

**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF
THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

**2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
JULY 5 – 9, 2025**

LONDON, ONTARIO – FOUR POINT SHERATION CONFERENCE CENTRE

SATURDAY JULY 5

- 1:00 pm Registration – Lynden Room
- 2:00 pm **OPC Administration Committee – Kent Room**
(Bishop Dowd, elected officers, and admin assistant)
- 7:00 Games Night at St. Justin Parish Hall, hosted by the London Diocesan Convention Committee (details in the Registration Package)

SUNDAY JULY 6

- 8:30-1:30 pm Tours in London – Information in the Registration Package
- 9:00 am to 1:45 pm **OPC Pre-convention Meeting – Bristol Ballroom A** (Bishop Dowd, elected officers, administrative assistant, diocesan presidents and diocesan spiritual advisors) – Lunch served
- 2:00 pm Resolutions Dialogue Bristol Ballroom B and C
- 5:30 pm **Opening Ceremony - St. Justin's, 855 Jalna Blvd, London**
Followed immediately by **Opening Holy Mass**
Welcoming Reception hosted by London Diocesan Council immediately following.

MONDAY JULY 7

- 7:30 am Registration opens
- 8:15 am Holy Mass – Bristol Ballroom
- 9:00 am Welcome – Opening Prayer – Shari Guinta – National report
- 10:00 am Presentations: Officers, Administrative Assistant, and Diocesan Presidents
- 10:45 am Mingle in Joy
- 11:15 am Continue with presentations
- 12:15 pm Luncheons – Life Member, Spiritual Advisors
Members (see registration package for options)
- 1:45 pm Crowning of Mary
- 2:00 pm Formation facilitated by Bishop Dowd and/or Diocesan Spiritual Advisor(s)
- 3:15 pm Mingle in Joy
- 4:00 pm Praise and Worship
- 4:15 pm Closing prayer – break for supper (see registration package for options)
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm Twi-light Retreat – Bristol Ballroom; doors open 6:45 pm

2025 Tentative Agenda – OPC Convention & AMM – LONDON, ONTARIO

TUESDAY JULY 8

7:30 am Registration opens

8:15 am Holy Mass – Bristol Ballroom

9:00 am Welcome – Opening prayer – Introduce speaker

Speaker: Dr. Josephine Lombardi – Bring your bible and a copy of her most recent book if you have it; *Marian Approaches to Synodality*.

Dr. Lombardi names Mary as a 'synodal way' and 'accompanying witness' to the spirit's guidance of the synodal process. *Marian Approaches to Synodality* tells us to listen to her son, to the spirit – essential for discerning topics like formation and the role of women in the Church.

10:45 am Mingle Moment

11:15 am Dr. Lombardi continues

12:15 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Reconvene for an afternoon of learning and growth

Do you have topics you would like to see here? Send those through the contact us form on the website <https://cwl.on.ca/contact-us/>.

3:30 Vendor draws and CCCB presentation of cheque – Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

4:00 Closing prayer

6:00 Symposium

6:30 Banquet

WEDNESDAY JULY 9 – Annual Meeting of Members (AMM)

7:30 am Registration opens

8:30 am Welcome and greetings from guests (including National President or rep) AMM Call to Order – Credentials Report – Standing Rules of Order

8:45 am Resolutions

10:15 am Mingle Moment

10:30 am 2024 Financial Report

10:55 am Bishop Dowd and Provincial President Reports – Adjourn AMM

11:10 am Video celebration of events around the province from 2024

11:45 am Invitation to 2026 Convention: Thunder Bay Diocesan Council

11:00 am Closing Prayer

11:15 am Buses to St. Peter's Basilica

12:00 pm Closing Mass, Reaffirmation, Passing of Banner

Travel home safely.

1:30 to 3:00 pm **Post-convention** meeting (TBC – may use zoom at later date)