

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Telling the REAL Story: Eliminating Misconceptions About the League. In a recent survey, 800 members/non-members with diverse backgrounds and ethnicity were asked if they had heard of the League and their perception of it. A workshop was created after receiving the survey results.

A few misconceptions were reported from the study, and this workshop focuses on them. It is important to understand that we cannot "fix" things with a half-day workshop, but we can start engaging people in conversation. We need to continue to have these conversations and that is what the workshop is about. Conceptions and misconceptions that were of note:

- older members are judgmental
- closed-minded on their views and lack empathy for others
- younger members do not feel accepted
- senior members are very controlling
- some members are bossy and not open to working with others

The purpose of the workshop is not only to educate us on what the League is and does, but also to help us learn about what the League can become for each of us. The focus of the League is not as a volunteer organization but one centred on spirituality. Members do volunteer their time and much has been done regarding increasing membership, but in this workshop, we are interested in finding ways to share what the League is truly about with those around us.

Workshop 1: Kindling the Hearts and Minds of Priests and Parishioners— Engagement of Spiritual Advisors, Members and Non-Members

Topic One: The Role of Spiritual Advisors

Topic Two: Perceived Misconceptions

Workshop 2: How Sisters Work Together to Achieve a Common Goal

Workshop 3: Encouraging all Generations to Become Members

Topic One: Younger Members Do Not Feel Accepted

Topic Two: The League is Seen as Irrelevant

Workshop 4: How to Recruit and Welcome New Members and Retain Existing Members

Workshop 5: How to Focus on Social Events

To access this workshop, go to *Telling the REAL Story: Eliminating Misconceptions About the League* ([#830](#))