



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council



Environment Care

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***“For I know the plans I have for you” says the Lord.
“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope!”
(Jeremiah 29:11)***

Happy New Year! As Jeremiah so aptly says...we may not be sure what the future holds, but as a child of God, we can rest assured in WHO holds our future!

Educate: Anne Gorman, National President has released her new them for 2019 through 2020: Care for our Common Home. Visit the National website for more information, or why not our own, where the logo and resource link can be found on the homepage.



As a Diocese, we will be exploring the environment and the effect our actions have on our planet Earth. At the 2019 Convention being held in Windsor Apr 29 – May 1, a panel discussion involving students, educators, and professionals will take place. How will you change to protect our home?

Engage: By now all the wonderful works have been reported through the annual survey. These reports should be shared with your members and with potential members so that they can be privy to the great works being done by your council.

Empower: I have sent out a request for an instructed vote on 2 issues: increase of dues by \$1 beginning for the 2020 dues; and, change of position from an elected corresponding secretary to an appointed administrative assistant position. Please either email or snail mail your votes to me by April 18, 2019. This is your chance to have a say in change. presidentcwlondondiocese@gmail.com. Details can be found on our website homepage, look for the link entitled “Instructed Vote 2019”.

Empower: In November, an envelope was given to each council to support Farmtown in their campaign for awareness of Human Trafficking. Please give a report at your next Regional meeting if your council is supporting this project. **February 22 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada**

A contemporary form of slavery, human trafficking refers to the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over a person to exploit them, usually sexually, or through forced labour. Your Regional Chairperson will share vital information to you about a new strategy about Feb 20, 2019. Be prepared to act fast!

Some upcoming dates to remember and a change for our Annual Day at the Shrine:

Saturday, March 9, 2019: Lenten Retreat at The Spirit & Life Center, Chatham. More info coming soon.

April 18, 2019: Deadline for instructed votes on fee increase, and change to administrative assistant.

April 29 – May 1, 2019: 99th Annual London Diocesan Convention – Windsor ON You will be receiving your convention package at your regional meeting...please remember that each council is required to send a voting delegate to the convention This is part of your C & B and Manual of Policy and Procedures. This is an exciting way to meet new people and bring new ideas to your council. Remember to put this cost in your budget each year! Share a room with another council and reduce your costs Buy the all inclusive package to save even more! A reminder that it is the purchase of meals that allows a convention committee to reduce costs of the convention. If you are not purchasing the meals, your are not supporting the convention.

Wednesday July 10, 2019: Annual Day at the Shrine! Because the Provincial Convention had a date change, we changed our Day at the Shrine to one week earlier to accommodate Fr. Greg and the executive to attend the Ontario Provincial Convention...mark your calendars and bring a car load...or a bus load to this day.

July 13 – 17, 2019, Ontario Provincial Convention, Kingston, ON: If you would like to go and would like to share accommodations, please contact your Regional Chairperson now so that a list can be prepared and shared. Theresa Ryan will be looking for a place to host our Diocesan dinner. She will need to know who is attending. This is a great venue to find out more about the League. But just as importantly, a great place for fun and fellowship! If you are going, please make sure your council designates you as an accredited delegate so that you have most voting privileges.

August 18 – 21, 2019: National Convention, Calgary Alberta. If you are planning to attend, please let your regional chairperson know so that we can meet up with you in Calgary, or help in sharing rooms. Another great opportunity to learn more about the League. We will need to give #'s attending to our Ontario president-elect for the Ontari-ari-ario dinner! Good things come from Ontari-ari-ario!



We have an exciting year ahead! It is a season of change at all levels of the League. It is a season of perseverance (thank you Fr. Greg!) to have patience, and to bring all we meet to the manger using our gifts, talents and treasures to do so. A time of evangelization. Won't you join in and bring this message of hope to all you meet!

Blessings for your trip to the manger!

Rebecca

