



Planning Committee for the 71st Provincial Convention of the Ontario
Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Toronto, Ontario, July 8-July 11, 2018

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Dear Sisters in the League,

The members of the Toronto Diocesan Council extend you a heartfelt invitation to attend the 71st Ontario Provincial Convention of the Ontario Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada which will take place from July 8th to July 12th, 2018 in Toronto.

Toronto, derived from the Huron word for "fishing weir" is located on the northwest shore of Lake Ontario. Toronto is Canada's largest city, the fourth largest in North America. With a population of 2.79 million people it is heralded as one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Over 140 languages and dialects are spoken here, and just over 30 per cent of Toronto residents speak a language other than English or French at home. Toronto is the hub of the nation's commercial, financial, industrial, and cultural life.

The convention will be held at the *Marriott-Airport Hotel* which is located in the west end of the city, very close to Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

The planning team has been very busy working to help make this Convention a wonderful experience for you. We have many fun events planned starting with an exciting dinner theatre experience at Toronto's Medieval Times on Saturday evening. This is a spectacular show based on medieval Spain, with knights in combat, horses, falcons and more.

For the Sunday morning, we are excited to offer a trip to the Ripley's Aquarium of Canada located in downtown Toronto. Ripley's is a 135,000 square-foot incredible attraction with more than 1.5 million gallons of water that is home to marine and freshwater habitats from around the world. Traveling on moving glide paths, visitors enter the ocean realm and come face to face with thousands of fascinating fishes and sea creatures, everything from barracudas, to rays, jellyfish, octopi, moray eels and giant sharks! Ripley's visit will be followed by a trip to Tucker's Marketplace where you will enjoy an all-you-can-eat Sunday Buffet Brunch. After Brunch you will return to the hotel in time to participate in the Resolutions Dialogue session.

The Opening Liturgy will be held at Nativity of Our Lord Parish where we will be graced to have his Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins celebrating the opening Mass with his Most. Rev. Bishop Brendan O'Brien. The closing Mass will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in nearby Mississauga.

A gentle reminder to be considerate and respectful of others by remembering that this is a Scent-Aware Environment and that our goal is for all delegates to feel safe and comfortable throughout the convention. We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto this year!

Your Co-Chairs,

Debbie Bates and Mary Capobianco