



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
LONDON DIOCESAN COUNCIL

*You are invited!*

*I welcome you to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada, London Diocese  
In Convention at  
The John D. Bradley Chatham-Kent Convention Centre  
April 27, 28, 29, 2020  
Theme: Honoring Our Past and Inspiring Our Future!*

*Celebrate 100 years of Faith, Service & Social Justice in our communities, our  
country and the world!*

*Our celebrations begin Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> with a Flag Raising at City Hall  
Square in Chatham at 11:00 am. The afternoon continues with Resolutions at the  
convention centre, and our opening Mass & Ceremonies at Blessed Sacrament  
Parish, Chatham. Join us for our Pasta dinner and Cash Bar.  
3 tours are available in the morning.*

*Debra Majer Fraser, Archivist of the London Diocese will be our  
Key Note Speaker on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Our National and Provincial Representatives will bring their greetings on our  
great accomplishment! Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Dabrowski will celebrate our  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at St. Joseph's Parish.*

*Come dressed for the 1920's for our Gala Banquet on Tuesday evening...long  
gloves, fascinators and "all that jazz". Be entertained by  
the Cornell School of Irish Dance and The Sisters Act*

*And our final day will leave us spiritually fulfilled so we can send off our new  
executive to begin our next century! Our Indigenous Sister, The Healer, Mona  
Stonefish will Honour our Past, and Inspire our Future.*

*And...don't forget your wallets! Our fundraiser will be a silent  
auction...bids will begin at \$15 and up to the grand item!*

*Looking forward to seeing you there!  
Rebecca McCarrell London Diocesan President*





## THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA LONDON DIOCESAN COUNCIL

December 2019

Dear Sisters in the League, Spiritual Advisors, delegates and guests,

On behalf of the London Diocesan CWL Executive, along with the Chatham-Kent Region Convention Committee, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you all a very warm welcome to the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention in Chatham, Ontario.

The Catholic Women's League has a reputation for responding wherever there is a need. This year, we celebrate, in all humility, 100 years of responding wherever there is a need! Over 100 years, your actions have ensured that the timeless Gospel values of loving service, social justice and solidarity with people in need have been faithfully put into practice. Women of the CWL are exemplary witnesses to the virtues of faith, love and hope in action.

As we kick off our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, I wish you all every success in your noble endeavors to celebrate your 3 day schedule of making new friends, exchanging your ideas, celebrating your faith and becoming very productive and successful in your deliberations for the years to come.

May you all have a very pleasant stay in beautiful Chatham, Ontario.

Regards,

Father Greg Bonin

London Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Catholic Women's League of Canada





## THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA LONDON DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Dear Sisters in the League,

December 2019

The Chatham-Kent Convention 2020 Committee invites you to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, London Diocesan Convention. If you are taking advantage of the opportunity to experience a tour venue, that is uniquely showcased in Chatham-Kent, please remember to identify any mobility and/or diet restrictions, on your registration form.

Come join us for the Convention 2020 flag raising Monday April 27th at 11 a.m. at the downtown Civic Centre patio. Members may wish to buy lunch and/or shop in lovely downtown Chatham, prior to participating in the Resolutions Workshop, led by Colleen Perry, OPC President, at 2:30 p.m. at the John D. Bradley Chatham-Kent Convention Centre.

The opening mass will be celebrated Monday at 4:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 145 Victoria Ave, Chatham. **Please note there will be no mass shuttles/buses.** Members must arrange their own transportation to/from Monday's opening mass and Tuesday Bishop's mass/Wednesday's Closing mass, both held at St. Joseph's Church, 180 Wellington St. W., Chatham. Parking is plentiful; however, car pooling is suggested. A CK map is included in this registration package.

Remember to **register early** if you plan to join in the Monday evening Pasta dinner and Fun Night. **Seating is limited to 200.** We are again offering an all-inclusive convention meal package for \$195, which includes all meals (including Monday night Pasta dinner) and breaks.

