



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



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FROM: Clover Oryschak, Edmonton Diocesan President

SUBJECT: Notice of 102nd Annual Convention of the Edmonton Diocesan Council

Dear Sisters in the League,

It is my pleasure to announce the 102nd Annual Convention of the Edmonton Diocesan Council, to be held at St Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton, AB April 26-28th, 2024! The theme of our convention is "**The Beauty of Encounter**". Our convention theme celebrates our gathering as Catholic women to experience Christ in our midst and grow stronger in our faith. The theme evokes a reminder of The Visitation between Mary and Elizabeth. The theme also draws inspiration from the beauty of St Joseph's Basilica, beautiful hymns, and beautiful artistry. Archbishop Richard Smith is this year's keynote speaker who will provide his thoughts on creating a Culture of Encounter. We have also invited speakers to talk about the beauty of the vocation of marriage, the encounter with Christ that happens through Catholic education, and we will get the latest updates regarding the Synod on Synodality.

Please invite your council's Spiritual Advisor to attend convention, especially on Friday April 26th. Fr Curtis Berube (Diocesan Spiritual Advisor) will facilitate an important round table discussion we'd like all CWL Spiritual Advisors to attend. The round table takes place immediately following lunch on the 26th, so be sure to invite to lunch and the round table or the whole day! Fr Curtis 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; no registration fee for Spiritual Advisors).

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 19, 2024, 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 2023 Fall Meeting, a copy of the Minutes of the 101st Annual Convention held in 2023, plus your council banner and stand. All voting delegates should also bring a copy of your council's instructed vote for the diocesan officer election. Remember, all instructed vote results need to be sent to Mary Molloy (Diocesan Past-President) no later than April 15, 2024.

Finally, the convention planning committee has arranged for blocks of rooms at two local hotels. The list of these hotels are included with the Notice of Convention – please note the deadlines for each hotel's room blocking.

I look forward to seeing you in Edmonton!

God Bless,

Clover Oryschak