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HOPE  
& Joy

Happy New Year my dear sisters!

There is excitement with the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. With the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on December 24, 2024, Pope Francis began the Jubilee Year of 'Hope and Joy'.

May the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1).

Last month we introduced the mascot, Luce.

Luce was designed by the illustrator Simone Legno, with the intention of reflecting pop culture, popular among young people, bringing with her a message of hope and welcome.

When studying the meaning of Luce I reflect on her symbolism and the similarities to our journey with the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

We bring messages of hope and welcome to all people and we have chosen to focus on our youth.

Luce's mission is to guide young pilgrims toward hope and faith.

Sound familiar? Hope, faith and charity are at the very heart of the League.

Luce wears a yellow anorak to protect herself from the elements and dirty boots that bear witness to the path she has already traveled. It is meant to symbolize journeying through life's storms.

The League calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We travel across our communities offering support in the delivery of our three pillars: faith, service and social justice. We sometimes brave the elements of life's storms to make a difference.



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Luce wears a missionary cross around her neck. We uphold Christian values and proudly wear our crosses and crucifixes to proclaim our faith. Praying the rosary is in our DNA.

The pilgrim's staff in her hand symbolizes the pilgrimage toward eternity. We wear our scarves and pins to symbolize the League and its faith values. Our final pilgrimage is our journey to everlasting life and eternal rest in heaven.

Luce's eyes shine with an intense light: they symbolize the hope that is born in the heart of every pilgrim and reflect the desire for spirituality and connection with the divine. We are proud of all the good works we do with hearts of joy, hope and peace while sharing our gifts of spiritual faith. League sisters also reflect spirituality and pray for a strong connection with the divine.

"The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God."

I urge you to take some time to read '[The Bull of Indiction Year of Jubilee 2025](#)', given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, in May by Pope Francis.

*"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14).*

*May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence  
the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
to whom be praise and glory, now and forever. Amen!*

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to watch over you and God continue to bless you throughout the year.

