



Dear Sisters in the League,

Welcome, Welcome, **Welcome**

The Huron-Perth Regional Convention Committee invites all of you to the 97th Annual Diocesan Convention, being held at the Arden Park Best Western Plus Hotel, Stratford, Ontario on April 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2017.

In your package is a letter from Father Greg Bonin, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor to the local Councils' Spiritual Advisors. Please pass this letter on to your Spiritual Advisor.

We are pleased to offer a Bus tour on Monday, April 24th. This tour is of Huron-Perth with stops at the Perth County Museum and a tour of St. Patrick's Church in Kinkora. This is a recently renovated Heritage building. Lunch, lovingly prepared by your sisters in the League, will be included. The tour leaves the Arden Park at 10:00, so you would need to **be there by 9:30 AM** to pick up your Tour Ticket. The bus will return you to the hotel by 2:00 PM in time for our resolutions dialogue. The cost is \$25.00.

Please come join us for the opening mass at 5 PM at Immaculate Conception Church located at 50 Well Street in Stratford. Directions to the church can be found on a separate sheet in this package.

A list of nearby restaurants will be available at the registration desk. Our hostesses wearing the Canadian fascinators will be happy to answer any questions you may have in this regard.

Our "Fun Night" on Monday following the opening Mass will have an "Elvis" theme beginning with a plated 3 course chicken dinner, followed by an evening of dancing, singing and reminiscing. Kevin LaFlamme will portray the King and he will entertain from 8:00 – 10:00 pm. Come dressed in your best Elvis or Elvis fan club outfit and prepare for an unforgettable energetic evening. Tickets for the dinner are included on the meal and registration form. If you do not wish to purchase a ticket for the Fun Night Dinner, you may join in after 8:00 PM at no charge.

Since it is Canada's Sesquicentennial this year, we are being asked to wear red and white on Tuesday to the sessions. You will be given time to change before Mass and the banquet. The Diocesan executive will be raffling off a red and white gift basket with the proceeds going to Catholic Missions in Canada.

We trust that you will find the agenda for Tuesday and Wednesday both informative and spiritually fulfilling. The Crowning of Mary will take place Tuesday morning. Each council is asked to bring a prayer lapghan/shawl/lapquilt to process up by your

president and be blessed for the crowning of Mary procession. These items will be blessed and you will take them back home with you to use however you as a council decide. We are women helping those in need. Gifts for the needy may be placed around the prayer table in the morning before sessions begin. The gifts to be collected will be shared among these charities:

1. **Optimism Place in Stratford** – temporary home for women and children leaving an abusive relationship
2. **Huron Women's Shelter in Goderich** – temporary home for women and children leaving an abusive relationship

See attached page for suggestions for gift bags for these charities

Busing will not be provided to and from the opening mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Busing will be provided to the reaffirmation mass of diocesan officers at St. Joseph's Church (as parking is limited). Cost of the bus will be \$5.00.

The charities supported equally at this mass collection are:

1. **Huron Perth Hospice**
2. **South Huron Hospital Foundation, Jessica's House, in Exeter** their palliative care hospice

Join Huron-Perth for the 97th Annual London Diocesan Convention. We look forward to seeing all of you, re-acquainting, learning, sharing and most of all praying together. It is in the Lord that we experience true and lasting fulfillment. The family that prays together stays together.

We are family!

See you soon!

Your Sisters in Christ

Dara Hartman and Lucy Hendrikx

Suggestions for bags for women and children at Crowning of Mary:

Women – toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, make up pads, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, brush or comb, feminine hygiene products

Children – diapers, wipes, socks, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, hair brush or comb, individually packaged snacks (no nuts).