

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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The Organization chair is responsible for membership. Covid has added to the challenge of decreasing membership due to the decreasing population of Catholics in our country. We, the CWL, can meet this challenge the same way the church is meeting the challenge of being Catholic in a very secular world, by the re or new evangelization of our people. We need to learn once again what the value of the league is to our church, to our country, and to each member!

Why should Catholic women be a member of the CWL (especially when the fees will increase if we are to remain viable)? Two reasons:

Catholic women need a national organization where:

they are free to express their faith and stand up for their Catholic beliefs

they can nourish this faith through the League's spiritual programs

they are kept informed about issues of concern and united in action about those issues.

We are in the know and on the go!

Canada needs the league for the support it provides in parishes and communities across the country, and the advocacy it does with governments. Catholics are Christ's voice, eyes, ears, hands and feet on earth. Women are strong, and we are stronger together. As a national organization we give our strength to our country, our communities, the world, and to each other.

Increasing Membership

National has been working on many initiatives to not only increase membership, but also to bring new resources to the League's members. We are working on a smart phone app, better communication and marketing, principles of Catholic Social teaching, opportunities for spiritual development, reorganization, training, using technology. National is stepping up.

Please consider increasing your parish membership and welcoming back your present members. Have meetings and information sessions, Contact those who haven't been back to church or haven't remitted their membership fee, and embrace the Welcome Program here: <https://cwl.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Welcome-Program-2020.pdf>. Check out the new initiatives on the national website – browse around, it is well worth it. Especially the on-line League magazine here: <https://cwl.ca/the-canadian-league-fall-2021/> And the whole section called TO INSPIRE here: <https://cwl.ca/to-inspire/>

Reports

Reports by the parish chairs of the different standing committees, as well as the other executives will be due December 15 (hard copy), and mid-January if submitted by computer.