

*With One Heart, One Voice and One Mission*



**Be the Face of Mercy!**

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Archdiocese of Edmonton  
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**Spiritual Program**

**April 22nd –24th, 2016**



**ONE** HEART  
VOICE  
MISSION

## **League Prayer**

We humbly pray you, O God our Father,  
To bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Bless our beloved country,  
our homes and families.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
to give light to our minds  
and strength to our wills  
that we may know and fulfill  
your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others  
at home and abroad,  
the good things you have given us.

This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the intercession of our patroness,  
Our Lady of Good Counsel.

AMEN



## The Angelus

**Leader:** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

**All:** *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit Hail Mary*

**Leader:** Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.

**All:** *Be it done unto me according to thy word  
Hail Mary*

**Leader:** And the Word was made flesh

**All:** *And dwelt among us  
Hail Mary.....*

**Leader:** Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

**All:** *That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ!*

**Let Us Pray:**

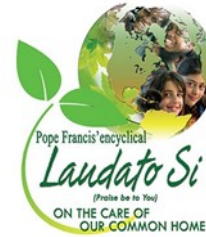
Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord , your grace into  
our hearts , that we, to whom the incarnation of your  
Son, was made know by the message of an angel,  
may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory  
of his resurrection, through the same Christ , Our  
Lord, Amen

## Prayer Before Meals

Blessed be the Earth for giving birth to this food.  
Blessed be the Sun for nourishing it.  
Blessed be the Wind for carrying the seed  
Blessed be the rain for quenching its thirst.

Blessed be the Hands that helped to grow this food.  
To bring to our table  
To nourish our minds, bodies and spirit.

Blessed be our friends and sisters in the league, our  
families and loved ones Blessed be.



## Friday April 22 Earth Day Morning Prayer

**Fr. Jozef:** We come together to take charge of this home  
which has been entrusted to us. God, who calls us  
to generous commitment, offers us the light and the  
strength needed to continue on our way.

**All:** Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our  
concern for this planet never take away the joy of  
our hope.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*: On care for our  
common home, para. 244-245

## Canticle of the Sun

**Verse:** *Praise for the sun the bringer of day,  
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
The moon and the stars who light up the way  
Unto your throne.*

**Refrain:** *The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and all creation is shouting for joy.  
Come, dance in the forest come,  
play in the field, and sing sing  
to the glory of God.*

**Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5,9-13,26-31,2:1-4

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### **A Christian prayer in union with creation**

**Reader 1:** Creator God, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender  
love.

#### ***Refrain:***

**Reader 2:** Praise be to you!  
Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,  
you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.  
Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.

#### ***Refrain:***

**Reader 3:** Praise be to you!  
Holy Spirit, by your light  
you guide this world towards the Father's love and  
accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts  
and you inspire us to do what is good.

#### ***Refrain:***

**Reader 4:** Praise be to you!  
Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,  
teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that you have made.

### **The Light of Christ**

#### ***Refrain:***

*The light of Christ has come into the World,  
The light of Christ has come into the World.*

We must be born again, to see the kingdom of God  
The water and the spirit bring new life in God's love.

#### ***Refrain:***

God gave up his only Son out of love for the world,  
so that all who believe in him will live forever.

#### ***Refrain:***

The light of Christ has come to us  
so that we might have salvation;  
From the darkness of our sins  
we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.

#### ***Refrain:***

## Now the Green Blade Raises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again that with the dead has been:

### ***Refrain:***

*Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
Thinking that he would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:

### ***Refrain:***

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen,

### ***Refrain:***

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to the life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

### ***Refrain:***

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything  
that is.

### ***Refrain:***

**Reader 5:** God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance  
the weak, and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us  
to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you!  
Amen.

**Verse:** Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,  
The creatures you made to let your life show:  
The flowers and trees that help us to know  
the heart that is Love.

### ***Refrain:***



## Pre-Convention Meeting

### Opening Prayer

**Fr Jozef:** Creator God, we thank you for all of creation.  
We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards  
And now we ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth.  
May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all  
so that we may achieve the kingdom of God.