Rooms are reserved at the Holiday Inn Express, the Travelodge and the Comfort Inn. All hotels include a hot breakfast. **Members must make accommodation reservations directly with their preferred hotel.** Be sure to mention that you will be attending the London Diocesan Convention. Please refer to the Hotel Accommodations information page for specific hotel booking deadlines.

Council gift card offerings will be gathered at the Crowning of Mary celebration. Proceeds from the Tuesday Bishop's mass collection will be directed to Camp Vincent; Chatham-Kent Victim Services and Three Fires Women's Shelter - Walpole Island First Nation.

Don't forget to dress "1920"s style and join us at our 100th Anniversary Gala Banquet while we are entertained by the Cornell School of Irish Dance and the Sisters Act!

Remember to bid on a Silent Auction item(s), in support of the Diocesan Convention fundraiser, before Wednesday wraps up with Elections and an Anniversary Tea. All members will receive a special Anniversary keepsake and prayer book to take home!

Chatham-Kent Catholic Women's League members look forward to celebrating our faith and friendship, forged over the past one hundred years, in anticipation and realization of God's plan, for the London Diocesan Catholic Women's League, as He leads us into the next century!

Your sister's in Christ,

Mary Clare Latimer and Beth Lachine  
2020 London Diocesan Convention Chairpersons





**Monday April 27, 2020**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration opens Remain open until 4:00 pm, reopen after Mass – 8 pm
- 9:00 a.m. Pre-Convention Meeting - Diocesan Executive
- 11:00 a.m. Flag Raising at City Hall
- 2:30 p.m. Resolutions Dialogue followed by Resolution Workshop (Colleen Perry)
- 4:30 p.m. Opening Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church  
Convention Opening Ceremonies
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and "Fun Night"

**Tuesday April 28, 2020**

- 7:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 7:30 a.m. Display room opens; Silent Auction opens
- 8:30 a.m. Crowning of Mary
- 9:00 a.m. Introduction of Head Table,  
Greetings from Spiritual Advisor & President  
Credentials report, Standing Rules, Finance report,  
Approval of Agenda, Minutes from Convention 2019 as approved at Exec Fall Mtg
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Debra Majer Fraser– Archivist
- 11:20 a.m. Report from National Council
- 11:50 a.m. Angelus - Grace – Lunch  
Life Members Luncheon
- 1:15 p.m. Afternoon Prayer
- 1:30 p.m. Archive Book of Life  
Archive Resolutions  
Business Sessions Resume
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:40 p.m. Ontario Provincial Council Report: Theme Loneliness
- 3:15 p.m. Business Sessions Resume
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn for day
- 4:10 p.m. Leave for Mass Carpooling suggested
- 4:30 p.m. Bishops' Mass at St. Joseph's Church
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet room / bar opens at convention center
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet – followed by entertainment;

**Wednesday April 29, 2020**

- 7:00 a.m. Registration opens
- 7:30 a.m. Display /Vendor Room / Silent Auction opens
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer,
- 8:45 a.m. Business Session continues
- 9:15 a.m. Alex Schadenberg – Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- 9:45 a.m. Melodie Gabriel– Catholic Near East Welfare Association
- 10:15 a.m. Break; Silent auction closes after break.
- 10:40 a.m. Theme Spiritual Speaker: Mona Stonefish, The Healer, Mohawk Nation
- 11:40 a.m. Announcements
- 11:45 a.m. Angelus – Grace – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Incoming President: Theresa Ryan
- 1:15 p.m. Afternoon Prayer
- 1:30 p.m. Awards – Bellelle Guerin, Social Justice  
Invitation to 2021 Convention
- 2:00 p.m. Elections - Credentials  
Alternate Program: 100 years ago... Cream Tea
- 2:45 p.m. Final report by Rebecca McCarrell
- 3:30 p.m. Closing mass & Installation, St. Joseph's Church – Fr. Greg Bonin

Tuesday April 28, 2020

## CROWNING OF MARY

Gift Cards

Grocery, Giant Tiger, Canadian Tire, McDonald's, Tim Horton's, your choice



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bishop's Mass Collection

Tuesday April 28, 2020



**Camp Vincent** has over 60 acres of cleared and forested land adjacent to the Thames River near Bothwell On. Camp Vincent provides residential summer camp experience for children from all walks of life regardless of faith or financial need. NO CHILD is turned away from camp. Camp Vincent depends on donations, volunteers and community assistance to provide a week experience for 6 – 15 year olds to grow in mind, body and spirit. Camp Vincent is going through a make over and concentrating in bringing God to camp.

