

## **We are all about faith, fun and friendship!**

*The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the People of God.*

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We invite every woman in the Hamilton Diocese Catholic faith community to become a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. By becoming a member, you will have the opportunity to become an active participant with us on your own faith journey.

Since the national organization began in 1920, CWL members have been actively working "For God and Canada." The pioneers of this organization worked closely with immigrants to help them adjust to a foreign land, and to this day, some councils continue to do this important work.

As the church and the CWL grew, members continued to look at the needs of the local community and set into motion activities that alleviate the anguish and suffering of those less fortunate. Today, we see members involved in every aspect of community and parish life.

Many of you may know that we support all life issues, but did you know that we also support women's programs in developing countries through MaterCare International, Coady International Institute and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace?

You may also know that members hold various events to raise funds for their many charities, but did you know that members of the national executive meet annually with federal government ministers on issues raised by our resolutions which, in recent years, have included religious freedom, renewable energy, farmers' rights, abolition of the death penalty, suicide prevention, child poverty and protection of human life?

IF you...

- *believe in the sanctity of human life,*
- *want to develop a deeper spiritual life,*
- *uphold the dignity of all human beings,*
- *believe women play an important role in church and society,*
- *strive to set a Christian example in your home and work place,*
- *believe in Catholic education and affordable health services,*
- *believe in the power of prayer,*

...THEN you belong with us!

We want to give you this opportunity to share your God-given gifts with us as we try to affect change in our parish, community, Canada and in those countries that have not been blessed with the abundance we enjoy in Canada. We have members in over 100 parishes in Hamilton Diocese with almost 12,000 members, and each year we raise over \$400,000 for the causes that we support. The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is open to all women of the parish 16 years of age and older.

Please contact any member of the executive for more information.

May our Lady of Good Counsel guide you always.