**Reader:** God of the Universe, fill us with peace

**All:** that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one

**Reader:** Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth.

**All:** So precious in your eyes

**Reader:** Bring healing to our lives

**All:** that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction.

**Fr. Jozef:** Peace be to this community.  
Peace be to this land.  
Peace be to all people.  
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**League Prayer** (Page 21)

## Sunday April 24 Post-Convention Meeting

### Opening

### Prayer

Creator God, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this post-convention meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a members of the Catholic Women's League and nurture us to grow in your great law of charity. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the members, our parishes, our archdiocese and our community. And continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

**Let us pray the League Prayer** (Page 21)

### Closing Prayer

God of love and of life, let us take time to look deep within ourselves and discover the gifts you have blessed us with. May we take the time to direct our lives in a way that best uses our own unique combination of gifts. May our membership in the CWL help us discover our strengths and interests to work for your greater glory. May our faith guide us in realizing our gifts. Give us the courage to show others the talents they have. Help us serve others in our own council, in our parish and in our archdiocese; in so doing build up your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen

**Leader:** Let's us offer each other a sign of peace.

**(FLAG RECSSION SILENCE)**



## **Pre -Convention Meeting**

### **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray

**All:** Gracious God, thank you for revealing yourself to us through our friendships. You support us and affirm us through the warmth of other human beings. We find you in a friend's loving look and tender embrace. We find you in shared soul-searching moments of deep connection. We find in the beauty of the earth. Thank you for being a God of Love who has shown us our place in this world and whose incarnate love sustains us. Help to be good friends and stewards of the earth, to be selfless and freeing, honest and real, open and faithful. Amen

**Leader:** Our Lady of Good Counsel.

**All:** Pray for us.



**NOON**

**Angelus and Grace before Meals (Page 20)**

## Friday Closing Prayer

- Leader:** OUR FATHER
- Side One:** Who lives among the millions of hungry people of the Third World. Who is in the lives of all people who seek justice because they love their brothers and sisters and want to serve You in them, serving by struggling with those who lack housing, food, clothing and medicines.
- Leader:** HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME
- Side 2:** In all those who defend the life of the poor in the poor and humble who still have faith and hope in You, and because of this faith organize and struggle for their human dignity.
- Leader:** YOUR KINGDOM COME
- Side 1:** Your Kingdom of Freedom and Love of Fraternity and Justice, of Rights and Life of Truth without deceit.
- Leader:** YOUR WILL BE DONE
- Side 2:** Your Will that breaks down every burden that oppresses people. Your will which is to proclaim the Good News to the poor. Comfort to the afflicted, freedom to the imprisoned, strength to the tortured, freedom and life to those who suffer violence.
- Leader:** GIVE US THIS OUR DAILY BREAD.
- Side 1:** The Bread of Freedom to organize. The Freedom to be on the street without the fear of being abducted or kidnapped. The Bread of Equality, the Bread of Joyfulness. The Bread of Your Word and the Bread of Education. The Bread of Housing for all those who come to the city to settle and to make a home.

## CONVENTION CLOSING PRAYER

- Leader:** As we close our convention, aware of our great need for God's mercy and also of God's great desire to bestow love and forgiveness upon us. During the remainder of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may our prayer and our reading of the Scriptures lead us to a greater appreciation for divine love. May we always recognize that Jesus Christ is the God of Mercy. May we never cease to proclaim to the world the pardon and salvation offered through Jesus, and to live out the Gospel through humble acts of mercy. Let us pray together Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Mercy.
- All:** Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
- “If you knew the gift of God!” You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may



## CLOSING PRAYER

### Archbishop Smith:

Mary, our Mother, gave herself completely to you.  
Blessed is she who gave humanity to Jesus and blessed  
are our sisters who spent their lives serving others in  
God's name. We join Mary in proclaiming your  
greatness and thank you for giving us life through the  
death and resurrection of Jesus.

