

**Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**75th OPC Convention, July12, 2022
Oral Report**

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Madame President:

For what seemed like an eternity, the Hearst-Moosonee Diocese CWL had seen a great deal of turmoil and uncertainty. We were not meeting in person and a lot was going on with our Bishop and Clergy and of course COVID continued to rear its ugly head every time we thought it would be safe to come together. Each council in our Diocese worked tirelessly to keep things going and we persevered. When we thought we would finally be able to meet in person things got changed, as they had so many times before, and we had to have our Diocesan Convention – once again – via Zoom.

So, being CWL Sisters to the core, we decided this was going to be a fun filled, you won't get us down this time COVID Spring Fling, with a theme of April Showers bring May Flowers! The dress code was Summer, Flowers, and Fun and on April 29th, 2022, we got our Zoom on and had a fun filled, laugh til you cry Convention that brought us together in friendship and renewed our spirits with the love we have for the League and for each other!

Our Provincial Representative, Colleen Martin sprinkled our day with messages of Joy and fun activities. Her enthusiasm and commitment to our Convention was captivating. We enjoyed a Scavenger Hunt, a video, and even a game of Bingo! It was such a pleasure to have her with us and we were grateful for her generous and JOYFUL contribution to our day.

We enjoyed the musings of an awesome guest speaker, Michael Hall from Catholic Christian Outreach, who spoke to us about accompaniment and encouragement for our youth. He addressed the importance of keeping our youth connected when they leave home for University or College. What can be said for the young can be said for the "just past young" men and women in our Church. We all need to accompany and encourage each other no matter our age.

Throughout the day each of us shared our Spring traditions. Some plant their gardens, some deep clean their home and cottage, some just enjoy the change of weather and absence of snow. It added a new dimension to our sisterhood learning just a little bit more about each other. It soothed the soul to hear about all of the wonderful spring rituals that happen with our sisters. Some have traditions just like our own and others have traditions we would like to explore.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our beautiful Prayers and Services. The day was peppered with prayers that grounded us and lifted our souls.

Respectfully Submitted
Liz McInnis