### Three Fires Ezhignowenmindwaa Women's Shelter 'Place of Caregiving'

Three Fires Ezhignowenmindwaa Women's Shelter has accommodations for as many as 16 women and children. Besides temporary emergency shelter for battered women and children, the centre offers crisis intervention counseling, individual counseling, advocacy, children's services and community education. The shelter will provide support services for native and non-native battered women and children in Southwestern Ontario. Three Fires Women's Shelter is committed to working toward the elimination of violence against women and children.



### Chatham-Kent Victim Services

Every day in Chatham-Kent, victims of crime and tragedy struggle to overcome the personal impact of robbery, assault, homicide, domestic and sexual assault, suicide, harassment, traffic and fire fatalities, and sudden death.

Chatham-Kent Victim Services aims to provide help, healing and hope to thousands of people in our community who have to cope with these unimaginable life situations.



1920 - 2020  
**100TH** ANNIVERSARY  
**CELEBRATION**  
HONORING OUR PAST AND  
INSPIRING OUR FUTURE

*You are invited*



100th Anniversary Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Fabbro

Concelebrated by Bishop Dabrowski

And the Spiritual Advisors of our Diocese

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

4:30 pm

St. Joseph's Parish

180 Wellington St W, Chatham, ON N7M 5K4

100th Anniversary Gala Banquet

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 6:00 pm

John D. Bradley Convention Centre

555 Richmond St., Chatham ON N7M 1R2

Tickets \$65

Order on line or with your convention package

**Come dressed for fun!**

**1920's attire encouraged**

Gloves, Fascinators, Cloche Hats, Long Beads & More



**Entertainment**

The Cornell School of Irish Dance

The Sisters Act



# SILENT AUCTION

Something for everyone.

A night away

A bottle of wine

A CWL package

And so much more!

Items displayed throughout the convention

Each item will have a starting Bid, Bids increase by \$1. Closes Wed Apr 29 11 am

This is the fundraiser replacing the 50/50 draws that offset some of the expenses.



**Cash or Cheque**  
**Provide your**  
**phone number if**  
**you will not be**  
**available Wed. at**  
**noon**

Annual London Diocesan Convention  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - John D. Bradley Convention Centre, Chatham ON

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIST

Holiday Inn Express  
575 Richmond Street  
Chatham ON  
519-351-1100

Rooms with 1 King bed – non-smoking \$119.99 + tax per night  
Rooms with 2 Queen bed – non smoking \$119.99.+ tax per night

Features – hot breakfast, indoor salt water pool, fitness centre. Next door to convention centre.  
Rooms will be held until April 10, 2020

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Travelodge  
555 Bloomfield Road  
Chatham ON  
519-436-1200

Rooms with (Two beds) The Double \$120.00 + tax per night  
Rooms with Single (Queen) \$110.00 + tax per night

Features – All rooms include WIFI and a Continental hot breakfast each morning including scrambled eggs, sausage, muffins, bagels & toast, hard boiled eggs, cereal, fresh fruit and waffles with coffee, tea and juice. Breakfast is served 6:30 – 9:30 a.m. All rooms are non-smoking with a refrigerator, microwave & Keurig coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.  
Rooms will be held until March 26, 2020. Check-in 3 p.m. Check-out. 12 noon

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Comfort Inn  
1100 Richmond Street  
Chatham ON  
519-352-5500

Rooms on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor \$130.00 + tax  
Rooms on 1<sup>st</sup> floor \$135.00 + tax

Features – All rooms have a mini fridge and a microwave, also a Kuerig coffee machine. Also, a Free hot breakfast, WIFI and parking.

Rooms will be held until March 26<sup>th</sup>. Check-in 3 p.m. Check-out 11 a.m.

