

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

79th Annual Provincial Convention & Annual Meeting of Members

JULY 5 - 8, 2026

THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

VALHALLA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Details & Registration Information can be found at:

<https://cwl.on.ca/conventions/>



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*United as Sisters in Christ - gathering from near and far
to build the Kingdom of God with joy!*

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

Dear League Sisters and Spiritual Advisors,

This invitation to the 79th OPC Convention in Thunder Bay, July 5-8, 2026, comes from the CWL members in the Thunder Bay Diocese, the CWL members in the Hearst-Moosonee Diocese and the 2026 Convention co-chairs.

We are all joyfully anticipating your arrival to join in the faith (spiritual programme), fun (Saturday night if you arrive early, Mrs. Roper Night) and fulfillment (should you choose the service project).

Convention is always a time to renew friendships and make new ones. You will be welcomed with open arms. See you in July.

Travel safely,

Thunder Bay Diocese
Cathy Carlino
Diocesan President

Hearst-Moosonee Diocese
Nancy Pye
Diocesan President

Convention Co-Chairs:
Liz Bortolussi
Sandra Wieckowski
Pauline Krupa





**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF
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COLLEEN MARTIN, PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT**

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January 8, 2026

Dear Sisters, Spiritual Advisors and Guests:

RE: 79TH ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION AND AMM

I write this letter of invitation to our 79th Annual Convention and AMM on behalf of your sisters on provincial council. As we respond to our national president's invitation to 'Ignite Our Passion, Empower His Mission' it is a perfect time to experience spiritual formation, learning, and celebration that always result in ignition and lasting memories.

I continue to encourage everyone to not save seats for your "friends" as we are all sisters and friends in the League. Instead, arrive together if you wish to sit together. This way when a member attending on their own asks if they can sit with you, you are able to readily welcome them.

Some of the changes from last year will continue while others will return to traditional practice based on the evaluation responses. Something new on Sunday will allow you to join your sisters in service. Above all we hope you will be filled with a sense of belonging, experience love, and experience the peace and joy only celebration of our faith brings.

The past year has flown by, and it is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our term. We cannot wait to meet and greet all of you once again!! Please introduce yourselves to us, as we will have difficulty getting to all of you!!

Safe travels,

On behalf of the Ontario Provincial Council

Administration Committee

Colleen Martin, President
Karen McDonald, Vice-President
Linda Squarzolo, Past President
Lisa Fillingham, Treasurer
Lisa Henry, Secretary
Claudette Langdon, Faith Chair
Sue Lubowitz, Service Chair
Hilarion Mitchell, Social Justice Chair
Wilma Vanderzwaag, Administrative Assistant

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Teresa Di Falco, Hamilton
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Maureen Vincentine, Kingston
Denise Lalond-Morris, London
Mary Ellen James, Ottawa-Cornwall
Wendy Tedford, Peterborough
Annette Chaplin, Pembroke
Deedee Alexandre, St. Catharines
Patricia Clizia, Sault Ste. Marie
Cathy Carlino, Thunder Bay
Audrey Shelton, Timmins
Kate O'Quinn, Toronto



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January 8, 2025

Dear Members and Spiritual Advisors of The Catholic Women's League of Canada:

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to join me in Thunder Bay for the 79th Annual Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada Convention and Annual Meeting of Members to be held from Sunday July 5 to Wednesday July 8, 2026. Thunder Bay is off the beaten path for many, but your presence here would mean a great deal to your Parish or Diocesan League.

While at the convention there will be opportunity for the Spiritual Advisors to gather over lunch and discuss 'How or where we would like The Catholic Women's League to grow.' This conversation will allow us to discuss the strengths, weaknesses and the challenges we experience with the League. It will bring about awareness of how we can better work together and how the League can best serve the Church and communities we serve.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is indeed a strong backbone for the Church. It goes without saying that the women step up to the plate frequently to serve wherever needed in the life of the parish, diocese, and nation. Their resolutions address social justice, their enthusiasm build community and their faith leads to others to God.

I look forward to welcoming and celebrating with members of the League.

Sincerely,

Bishop Alan Campeau
Provincial Spiritual Advisor

Important Things to Note

Ontario Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay, July 5–8, 2026

Hotel Registration for the OPC 79th Annual Provincial Convention

LOCATION: Valhalla Inn

CALL IN: (807) 577-1121, (807) 964-1121

EMAIL: reservations@valhallahotel.ca

To ensure receiving the special group rate, attendees must identify the group name and/or group code when making the reservations.

All individual reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

Please quote the Group Booking Number below:

Ontario CWL 2026 Convention (CI) - 1371903

Registration Deadline Dates:

Registration will remain open right up to the time of the convention with the following exceptions:

1. Hotel reservation cost guarantee is only available until **June 3, 2026**. After that date you will pay the going rate or find accommodations on your own.

