



**Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
106th Annual Diocesan Convention
Friday – Sunday, May 1 – 3, 2026
Local 6500 Hospitality, Conference & Education Center
Sudbury, ON**



February 2026

On behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, I warmly invite you to attend the 106th annual diocesan convention and annual meeting of members being held in Sudbury, Ontario.

Let's gather together to ignite our passion, feed our flame of faith, and empower His mission, as we embrace the new national theme alongside members across Canada, with a special focus on "Blessed are the poor".

An enhanced day of workshops and guest speakers is planned to spark our minds, and spirits. The League Marketplace will include League Supplies, gifts, and a silent auction. A prayer room will be offered as a special quiet space for private prayer, to share prayer intentions to offer at the closing Mass, and to provide an opportunity to invoke the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Inspired by Mary, Mother of the Poor, councils are invited to participate in a service project for needy children by organizing a collection of necessities including baby formula, diapers, baby food, baby lotion, baby receiving blankets and hooded towels to bring to convention to present to The Pregnancy Care Centre & Infant Food Bank.

An opening Mass and reception will be held at St. Alexander Church in Chelmsford. Following the annual meeting of members and diocesan elections, we will gather for a closing Mass, installation of officers and hot luncheon at Our Lady of Hope Church. It's a full agenda, with time built in for fellowship and engagement.

The team in the Sudbury region has been hard at work planning this year's convention encounter. I am grateful for their tremendous efforts and time commitment, and share my heartfelt and sincere appreciation on behalf of all members.

Join us in Sudbury to ignite your passion and share your fellowship in sisterhood, as we grow together in our ministry as women of faith to empower His mission.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Sudbury in May!

Patricia

President

Patricia Clizia
Sudbury, ON
presidentssmcwl@gmail.com

Spiritual Advisor

Rev. Jeffery Shannon
Precious Blood Cathedral
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

CALL TO CONVENTION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE

**106th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF THE
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

WILL BE HELD IN
SUDBURY, ONTARIO

Local 6500 Hospitality, Conference & Education Centre
MAY 1-3, 2026

FOR THE
TRANSACTION OF NECESSARY BUSINESS AND THE
ENRICHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS

COLLEEN MURPHY
DIOCESAN SECRETARY

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**Convention/ Banquet: Local 6500 Hospitality, Conference & Education Centre
66 Brady Street, Sudbury, ON**

**Accommodations: Hampton Inn by Hilton
2280 Regent Street, Sudbury, ON**

REGISTRATION FORM

One person per registration form - photocopy additional forms as required

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 6, 2026

Name: **(PLEASE PRINT)** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

CWL Council: _____ Region: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Spiritual Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Diocesan President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Voting Delegate (President or Designate) | <input type="checkbox"/> C.W.L. Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Accredited Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Spiritual Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest (non-member) |

(Note: This section MUST be completed for accounting purposes)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00

Late Fee of \$15.00 per delegate will apply for registrations received after April 6, 2026

Make cheques payable to: ***The Catholic Women's League of Canada***

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM **along with** MEALS & TRANSPORTATION TICKETS FORM

COORDINATE WITH YOUR COUNCIL TREASURER or MAIL WITH PAYMENT

TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2026 TO:

Annette Vas / Registration Chairperson

c/o Our Lady of Hope Church

591 Brennan Road Sudbury, ON P3C 5L6

Email: ssmconvention2026@gmail.com

MEAL AND TRANSPORTATION TICKETS FORM
One per registration form – please copy as required

