



**Ontario Provincial Council  
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Spiritual Development Standing Committee**



***Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call***

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**To:** Diocesan Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairpersons  
**From:** Anna Tremblay, Ontario Provincial Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson  
**cc:** Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson Jacqueline Nogier  
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**2018 Ontario Provincial Convention Gift Card Initiative:**

In my Directive #4 issued in February, you were asked to *Stay Tuned ...* for details on a 2018 Ontario Provincial Convention Initiative. In keeping with our focus on Homelessness, members are being asked to donate a \$5 Tim Hortons Gift Card. Everyone enjoys a coffee, tea or hot chocolate once in a while, so this is our treat for people who may not enjoy them as often as we do. In addition, a gift card provides a sense of dignity, by allowing the receiver to pay/make their own choice.

Why Tim Hortons Gift Cards you ask?

- Gift cards are easy to bring to convention (should you so choose)
- Tim Horton stores are everywhere

Councils might consider:

- Opening this initiative up to all parishioners
- Inviting members to bring a gift card to their June end-of-year event
- Purchasing gift cards, funds permitting
- Hosting a fund raising event and delegating those funds to purchase gift cards
- Being creative in promoting this initiative

So, we invite all members across Ontario, to donate a \$5 Tim Hortons Gift Card. Consider inviting family members and friends to donate a card or two. Better yet, extend the invitation to parishioners. What a great way to let others know what the League is doing, both locally and provincially. Perhaps your June meeting could be a **Gift Card Meeting**. Can you imagine the end result if every single member contributed one \$5 gift card? It would be nothing less than **AWESOME!**



At convention, the gift cards will be compiled and the total amount collected will be announced, at the banquet. The gift cards will then be distributed to the following:

**St Claire Inn:** provides transitional housing for homeless women with mental health challenges, rebuild their lives. Women find care and comfort off the street; a place to call home for up to a year, their own bedroom and a shared space that feels like a real home. Learn more at <http://www.stclareinn.com/>

**Covenant House:** provides 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, aged 16 to 24. Learn more at <https://www.covenanthousetoronto.ca/homeless-youth/Home.aspx>

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:** a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. Learn more at <http://svdptoronto.org/>

Remember, this is a voluntary project – the same as bringing a non-perishable food item to the 2016 provincial convention, in Stratford. That initiative was a huge success. Please help make this a success too!

I would love to hear how your diocese/councils promoted/participated in this initiative. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours in service,

*Anna*

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### **Suggested Bulletin Announcement:**



This year the **Ontario Provincial Convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada** will be held in Toronto July 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with our current focus on Homelessness, we are undertaking a special initiative and inviting you to join in, by donating a \$5.00 Tim Hortons Gift Card. Following the convention the gift cards will be donated to **St Claire Transition House** (provides transitional housing for homeless women with mental health challenges rebuild their lives), **Covenant House** (provides 24/7 crisis care to homeless youth, aged 16 to 24), and **St Vincent de Paul Society** (a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message, by serving Christ through the poor with love, respect, justice and joy). Please contact (*insert name and phone number here – does not have to be council president*) with your \$5 donation/gift card. Thank you for your generosity!