2. Meals at the hotel **must be ordered before June 10, 2026**. This is to allow for the banqueting staff to order supplies to accommodate our needs. This includes all dietary needs for those requiring a special menu. Should you wish to know what is being served each day, please indicate on your registration form and we will gladly share that with you.

Costing of items

We have worked very hard to keep prices as affordable as possible. Thanks to the generous donations of councils across the diocese we are able to provide you the morning refreshments free of charge. We ask that you please register for this as it will be a ticketed item. This is to help with ordering.

For events out of the hotel, bussing is included in the costs. For Saturday evening there is a limited number of spaces (only 100). The Sunday Tour #1 includes the coach(es) and a snack at Fisherman's Park. Lunch is on your own as you tour the Waterfront Businesses (only 96). The Italian Supper hosted by St. Anthony CWL has no limits in numbers.

Please register for this supper before June 20, 2026.

Breakfast on Your Own

The Valhalla Inn does have a full all day breakfast in their restaurant. There is also a snacking area near the registration desk with a variety of items to purchase. There is a Tim Hortons just a few blocks away on Arthur Street West.

Special Refreshments

For those who would like a "little something" there is an LCBO in the mall right across from the hotel. Cheers!

**Mrs. Roper Night
at the Sleeping Giant Brewery
Saturday, July 4, 2026**



Bring your best Mrs. Roper (from Three's Company) attire (Anything 1970's works too) to join us at the Sleeping Giant Brewery. This promises to be a night of fun and frolic with good eats, music, dancing, and a few other surprises.

Cost \$50.00 includes your dinner, munchies and bussing. Full Cash Bar (not just beer)
This local brewery has a store front as well for purchases you might want to make.

Buses board at 5:30 pm

**Sunday Tour and Waterfront Shopping (#!)
Sunday, July 5, 2026**

After boarding the coach(es), you will visit Terry Fox Monument then travel to Fisherman's Park on the shores of Lake Superior for a close up view of the grain elevators. While there a light snack will be served. From there you will be dropped off at the Goods and Co and Waterfront business area. While there you can shop at local venues, enjoy lunch on your own and stroll down to the waterfront for an even better view of the harbour. The coach will be available for hop on / hop off. Final loading will take place at the Marina. Times will be posted. You will be provided with information on all businesses and restaurants. Cost: \$35.00 Buses board at 9:00 am



**(NOTE Same time as tour)
Sunday July 5, 2026 1:30 pm**

There will be community service opportunities on-site in the ballroom and one off-site. A free will offering is requested to cover costs and provide a donation to the charties supported.

**Italian Dinner Night
Monday, July 6, 2026**

At the end of the day, busses will take you over to St. Anthony Church for mass followed by an Italian Dinner and fun activity in their parish hall. Hosted by the members of their Catholic Women's League council, you will be delighted with a yummy dinner, great dessert, and special entertainment. Cost: \$40.00 Buses board at 4:30 pm



Hotels Near By

- A** Hampton Inn
760 Arthur St. W
Thunder Bay
(807)577-5000
- B** Comfort Inn
660 Arthur St. W
Thunder Bay
(807)475-3155
- C** Superior Inn (formerly Victoria Inn)
555 Arthur St. W.
Thunder Bay
(807)577-8481

Please Note

Valhalla Inn does not offer handicap accessible rooms but the Hampton Inn does

Restaurants Near By

- D** Nortenos Taqueria
698 Arthur St. West
807-623-6266
- E** Mary Brown's Chicken
1105 Arthur St. West
807-285-3773
- F** Mr. Chinese
615 Arthur St. West
807-577-8051
- G** Chuck's Roadhouse
610 Arthur St. West
807-475-3886
- H** Asian Restaurant
310 Moundale Avenue
807-476-0650
- I** Boston Pizza
217 Arthur St West
807-577-4201
- J** Tokyo House
231 Arthur St. West
807-622-1169

Other Hotels and Restaurants

Days Inn & Suites 645 Sibley Dr. Thunder Bay (807)622-3297	Days Inn Wyndham 1250 Golf Links Rd. Thunder Bay (807)360-0043	Holiday Inn Express 1041 Carrick St. Thunder Bay (807)360-0970	TownePlace Suites by Marriott 550 Harbour Expressway Thunder Bay (807)346-9000
Keg Steakhouse	735 Hewitson Street		807-623-1960
Montana's Cookhouse	615 Sibley Drive		807-622-1000
Applebee's	1155 Alloy Drive		807-346-5994
Mongo's Grill	1075 Memorial Avenue		807-683-8777
Tony Roma's	1043 Memorial Avenue		807-622-7427
Caribou	727 Hewitson Street		807-628-8588
5 Forks	1072 Oliver Road		807-346-6000
Wacky Wings	540 High Street South		807-767-2000

