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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME 2025

Dear Sister in the League:

I am honoured to welcome you to membership in The Catholic Women's League of Canada in Ontario.

You have come to us at a most exciting time as we reimagine the meaning of 'belonging in the League' in Ontario. The new structure adopted recently focuses our efforts into three pillars: faith, service, and social justice. Amazingly, these titles parallel the areas of discerning leadership and women's ministry, deepening our faith, sharing God's love, and ensuring stewardship of all creation including all peoples.

Pope Francis is often referred to as a 'humble servant' or a 'servant leader' which is exemplified in this quote from his address on May 12, 2014:

For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities, the ability to communicate, etc., but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together ... Leadership must enter into service, but with a personal love for the people.

As we together continue to fulfill our mission "to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service" may Our Lady of Good Counsel wrap us all in her loving embrace and continue to guide our steps closer to her Son.

On behalf of all your League sisters, welcome and do not hesitate to reach out through our contact page on our website at www.cwl.on.ca if we can be of assistance in your journey with the League. I hope we have an opportunity to meet sometime in person.

Colleen Martin
Provincial President