



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Dear Service Chairs and Council Presidents:

Welcome to all of you, and a warm welcome to those newly elected to this Committee! Thank you for your continued dedication and support to The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

I look forward to meeting you, collaborating with you, and journeying together for the next two years. The Education component of this committee offers us a meaningful opportunity to promote education at every level of the League.

The **2027 TDC Annual Youth Awards Program** remains one of our most impactful educational based projects across the Toronto Diocese. This year's program is comprised of the following four contests:

1. Mary Matthews Public Speaking
2. Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry
3. Jean McCann Youth Service Award
4. University of St. Michael's College Scholarship

The **2027 TDC Youth Awards Program Package** containing all required forms, rules and guidelines for each contest will be available on the Toronto Diocesan website:
www.cwltoronto.ca → Resources → Reference-documents

For starters, please review the checklist of required forms for each contest, along with the CWL Youth Awards Program-Guidelines for Parishes and Regions, which offer helpful tips for running a successful program and meeting submission deadlines.

I urge you to reach out to your parish school(s) and arrange a meeting with the principals and teachers to review the material and to seek their involvement. Please refer to the deadline dates and ensure that you provide the schools with ample time that will allow their staff to incorporate these projects into their schedules.



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The Toronto Diocese will not set parish level submission dates. Each Region will determine its own due dates based on when submissions are required at the Diocesan level. We ask all Regions to set these dates as soon as possible and communicate them to their parishes so parish deadlines can be established promptly.

To keep the process running smoothly and to ensure that there is sufficient time to complete all the tasks at every level, it is essential that all councils adhere to the due dates and forward their submissions, with all required documentation (parish to region and region to diocese), on or before the deadline dates.

In parishes where this is an election year, we ask that the current President and Service Chair to begin the Youth Awards Program process to establish a strong introduction and foundation to ease the transition process and keep the momentum going.

Presidents, if your council does not currently have a Service Chair, consider forming a small team to coordinate the Youth Awards Program. Turning it into a shared project can spark engagement, build confidence, and encourage growth within your councils.

Wishing each of you much success in your role. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all that we do.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sister in the League,

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