



*but meetings are boring...*



*but I'm a Mom...*



*but I don't bake!*



*but I work full-time...*

*I'm so busy with my kids and family obligations, I just don't think I have enough time to give to the CWL. I certainly don't have time to bake or volunteer at all the activities I see the ladies doing. I'm already feeling overextended... what is there in the CWL for me?*

First, you need to know that the CWL is all about family! Most of its fundraising efforts and activities revolve around supporting and promoting healthy family life, whether through educational bursaries, or financial support of national right to life groups, MaterCare International, and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, to name just a few.

Next, we don't expect miracles – none of us are Supermoms. The CWL's strength is in its numbers! We are constantly looking for new members to join because we believe in the power of working together toward common goals; kind of like a family, isn't it? Many hands make light work, and members know this to be true from working together for many years (since 1920) in CWL councils throughout the country. Your commitment to the CWL could be as simple as taking out an inexpensive yearly membership and keeping it active, even if you can't attend meetings or other events. In a few years time when the kids are grown and your life gets a little less busy, you'll have your CWL membership and a little more time to help out where you feel you can.

In return, you might find yourself surprised. Friendships, often lifelong, are formed. There is a sense of pride knowing that you belong to a group that is counter-cultural, fighting for life and family often against the tide of popular opinion. Members have a little fun and a lot of prayer in the midst of the work, and at the very heart of it, they are walking the gospel road together, as sisters.

WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING US? THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE CWL!

CWL Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*I just don't feel like the CWL represents women like me – working full time and building my career. So many of the ladies are retired, and can't really relate to what I'm going through right now, juggling work/life balance... what is there in the CWL for me?*

We know that things have changed for women since the CWL's inception in 1920. The CWL has been right there all along, fighting for the rights of women and families at all levels of government, passing resolutions, working hard to understand and then act on complex political and social issues that affect all Canadians.

We don't expect miracles. There are only 24 hours in a day! We also know that God doesn't give us more than we can handle. As a working woman, you know that there have been times when you've been stretched, but you saw it through and strengthened your character.

The CWL offers the same opportunities. There are leadership roles that will sharpen your organizational and management skills. If you find yourself drawn to the work the CWL does and want to support it, take out an inexpensive yearly membership and keep it active, even if you can't make meetings or other events. In the future, if things get a little less hectic, come and share your skills and talents – you may find yourself surprised at how richly rewarded you will be in return. Friendships, often lifelong, are formed. There is a sense of pride knowing that you belong to a group that is counter-cultural, fighting for life and family often against the tide of popular opinion. Members have a little fun and a lot of prayer in the midst of the work, and at the very heart of it, they are all walking the gospel road together, as sisters.

WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING US? THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE CWL!

CWL Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Life is too short for so many meetings! I get so bored, and it never seems like there's anything interesting being said. I just don't think I can get into coming to meetings.*

It's true, meetings can be a drag sometimes. It's a challenge to get information out, opinions in, actions decided upon, and still leave a little time to say hi and catch up with friends.

However, things can get a little less boring if meetings are viewed as opportunities and stepping stones. A chance to make a difference, push ahead on a project or a resolution, and learn about our faith in action in the public square. The CWL structure instructs that there is a new executive every two years – which means there are tons of opportunities for growth and improvement in how meetings are run and what is offered by each new executive. Members also recognize the need to be socially engaged with one another, and are striving to do that both in the regular meetings and at other times throughout the year. The CWL needs you and your fresh ideas to keep things interesting and interactive! The heart of the CWL truly is its members.

If you find yourself drawn to the work the CWL does and want to support it, take out an inexpensive yearly membership and keep it active, even if you can't make meetings or other events. Friendships, often lifelong, are there for the taking. There is a sense of pride knowing that you belong to a group that is counter-cultural, fighting for life and family often against the tide of popular opinion. Members have a little fun and a lot of prayer in the midst of the work, and at the very heart of it, they are all walking the gospel road together, as sisters.

WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING US? THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE CWL!

CWL Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*All I ever hear about is baking, bake sales, and catering funeral luncheons! I'm terrible in the kitchen and don't really want to learn. I just don't think there's anything in the CWL for a non-baker like me... is there?*

People love sweets – even when they're not supposed to eat them! Bake sales have a long history of being a quick and easy way to raise a few dollars. Many CWL members have excellent baking skills and this is just one of the many ways they contribute.

However, times are changing. People are very concerned about what they eat: sugar and flour are no longer the comfort foods they used to be, and rising numbers of food allergies make it difficult for many folks to buy without knowing ingredients first. Members are learning and growing too, and finding new ways to raise funds for the many charities they support through fashion shows, cookbooks, raffles and so on. Most of all, the CWL needs new ideas and a little energy, no kitchen skills required!!

If you find yourself drawn to the work the CWL does and want to support it, take out an inexpensive yearly membership and keep it active. If you have time, come out to meetings and find out about all the exciting standing committee opportunities. Friendships, often lifelong, can be formed. There is a sense of pride knowing that you belong to a group that is counter-cultural, fighting for life and family often against the tide of popular opinion. Members have a little fun and a lot of prayer in the midst of the work, and at the very heart of it, they are all walking the gospel road together, as sisters.

WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING US? THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE CWL!

CWL Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_