

Coldest Night of the Year (Feb. 28)

The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is a national event, held in February, where families and community members can walk to raise money in support of charities that serve people experiencing homelessness, hurt and hunger.

Since 2011, the Coldest Night of the Year has raised over \$75,000,000 across Canada in 190 Canadian communities – 100% of net proceeds stay local to support CNOY charity partners.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) actively addresses homelessness through various initiatives, focusing on service, advocacy, and awareness, including fundraising, collecting essentials (like socks), supporting housing projects, creating comfort items (like milk bag mats), and advocating for affordable housing, recognizing it as a significant social justice issue in Canada

As Catholic Women's League members we can join the tens of thousands of other Canadians by shining a light of welcome and inclusion by being a part of the CNOY Walk. By doing so, we can declare our concern for people who have no home and take shelter where they find it. With each step we take, we bring someone closer to safety, health and home as we raise funds.

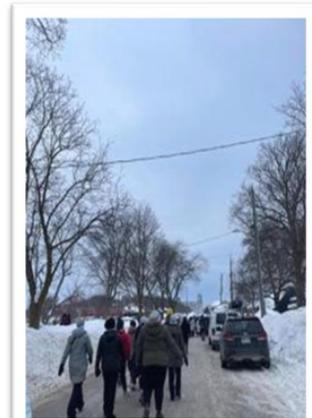
Members can volunteer by walking 2 or 5 kilometers or in many other ways. Volunteers are needed as check in crews, cheerleaders, and marshals throughout the course or helping with food and refreshments. Fundraising at the parish level, even if not walking, and donating these funds to the event would also be a significant contribution.

For further information and to find an event near you, members should go to the event page at <https://en.cnoy.org/home>.

If participating, please share your team's picture on the Ontario Provincial Council Facebook or Instagram pages.

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OPC Service Chairperson

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St. Mary's CWL Council, Collingwood (2025)