



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
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70th Annual Ontario Provincial Convention

Monday, July 10, 2017



The morning began with mass celebrated by Ontario Provincial Spiritual Advisor Bishop Fred Colli, con-celebrated by Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop-Brendan O'Brien and other clergy present.

Red & White Day: The room was a sea of red and white as delegates had been invited to wear those colours today in honour of Canada's 150th birthday this year.



Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, spoke on the "Joy of Love and the Struggles of Catholic Women Today." Delegates were encouraged to read *Amoris Laetitia* (*Joy of Love*), by Pope Francis. This post-synodal apostolic exhortation embraces many topics and speaks of the beauty of love and of love as a continuing journey. The document has been widely embraced and recognized for its loving openness to pastoral ministry. Four important words/attitudes that it brings to our attention (key ways of living) are: 1. Welcoming and Listening; 2. Accompanying; 3. Discerning; and 4. Integrating.

He spoke of the many challenges facing Catholic women and the need to prepare ourselves to face these challenges by embracing the Word of God and developing a growing and personal relationship with Him. We were reminded that the Church values women as we are. Our ability to evangelize depends on how we look at people. We must look at them with respect, recognize their dignity, be non-judgemental and give credibility to their faith; we are all children of God.

He referred to the League's Mission Statement and stated that the Church needs us more than ever. He concluded his talk with: "Inspired by the Spirit, continue to respond to God's call."



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Spiritual Advisors Luncheon



Life Members Luncheon:



Blessing of Quilts and Crowning of Mary: In the context of a Prayer Service, Bishop Colli blessed the handmade quilts brought from each of the 13 Ontario diocesan councils. Following the blessing, Provincial President Pauline Krupa and Mary Guerts, a 69-year League member, placed the traditional floral crown on a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.





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Fun Night – 70 Years of Fashion

