

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Our League is over 100 years old. Canada organized a national organization in June 1920. There was a need for a medium through which all Canadian Catholic women might express themselves as a unit in all matters of interest to them as citizens and devoted children of Holy Mother Church. By 1922, the League had a membership of 30,000 across the country. Today we have over 70, 000 members.

Councils started in Pembroke Diocese in 1921 and over those many years 38 councils were formed: today we have 28 councils. Nine Bishops have been our leaders and 14 Parish Priests have been our Diocesan Spiritual Advisors. Our Motto: "For God and Canada" was established in 1922. It is still our motto today.

Over those many years, all councils in the Diocese of Pembroke have served the church, the missions and the community in many ways. With fundraisers of baking, clothing, crafts, Teas, dinners, tickets, no-bake sales and countless donations of articles and/or money for Food Banks, Houses for families in need, the homeless and the sick all members have truly accepted their call from God with generosity and excitement. May the Catholic women of the past be proud of our service today and give us the desire and the patience to continue to spread the goodness and kindness of the Holy Spirit as we go forward to do God's work among His people.

Let us be proud of our history in the Catholic Women's League and encourage all young women to join our organization to grow in Faith, Service and Social Justice along with fellowship and fun!

As we go forward, let us remember our theme for 2022 to 2024, "Catholic and Living It!!"