**All:** Amen

**Closing Song: "The Light of Christ" (Page 19)**

## FINAL BLESSING

### Archbishop Smith:

May the peace and love of God be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit

### Archbishop Smith:

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

### Archbishop Smith:

Let's us conclude by offering each other  
a sign of peace



**NOON**

**Angelus and Grace before Meals (Page 20)**

**Leader:** FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

**Side 2:** For not knowing how to share the Bread that you  
have given us as we forgive those who have snatched  
from us what is ours. Forgive us for separating  
ourselves from our brothers and sisters.  
Forgive us Lord, for the lack of faith and courage  
that is asked of us in giving ourselves over to  
You as "living hosts" in doing Your Will.

**Leader:** AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

**Side 1:** To resign ourselves to the masters of this world and  
lose the clear vision that You want us to have as we  
stand apart to believe that nothing can be done or to  
seek in a selfish way our own betterment forgetting  
the rest of our brothers and sisters.

**Leader:** DELIVER US FROM ALL EVIL.

**Side 2:** That from the depths of ourselves we tend to live our  
lives apart from our brothers and sisters when You  
invite us to give our lives for others and for our  
friends.

**Leader:** BECAUSE YOURS IS THE KINGDOM

**All:** The power and the glory. AMEN



## Saturday April 23

### Memorial for Deceased Members

Opening Song: “*Now the Green Blade Rises*” (Page 18)

**Archbishop Smith:**

In the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** AMEN

**Archbishop Smith:**

The grace and peace of God, Our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

**Leader:**

We gather today to honour the members of the  
Catholic Women’s League of Canada who have gone  
from this life to their eternal rest in Christ. In the  
world today, perhaps as never before, the church needs  
enlightened and faithful laity. Members of the  
Catholic Women’s League of Canada live their faith  
by serving others and thus discover Christ through  
relationships with others.

### Opening Prayer

**Archbishop Smith:**

Gracious God, hear our prayers on behalf of your  
faithful servants whom you have called to be with you  
in paradise. May they be welcomed joyfully into the  
presence of the angels and the saints. We ask this  
through Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen

Van Mills	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Sherwood Park
Diane Pidhirniak	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Sherwood Park
Dorothy Purvis	St. John The Evangelist	Edmonton
Rita Robichaud	Good Shepherd	Edmonton
Edith Sego	St. Edmund	Edmonton
Ruby Tsuruda	St. Dominic Savio	Edmonton
Zenaida Ulep	St. John Bosco	Edmonton
Eleanor Williams	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Sherwood Park

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**Leader:** We will also honour all of our deceased Spiritual  
Advisors especially remembering Fr. Gary Lee.

**Fr. Jozef:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

### PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE BOOK OF LIFE

**Archbishop Smith:**

Ever loving and gracious God, we thank You for the  
gift you gave your Church in the people whose names  
are inscribed in this Book of Life. You called them to  
be the salt of the earth and a light to the world. Their  
good works gave glory to you and were an example and  
encouragement for all of us. We ask you to bless this  
Book of Life. We ask you to bless those members of the  
Catholic Women’s League of Canada whom we honour  
in this Book. We ask this blessing through Jesus Christ  
and through the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady  
of Good Counsel.

**All:** Amen

(Sprinkling of the Holy Water)