Name: *(PLEASE PRINT)* _____

CWL Council: _____ Telephone: _____

DIETARY ALLERGIES - CIRCLE : VEGETARIAN GLUTEN OTHER ALLERGY : _____

ORDER FORM	Please note pricing includes applicable taxes and facility fees. Please select all options, total the order form and make cheques payable to the Catholic Women's League of Canada.		√		
	<u>CHECK YOUR ORDER</u>				
May 1 - 3, 2026	CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE			\$ 75.00	= \$ _____
<u>Friday May 1, 2026</u>					
Bus to OPENING MASS	RETURN TRIP: DEPARTS 5:15 PM to St. Alexander, Chelmsford DEPARTS 9:00 PM to Hampton Inn, Sudbury			\$ 7.50	= \$ _____
<u>Saturday, May 2, 2026</u>					
Bus to CONVENTION VENUE Please Circle: Bus DAY &/ OR Bus NIGHT	RETURN TRIP: DEPARTS 7:45 AM to USW DEPARTS 4:15 PM to Hampton Inn		Bus DAY	\$ 7.50	= \$ _____
	RETURN TRIP: DEPARTS 6:00 PM to USW DEPARTS 9:30 PM to Hampton Inn		Bus NIGHT	\$ 7.50	= \$ _____
Coffee Service Please Circle: Day/Time & Coffee/Tea	Saturday am	COFFEE TEA		\$ 5.00	= \$ _____
	Saturday pm	COFFEE TEA		\$ 5.00	
	Sunday am	COFFEE TEA		\$ 5.00	
Luncheon	Buffet style Corporate Lunch Chicken Souvlaki, Balsamic glazed grilled peppers and zucchini, Lemon and olive oil braised potatoes, Greek salad with arugula and feta, Mixed greens salad, Naan bread, Hummus/ Tzatziki, Sweets platter, coffee/ tea			\$ 50.00	= \$ _____
Banquet	Plated and served dinner Chicken supreme w wild mushroom chasseur, fire roasted red pepper cream, herb roasted mini potatoes, steamed vegetables, garden salad, buns w butter, berry crumble, coffee, tea			\$ 65.00	= \$ _____
<u>Sunday, May 3, 2026</u>					
Closing Luncheon hosted at Our Lady of Hope in the Gathering Space	Pasta, meatballs, salad, assorted dessert squares, coffee and tea, catered by the Caruso Club			\$25.00	= \$ _____
LATE REGISTRATION FEE	Per registration received after April 6, 2026			\$15.00	= \$ _____
	Cheque payable to: Catholic Women's League of Canada Include an order form, registration and payment for each person			TOTAL:	\$ _____

CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

Hampton Inn by Hilton
2280 Regent Street
Sudbury, ON P3E 0B4
705-523-5200

Group Code: CWL

[HAMPTON INN SUDBURY THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA MAY 1 & 2, 2026 HILTON DIRECT BOOKING LINK](#)

- ◆ **Double Queen Suites** (two queen beds) - \$159.00 plus applicable taxes.
- ◆ All rooms are equipped with mini refrigerator & Keurig Machine
- ◆ Included in the room fee is a delicious complimentary full hot continental breakfast located in the hotel each morning. The breakfast includes eggs, meat, home fries, waffles/pancakes, whole fruit, toast, fruit, pastries, yogurt, coffee, tea and juices.

****Rooms must be booked by APRIL 6, 2026
in order to guarantee rate and availability****

A friendly reminder; we share the air!

This is a scent free weekend. Chemicals in scented products can be harmful to people with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Thank you for using unscented personal care products, and enjoying a fragrance free weekend.



PREGNANCY
CARE CENTRE
& Infant Food Bank

Members are invited to participate in a diocesan convention service project this year to organize a collection and donate to support children in need.

"This is a snapshot of our needs. We are truly appreciative of anything we receive." Cherie Bonhomme, Executive Director

- **Baby Formula**
specifically Enfamil A+ (liquid only), Similac (blue, white or green tin), and Good Start Stage 1
- **Diapers** – sizes 4 and 5
- **Baby food** – cereal/pablum, pouches/purees, and baby snacks (arrowroot cookies, applesauce)
- **Baby lotion**
- **Baby receiving blankets and hooded towels**

Food insecurity is an urgent and increasing reality for many, and for families with infant children, the costs to provide the basic necessities are very high. Thank you for engaging your councils to participate in this diocesan wide service project and presentation at the annual convention.



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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, May 1, 2026

11:00 a.m.	Flag Raising & Proclamation Ceremony – To be confirmed	
1:30 p.m.	Pre-Convention Meeting <i>(Diocesan Executive Only)</i>	Meeting Room Convention Venue Local 6500 Hospitality, Conference & Education Ctr.
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Registration	Convention Venue
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	League Supplies and Gifts, Silent Auction	Convention Venue
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Prayer Room	Convention Venue
5:00 p.m.	Gather for bus departure for Opening Mass & Reception	Hampton Inn - Lobby
6:30 p.m.	Opening Mass Eucharistic Celebration, dignitary greetings, reception	St. Alexander, Chelmsford
9:00 p.m.	Buses return to Hampton Inn	