Note: Please mention that you will be attending the London Diocesan Convention when reserving your room.



# 2020 CWL Diocesan Convention - Tours

## **TOUR # 1 - 10am-2pm April 27, 2020**

One of the last stops on the Underground Railroad, the **Buxton National Historic Site & Museum** highlights the most successful Black settlement in its day with a tour of the last standing school house built by slaves an 1852 log cabin, churches and a museum with numerous artifacts from the region's rich black history story. Hot lunch of chicken & dumplings with dessert from Comfort & Soul Home Cooking Restaurant will be provided in the Church Hall. Vegan and gluten free options available.

**Price**

55.00

## **TOUR # 2 - 10am-2pm April 27, 2020**

**Parks Blueberries and Country Store.** We will travel along Longwoods Road to Parks Blueberries & Country Store. Walking inside you will be greeted with so many varieties of goods, crafts, foods and a welcoming atmosphere. The delicious smells of the kitchen and foods catch your attention. Wandering over to the food bar you will be greeted with a variety of delicious foods and you can sit and relax while you eat your lunch in the lovely dining area. Choice of two hot lunches with dessert available. Vegan and gluten free options available.

55.00

## **TOUR # 3 10am-2pm April 27, 2020**

**Barn Quilt Trail Tour.** Chatham-Kent is home to three unique and beautiful Barn Quilt Trails; the **Thames River Barn Quilt Trail**, the Longwoods Barn Quilt Trail and the East Kent Barn Quilt Trail. Come for a drive through Chatham-Kent history (1750 – 1850) via the Thames River Barn Quilt Trail. Hear stories of our pioneers who achieved incredible things through times of war and peace as you travel the scenic Thames River countryside. Visit historic St. Peter's Church, second oldest parish in what was the Western District. Lunch including salads, sandwiches, tea coffee and home baked desserts will be provided by the women of the parish. The tour includes a book of quilt stories.

55.00

Every effort will be made to allow participants to join the tour of first choice, however number of participants and bus restrictions may not allow this. Tours are first-come, first-serve and spaces are limited. Must be paid in full to reserve a spot. Tours with insufficient registration may be cancelled.

For questions or concerns with the tours, please connect with Sandi Mailloux [maillouxsandi@gmail.com](mailto:maillouxsandi@gmail.com)

[Please be sure to rank your tour selection on the registration form. If there are mobility or dietary restrictions, they also must be included on the form!](#)



**100<sup>th</sup> Annual London Diocesan Convention**  
**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**John D Bradley Chatham-Kent Convention Centre**  
**April 27 - 29, 2020**

**Menu**

**Monday, April 27th, 2020**

**Dinner** – Following mass at Blessed Sacrament Church

Pasta with 2 meat sauce, or tomato sauce, salad, roll, homemade dessert, tea and coffee

Cash bar will be available

**Tuesday, April 28th, 2020**

**AM - Healthy break**

Sliced fresh fruit, individual yogurt, homemade granola bars.

Aqua Fresca, full bodied fresh fruit enhanced water, fresh brewed coffee and assorted teas.

**Lunch**

**Oven Baker**

House salad – tossed mixed greens with a House vinaigrette

Fresh baked bread

Oven baked chicken – herb and garlic rubbed fresh chicken pieces baked with a white wine butter sauce, served with the Chef's selection of potato and seasonal vegetables.

Dessert – home baked apple tarts

**Vegetarian Option** *(Please check on your meal form)*

House tossed salad with mixed greens and house vinaigrette Fresh pasta rolled with spinach and ricotta cheese topped with marinara sauce and assorted shredded cheese

Fresh baked bread

Dessert – Home baked apple tarts

**PM - Break - The Dipper**

Assorted vegetable crudité platter Hummus and pita chips

Fresh brewed coffee and assorted teas





1. Blessed Sacrament Church: 145 Victoria Ave, Chatham
2. St. Joseph's Church locations: 180 Wellington St W, Chatham
3. Bradley Centre: 565 Richmond St. Chatham
4. Civic Centre: 315 King St. W. Chatham