

The Catholic Women's League of Canada TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Dear New and Returning Member:

Thank you for becoming a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

The League is a national organization with councils in every province and in the military. By joining us, you now belong to a group of women that have formed a sisterhood of faith and action for more than a hundred years focused on its Christian work "for God and Canada". Since its beginning in 1920, the League has been a parish-based, grassroots organization driven by its members' faith, skills, resources, intelligence and passion.

The League's core values of faith, service and social justice are the fundamental beliefs that guide the action of our members. They direct the why and how members engage in the activities they do. As members, women use God's given gifts to each of us for the common good of society.

Our members view their role as essential to the wellbeing of the church and society. The League offers many opportunities to nurture your faith, serve and to bring about meaningful change in society. To realize this mission "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."

Members are the heart of the League and they are the spiritual and physical hub of acitivity in parish councils as well as the cornerstorne of their parish. Every council is unique in its size, location and membership composition but all are guided by their Catholic faith.

As we begin our 102nd year as a League, members in Toronto Diocese's 100 parishes look to the two year theme "Catholic and Living It" chosen by our National President, Fran Lucas. Members are eager to re-engage in their work after the long COVID pause. The interruption in their ministry has re-kindled in them the founding passion of the League for ministering to the needs of our world. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has reminded us: "The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world."

We walk beside each other in this endeavour and we welcome you among us. Together, we can make a difference.

Yours in Faith, Service and Social Justice Sue Lubowitz Toronto Diocesan Council President, 2022-2024