



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council

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TO: All Parish Council Presidents
All Diocesan Officers
Life Members

FROM: Clover Oryschak, Edmonton Diocesan President

SUBJECT: Notice of 101st Annual Convention of the Edmonton Diocesan Council

Dear Sisters in the League,

It is my pleasure to announce the 101st Annual Convention of the Edmonton Diocesan Council, to be held at St Mary's Catholic Church in Red Deer, AB April 28-30, 2023! The theme of our convention is "**Rise Up!**". Our speakers for convention are ready to challenge us regarding our faith, call to social justice, and how we serve one another. His Grace, Archbishop Richard Smith, will celebrate the Opening Mass on Friday April 28th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by a wine and cheese co-hosted by the Knights of Columbus from Sacred Heart Church and St Mary's Church. At the Post-Convention Meeting, Provincial President, Mary Hunt, will lead us through National's Unity Outreach Project – a must for all CWL Council Presidents.

Please invite your council's Spiritual Advisor to attend convention, especially on Friday April 28th! Fr Simmy Joseph (Diocesan Spiritual Advisor) and Fr Andrew Bogdanowicz (Provincial Spiritual Advisor) will be co-facilitating an important round table discussion we'd like all CWL Spiritual Advisors to attend. The round table takes place immediately following lunch, so be sure to invite to both events or the whole day! Fr Simmy will send a special invitation to all Parish Spiritual Advisors to attend. To sign up your Spiritual Advisor, please send in a registration form (CWL councils cover the cost of Spiritual Advisor lunches).

Along with your council's registration forms, please also make sure to submit all relevant credential forms. **All registrations and credential forms are due by April 21, 2023, along with payment.** These can be submitted either electronically or via regular mail. Make sure to note any dietary restrictions.

Please be sure to bring to convention a copy of the Minutes of the 2022 Fall Meeting, a copy of the Minutes of the 100th Annual Convention held in 2022, plus your council banner and stand. All voting delegates should also bring the white copy of your council's instructed vote.

Also keep a lookout for a couple of additional convention items that will be sent to you soon. These include a draft of the revised Edmonton Diocesan Council policies which we will vote on at the Pre-Convention Meeting.

Finally, the convention planning committee has arranged for blocks or rooms at three local hotels. The list of these hotels are included with the Notice of Convention – please note the deadlines for each.

I look forward to seeing you in Red Deer!

God Bless,

Clover Oryschak