



Ignite Your Passion
Empower His Mission

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You are a source of light and joy to others!
"Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father." **Matthew 5:16**

New Year's greetings on the memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus! My dear Sisters in the League, we embark into 2026 with two things to attend to.

The first is to reflect on our past year and record our council's activities for the Annual Report. This reflection and recording give us hope in our mission as members of The Catholic Women's League. One act of kindness makes a difference in our world, even if it is a seed that is planted and will bloom later. A memo was issued on November 30, 2025, with the annual report survey instructions, attached, and the survey link, included here: <https://online2.snapsurveys.com/66fs1n>. Please complete and submit the report online to national office by January 31, 2026. If you are returning the report by regular post, please submit it no later than January 12. I look forward to reading all the activities of your council, where you answered the call, ***Here I am Lord, Send Me.***

The second is to embrace the new national theme, ***Ignite your Passion, Empower His Mission***, with the focus being ***Blessed are the Poor (Matthew 5:3)***. I attached the *National Theme Activity Calendar* for your reference in planning your council's events and meetings, link here: https://www.cwl.ca/?sdm_process_download=1&download_id=24992. There is an abundance of ideas for your council to pursue. Remember to record your efforts and accomplishments. The annual report for 2026 will be easier to complete and you can celebrate all members and all actions!

It's the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we answered the call to the national theme, Here I am Lord, Send Me, and we are moving into a new national theme. We are to remain Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Doors that closed, each

Cardinal presiding continued to give the message of hope, which reflects the message and information in *National Theme Activity Calendar*.

St. Mary Major, Cardinal Makrickas, “The heart of God remains open, to open themselves to listening to the Word, to welcoming others, and to forgiveness. Hope is a light to be translated into prayer and attention to the poor in order to be a Church “with the Gospel in our hands and our brothers and sisters in our hearts,” (Vatican News, December 28, 2025)

St. John Lateran, Cardinal Reina, “...we raise a hymn of thanksgiving to the Father for all the signs of His love for us, while we keep in our hearts the awareness and hope that remains open to all peoples: His embrace of mercy and peace.” (Vatican News, December 28, 2025)

St Paul’s Outside the Walls, Cardinal James Harvey, “reaffirms the central theme of the Jubilee: a trusting confidence capable of passing through history without succumbing to “naïve optimism.” (Vatican News, December 28, 2025)

The Jubilee of Hope will conclude under the gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as a wooden image of Our Lady of Hope will be present in St. Peter’s Basilica. Our Lady of Hope is depicted holding the Christ Child in her arms and, in her right hand, a golden anchor firmly planted in the ground. (Vatican News, December 20, 2025)



Let’s rejoice in the Lord, with thanksgiving, prayer and openness to the possibilities in 2026!



May you be guided by the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of Our Lady of Hope and Our Lady of Good Counsel

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