Directions to Churches

FROM

Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre
1 Valhalla Inn Rd, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6J1

TO

St Anthony's Catholic Church
123 Hilldale Rd, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E3

St Patrick's Cathedral
211 Archibald St S, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1G4

St. Agnes Church, Thunder Bay
1019 Brown St, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 2L7

Take Arthur St W to Hwy 61 N
2 min (600 m)

Take Trans-Canada Hwy E/ON-11 E/ON-17 E to Hilldale Rd
10 min (9.8 km)

↩ Turn left onto Hwy 61 N
3.0 km

↑ Continue onto Trans-Canada Hwy E/ON-11 E/ON-17 E
5.9 km

↩ Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Dawson Rd/ON-102 W
850 m

Turn right onto Hilldale Rd
i Destination will be on the left
12 sec (120 m)

↪ Turn right onto Arthur St W
4.2 km

↩ Turn left onto Archibald St S
i Destination will be on the left
150 m

Take Hwy 61 N to Mary St W
3 min (1.8 km)

↪ Turn right onto Arthur St W
300 m

↪ Turn right onto Hwy 61 N
1.1 km

↩ Turn left onto Neebing Ave
350 m

Follow Mary St W to Brown St
3 min (1.9 km)

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**79th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND AMM – JULY 5 – 8, 2026
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO – VALHALLA INN, 1 VALHALLA INN ROAD**

FRIDAY JULY 3

10:30 am Flag raising – City Hall, 500 Donald Street E. P7C 5K4 (to be confirmed)

SATURDAY JULY 4

1:00 pm Registration – Cloakroom outside ballroom

2:00 pm **OPC Administration Committee**
(Bishop Campeau, elected officers, and admin assistant)

5:30 pm Buses to Mrs. Roper Night

SUNDAY JULY 5

7:45 am Registration – Cloakroom outside ballroom

8:00 am to 1:00 pm **Ontario Provincial Council Meeting**
(breakfast and lunch served - all OPC including diocesan presidents and diocesan spiritual advisors)

9:00 am Tour and Waterfront Shopping (ticketed)

1:30 pm Service projects (ticketed)

4:00 pm Buses to opening ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Followed immediately by Eucharistic Celebration and reception in auditorium

MONDAY JULY 6

7:45 am Registration – Cloakroom outside ballroom

8:00 am Divine Mercy (daily zoom group live in the ballroom .. please join us)

8:30 am Opening Prayer – Welcome - Introductions

10:00 am Where faith grows, Love flows (national theme and 'Blessed are the Poor')

10:45 am Mingle Moment

11:15 am Presentation of reports - Officers and Administrative Assistant

12:15 pm Luncheons (ticketed) Life Members

12:30 pm Spiritual Advisors

12:45 pm Members

1:45 pm Resolutions Dialogue

3:15 pm Mingle Moment

3:40 pm Reports - Diocesan Presidents

4:25 pm Closing prayer

MONDAY (CONTINUED) - JULY 6

5:00 pm Buses to St. Anthony's Parish

5:45 pm Mass followed by dinner in St. Anthony's Parish Hall

9:00 pm Buses back to Valhalla Inn

TUESDAY JULY 7 - AMM

7:45 am Registration – Cloakroom outside of ballroom

8:00 am Divine Mercy (daily zoom group live in the ballroom .. please join us)

8:15 am Eucharistic Celebration (includes deceased members ceremony)

9:15 am Welcome and greetings from guests

AMM Call to Order – League Prayer - Credentials Report – Standing Rules of Order
Resolutions

10:30 am Mingle Moment

2025 Financial Report

Bishop Campeau and Provincial President Reports

Celebration of events around the province from 2025

Launch of new website

11:55 am Angelus and Grace

12:00 noon Lunch (Ticketed)

1:15 pm Opening Prayer

Elections

Adjourn and congratulations

Rest of agenda will be flexible ... will break at 3:00 pm Mingle Moment

6:00 Social outside ballroom followed by banquet (doors open at 6:30)

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

8:30 am Divine Mercy (daily zoom group live in the ballroom .. please join us)

9:00 am Opening Prayer - Welcome and Introduce facilitator

Interactive Presentation: Betty Colaneri, National President

10:00 am Mingle Moment

10:30 am Incoming President's Vision – Karen McDonald

11:15 am Invitation to Convention 2027 & Passing of the Banner

Travel prayer

11:30 am Buses to St. Agnes parish for closing mass

Noon Eucharistic Celebration & Installation of Executive

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Diocese of Thunder Bay
July 5 – 8, 2026
Valhalla Hotel and Convention Centre, Thunder Bay, ON

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE June 10 , 2026 (REFUNDS NOT GUARANTEED AFTER June 19 , 2026)

- \$10 late fee if registering after June 10, 2026**

One person per registration form (photocopy forms as needed)

The personal contact information provided will be used by the convention registration committee for registration, preparing name tags, assigning workshops, and will be destroyed once the convention is adjourned.