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them

**ZONE 8:**

Edna Bonertz	St. Anthony	Drayton Valley
Freida Fritz	St. Michael	Leduc

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 9:**

Rita Atkinson	St. Edmund	Edmonton
Cecilia Bittner	St. Thomas More	Edmonton
Giselle Carrier	St. Agnes	Edmonton
Anne Choney	St. Andrew	Edmonton
Lucille Cloutier	St. Edmund	Edmonton
Rita Cornacchia	St. Dominic Savio	Edmonton
Mona Cush	St. Agnes	Edmonton
Germaine De Cruyanaere	St. Andrew	Edmonton
Maria De Melo	St. Dominic Savio	Edmonton
Joan Dea	St. Andrew	Edmonton
Ann Gelinas	Annunciation	Edmonton
Jeannette Goulet	St. Andrew	Edmonton
Velda Gratton	St. Clare	Edmonton
Marie Godfrey	St. Dominic Savio	Edmonton
Elizabeth Gorman	Our Lady of The Assumption	Edmonton
Edna Henriet	St. John Bosco	Edmonton
Marg Hall	St. Edmund	Edmonton
Geneva Kroetsch	St. Agnes	Edmonton
Stella Krysko	St. Edmund	Edmonton
Joyce Llewellyn	St. Theresa	Edmonton
Florence Macintyre	St. Theresa	Edmonton
Sister Victoria Mazur	St. Andrew	Edmonton
Joanne McCune	St. Andrew	Edmonton
Shirley Meyers	St. Matthew	Edmonton

**READING:** John 17:24-26

**All:** Thanks be to God

**MEMORIAL ROSES AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**Leader:** We now honour the deceased members of the Catholic Women's League. A candle will be lite to remind us of their life in Christ and a rose will placed as a memorial of their presence among us.

*(After each name is read and response is given the Zone Chair will put a rose in the vase and light a candle in memory of the deceased sisters from her zone.)*

**ZONE 1:**

Mary Anne Deagle	Our Lady of Lourdes	Jasper
Jean Lawrence	Sacred Heart	Edson

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 2:**

Therese Boog	St. Rose of Lima	Onoway
Edith Capelle	St. Rose of Lima	Onoway
Clemence Dusseault	St. Albert	St. Albert
Dorothy Kluthe	St. Charles	Mearns
Christina Lyndon	St. Albert	St Albert
Doreen Rybak	St. Elizabeth	Evansburg
Alphonsine Soetaert	St. Peter	Villeneuve
Noella Zayezierski	Holy Family	St Albert

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 3:**

Emily Gabinet	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Star (Skaro)
Mary Heeing	Our Lady of The Angels	Ft. Saskatchewan
Lucille Pokraka	St. Gregory	Holden

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 4:**

Eileen Bechtel	Blessed Sacrament	Wainwright
Anita Bedard	St. Anthony	Lloydminster
Suzanne Champagne	St. Anthony	Lloydminster
Terry Denis	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Eunice Dupont	St. Anthony	Lloydminster
Margaret Foy	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Margaret Garnier	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Peggy Garnier	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Margaret Geeraert	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Joanna Kraft	St Mary's	Provost
Marnie Luntz	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Florence Regnier	St. Anthony	Lloydminster
Stella Warawa	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Mary Wulf	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion
Pat Youngberg	Holy Name of Jesus	Vermilion

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 5:**

Theresa Allen	Our Lady of Grace	Castor
Louise Carlson	St. Francis Xavier	Camrose
Margaret Dooleage	Our Lady of Grace	Castor
Irene Fankhanel	St. Martin	Heilser
Rita Gould	St. Francis Xavier	Camrose
Ann Mary Kuefler	St Francis Xavier	Camrose
Julia Agnes Kontek	St Francis Xavier	Camrose
Orlean Mickla	Our Lady of The Trinity	Daysland
Eva Marcil	Our Lady Of Grace	Castor
Katherine Patsula	St Francis Xavier	Camrose
Esther Wolbeck	St. Martin	Heisler
Isabel Zimmer	Our Lady of Grace	Castor

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 6:**

Henrietta Feddema	St. Stephen	Olds
Emilie Odersky	St. Stephen	Olds
Wynne Wollen	St. Anthony	Didsbury

**Zone Chair:** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**All:** And may perpetual light shine upon them.

**ZONE 7:**

Terry Akins	St. Augustine	Ponoka
Mildred Anderson	Sacred Heart	Red Deer
Terry Golley	St. Augustine	Ponoka
Evelyn Hoffart	Our Lady of The Assumption	Sylvan Lake
Marie Landry	Sacred Heart	Red Deer
Joan McDonald	St. Matthew	Rocky-Mtn-House
Ethel Metro	St. Margaret	Rimbey
Phyllis Simpson	Our Lady of Peace	Innisfail