Saturday, May 2, 2026

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	<i>Breakfast (included in price of room)</i>	Hampton Inn
7:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration	Convention Venue
7:30 - 8:45 a.m.	League Supplies/ Marketplace/ Silent Auction/Prayer Room	Convention Venue
7:30 a.m.	Gather for bus departure to Convention Venue	Hampton Inn - Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Convention Opening, Plenary and Workshops	President
	Prayer Service	Faith Chairperson
	Memorial Service for Deceased Members	Faith Chairperson
	Welcome & Introductions	President
	Credentials Report	Registration Chairperson
	First Time Attendees	Regional Chairpersons
	Keynote	Sr. Mary Jo Radey, csj
	Announcements	Convention Chairperson
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break League Supplies/ Marketplace/ Silent Auction/Prayer Room	

11:15 -12:00 p.m.	Workshop	To be confirmed
12:00 p.m.	Announcements Angelus, Grace before Meals	Convention Chairperson Rev. Jeffrey Shannon
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Delegates Lunch & Fellowship League Supplies /Marketplace / Silent Auction / Prayer Room	
1:15 p.m.	Officer Workshops	Officers & Chairpersons
2:15 p.m.	Break League Supplies/ Marketplace/ Silent Auction/Prayer Room	
2:30 p.m.	Prayer Service	Faith Chair
3:00 p.m.	Charity Presentation	Cherie Bonhomme Executive Director- The Pregnancy Care Centre & Infant Food Bank Convention Chairperson Diocesan Executive & SSM Delegates
	Announcements Invitation to 107 th annual diocesan convention in Sault Ste. Marie 2027	
4:15 p.m.	Buses depart for Hampton Inn	
6:15 p.m.	Buses Depart for Convention Venue	
6:30 p.m.	Fellowship	
7:00 p.m.	Banquet Program / Dinner/ Entertainment	
9:30 p.m.	Buses Depart for Hampton Inn	

Sunday, May 3, 2026

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast / Hotel Check-out / Drive to Convention Venue</i>	
9:00 a.m	Call to Order – Annual Meeting of Members	President
	League Prayer	President
	Credentials / Registration Reports	Registration Chairperson
	Standing Rules of Order	Past President
	Instructed Vote	President
	Correspondence & Minutes 105 th Diocesan Convention	Secretary
	Treasurer Report	Treasurer
	Social Justice / Resolutions	Social Justice Chairperson
	Spiritual Advisor Report	Rev. Jeffrey Shannon
	President's Report	President
	Provincial Representative	
	National Representative	
	Announcements	Convention Chairperson
	Elections	Past President
	Adjournment	
	Closing Mass and Installation of Officers	Our Lady of Hope Church
	Closing Luncheon and Gratitude	Our Lady of Hope Church

Welcoming First Time Attendees

We warmly welcome all League members to attend this year's annual diocesan convention, whether you are a seasoned convention attendee, or perhaps a new member or long serving member who has yet to experience a convention encounter. To provide an 'incentive' for newcomers to convention, we are pleased to once again offer an incentive for first time attendees.

Here's how it works:

1. The convention will be held at the Local 6500 Hospitality, Conference & Education Centre on Brady Street in Sudbury Friday May 1 – Sunday May 3, 2026.
2. Each region will draw one entry from the names of the delegates submitted from that region who are attending the diocesan convention for the **first time**, one from North Bay, one from Sudbury and one from Sault Ste. Marie.
3. The winning delegates will each receive \$100.00 to help defray the cost of convention expenses.
4. The contest is open to all members from across the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie **who have never attended** a diocesan convention.
5. All entries will be entered into the regional draw using the enclosed form, and the form must be signed by the president of her parish council.
6. Entries must be submitted to the Regional Chairpersons to be received no later than April 6, 2026, and a copy included with the registration form submitted to the registration chairperson.
7. All winners will be announced and awarded at the convention.

Convention provides a unique opportunity to encounter women, from across the Diocese, united in faith, as sisters in The League. Educational workshops, inspiring and motivating speakers, prayer and fellowship are offered to support members, provide opportunities to learn and grow in faith and to immerse them in the unique experience that can only be best described after participating. Thank you for ensuring your councils are well represented by inviting a few new members to join us this year; a wonderful gesture of welcome!

Sincerely,

Patricia Clizia
President
SSM Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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**FIRST TIME ATTENDEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2026**

Name of Member: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Council: _____

Council President's Name: _____

Council President's Signature: _____

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