Name (please print) _____ **Diocese** _____

- THIS IS MY FIRST PROVINCIAL CONVENTION (check if true)**
 I PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A SUBSIDY AS FIRST TIME ATTENDEE (check if true)

Address _____

City/Town _____ **Postal Code** _____ **Parish** _____

Telephone () _____ **E-mail** _____

I am attending this convention as a: (Please check **only one item** in this section.)

Select one if you are voting **Accredited Delegates ... Please attach credential form to this registration**

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate (Diocesan President)
<input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan – Accredited
<input type="checkbox"/> Parish – Accredited
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Life Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member |
|---|

Select one if you are attending as a Non-voting attendee

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Spiritual Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Hierarchy
<input type="checkbox"/> CWL Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest |
|---|

Either \$20.00 per day or \$50.00 for all three days (add cost at bottom of special events form)

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Convention |
|---|

Make all cheques payable to: CWL Provincial Convention 2026

Mail to address below OR Email to: cwlconvention2026@gmail.com

Maria Bertoldo
386 Ryerson Cres

E-transfer: tbaycwl@gmail.com

Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5R6

79TH Annual Ontario Provincial Convention
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Diocese of Thunder Bay
July 4 – 8, 2026
Valhalla Hotel and Convention Centre, Thunder Bay, ON
ONE FORM PER PERSON

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please specify any special needs: i.e. mobility, etc. _____

Dietary Needs: dairy-free; diabetic; gluten-free; vegan; vegetarian.

Other _____

Best time to contact with respect to special needs: _____

Saturday, July 4th	Fun Night – Sleeping Giant Brewery (max 100 people)	\$50.00	
Sunday, July 5th	City Sights Tour (same time as community service opportunities)	\$35.00	
	Community Service Opportunities (choose on-site or off-site) On-Site <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site <input type="checkbox"/> (Free will offering)	---	---
	Bus – Opening Liturgy	\$5.00	
Monday, July 6th	Coffee break, morning (ticketed - ✓ If wish a ticket)	No Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Luncheons - Select One: Spiritual Advisors Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00	
	Life Members Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00	
	Delegates Luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00	
	Dinner at St. Anthony's Parish (incl. bus)	\$40.00	
Tuesday, July 7th	Coffee break, morning (ticketed - ✓ If wish a ticket)	No Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lunch	\$35.00	
	Banquet (Please select one) Turkey <input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00	
	Pickerel (Walleye) <input type="checkbox"/>	\$85.00	
Wednesday, July 8th	Coffee break, morning (ticketed - ✓ If wish a ticket)	No Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bus – Closing Liturgy	\$5.00	
	Registration Fee (from Registration form \$20/day or \$50/full)		
	Annual Report Book	\$10.00	
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$	

REFUNDS ARE NOT GUARANTEED AFTER JUNE 19, 2026

Make all cheques payable to: **The Catholic Women's League of Canada-Thunder Bay Diocesan Council**

Mail to:

Maria Bertoldo
386 Ryerson Cres.
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5R6

E-mail: cwlconvention2026@gmail.com

E-transfer: tbaycwl@gmail.com

Credential Form – Provincial Accredited Delegate

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

Please check one:

Provincial Officer and Life Member Provincial Officer

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**: _____

Address: _____

is an Accredited Delegate of the Ontario Provincial Council.

Signature of Provincial President: _____

Signature of Provincial Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Life Member Accredited Delegate

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

Please check one:

___ Honorary Life Member ___ Past Provincial President & Life Member ___ Life Member

Name **(please print)**: _____

Address: _____

Diocese: _____

Signature of Honorary/Life Member: _____

Copy of convention minutes: YES NO (circle one)

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Diocesan Voting Delegate

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**: _____

Address: _____

Is the Voting Delegate of the Diocese of: _____

Signature of Diocesan President: _____

Signature of Diocesan Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Diocesan Accredited Delegate (1)

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**: _____

Address: _____

is an Accredited Delegate of the Diocese of: _____

Signature of Diocesan President: _____

Signature of Diocesan Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Diocesan Accredited Delegate (2)

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**: _____

Address: _____

is an Accredited Delegate of the Diocese of: _____

Signature of Diocesan President: _____

Signature of Diocesan Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Parish Accredited Delegate (1)

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**: _____

Address: _____

is an Accredited Delegate of: _____ Parish Council.

Town/City: _____ Diocese: _____

Signature of Parish Council President: _____

Signature of Parish Council Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.