



70th Annual Provincial Convention

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

Greetings!

Thunder Bay Diocese, hosting council, is doing a superior job in preparing for the 70th Annual Provincial Convention, July 2017. They are blessed to have Hearst Diocese share in welcoming each of us as delegates. It's a milestone anniversary year, so be prepared to celebrate in true CWL fashion.

Festivities begin with the CWL flag raising ceremony at City Hall on Friday, July 7 at 4:00 pm. Our flag will fly high for the entire week of convention. You can plan your own adventure on Saturday evening as you explore the core of Lake Superior shores and all the business community has to offer.

We are honoured to welcome His Eminence Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, Primate of Canada as our keynote speaker Monday morning. Cardinal Lacroix will centre his talk on *Amoris Laetitia* and the struggles of Catholic women today.

Presentation of resolutions will take place Tuesday morning. The focus for the afternoon will be walking in spirit with our Aboriginal sisters. It will begin with a moderated panel discussion followed by a ceremonial walk honouring the memory of missing and murdered Indigenous women and in support for those left behind. As part of the ceremony we ask you to bring an earring (one that is left because the other is lost) to be used during the walk.

We will install a new executive council at the closing mass. I ask each of you to remember in your daily prayers all our CWL sisters who are discerning their call to service. We are evolving into a mission culture of engagement. We need a team who will joyfully embrace the opportunity to reach out to all women, seek out their needs and then feed them. Time permitting we will participate in a *World Café* (collaborative dialogue) on the future of The League.

Looking forward to spending time with you at convention and sharing a bit of my world in and around Lake Superior. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide you and bless your good works, *For God and Canada*.

See you in July!

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