

International Women's Day

"All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law."

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 7

The theme for this year's International Women's Day 2026 is "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls". In 2026, women have only 64 per cent of the legal rights that men hold worldwide. In fundamental areas of life, including work, money, safety, family, property, mobility, business, and retirement – the law systematically disadvantages women. When people, organizations, and communities invest time, resources, and mentorship in women, everyone thrives.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is one of the 100 member organizations, in 56 countries of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO). WUCWO represents over 8 Million Catholic women. In 2007 the Holy See recognized WUCWO as a public international association of the faithful.

At the WUCWO North American Regional Conference held on August 10, as part of the Catholic Women's League of Canada 2025 National Convention held in Toronto, President General Monica Santamarina delivered her report to the membership. WUCWO, through its Woman's Observatory, conducts research with disadvantaged women to understand the gaps they face and the support they need to overcome those challenges. They work with local governments to promote the integral human development of women. With your membership in the Catholic Women's League you are an integral part of that work.

To learn more about the World Women's Observatory: <https://wucwo.org/en/world-womens-observatory/>

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