversary. May Your Spirit be with us and inspire us as we plant a tree in every diocese across Canada to celebrate our ‘roots’ from the past century.