



52 Reasons to Talk About the CWL!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

We have taken the following 52 words from our National Sisterhood Map and described them to give you 'talking points' to share. They make great weekly posts in print and online and are ripe for some creative ideas of your own!

- *Share the words with your members - at meetings, events or in conversation*
- *Print out and post one word and its description on your parish bulletin every week*
- *Include them in your newsletters as a regular feature*
- *Post them on social media and add a hashtag, e.g. #WhatsYourCWL*
- *Use them in your 'elevator pitch' as you share the benefits of our sisterhood with others*

Whatever you decide - sharing the words will definitely start the conversation!

ACCEPTANCE

- 1 The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them. We can't wait to meet you!

ACTION

- 2 As a Catholic Women's League member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join us today.

ADVOCACY

- 3 Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard!

BELONGING

- 4 Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so...WELCOME to the Catholic Women's League...you belong with us.

CHANGE

- 5 Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join the Catholic Women's League. It has all these values at the heart of its mission.

CHARITY

- 6 Catholic Women's League councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others.

COMPASSION

- 7 Do you recognize the human dignity in all people? Do you feel motivated to do something to help others? Catholic Women's League members embark on many projects that directly impact those who are disadvantaged in society. How can you help? Become a member and be part of the solution.

CONFIDENCE

- 8 The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident - come walk with us!

CONNECTION

- 9 My Catholic Women's League council is parish-based yet connected to Canada's largest women's organization. How connected are you? You will meet women from your region, diocese, province and country by becoming involved in your parish Catholic Women's League council! Your place is among us!

COURAGE

- 10 If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.

DIVERSITY

- 11** The Catholic Women's League welcomes women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Throughout Canada, you will find Catholic women growing in faith, caring through a wide range of service, and seeking true justice for all. Did you know non-Catholics can become associate members? Want to make a difference but not sure how to get started? Your place is among us!

FAITH

- 12** Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are *Catholic and Living It!* Come grow with us!

FAMILY

- 13** My Catholic Women's League is like family. Wherever you live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters, mothers aunts and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom. Catholic family values are abound at the Catholic Women's League. Come join our family.

FRIENDSHIP

- 14** Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.

FULFILLMENT

- 15** If you only knew... joining the Catholic Women's League will help you find fulfillment. This one-stop women's organization focuses on faith, service and social justice. Become active and involved in your area of interest. Your place is among us.

FUTURE

- 16** My Catholic Women's League is active in the present and looks to the future with enthusiasm. For more than 100 years, members have been making a difference nationally and even internationally as a member of World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. The future needs you.

GOOD WORKS

- 17** Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. We hope you will join us!

GROWTH

- 18** The Catholic Women's League has grown to become Canada's largest women's organization. Did you know it meets with government and has an impact on legislation and policy? Help us continue to grow and make a difference.

HEALING

- 19** As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman. Join us today!

HELP

- 20** The Catholic Women's League was formed in the early 20th century to help immigrants arriving in Canada. Members continue to help the most vulnerable across the country. Come and add your helping hands to ours.

HOPE

- 21** Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women's League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

HUMANITY

- 22** Love one another. Catholic Women's League members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and tolerance, seeking out issues of injustice. Come share the love.

HUNDREDS OF RESOLUTIONS

- 23** Over its history Catholic Women's League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more!

IDENTITY

- 24** Members may wear pins and scarves with the Catholic Women's League crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice. Your place is among us.

INCLUSIVE

- 25** Catholic Women's League members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt. Your place is among us.

INNOVATION

- 26** Members of the Catholic Women's League bring innovative ideas to develop resolutions for change. We read the signs of the times and propose creative solutions. Be a part of the process.

INSPIRE

- 27** Catholic Women's League members' passion is to inspire women, to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Need inspiration or have inspiration to share? We are excited to have you join us!

INTEGRITY

- 28** A hallmark of the Catholic Women's League is integrity. Members stand together in faithfulness, reliability, honesty and helping others. We are *Catholic and Living It!* Come stand with us.

LEADERS

- 29** The Catholic Women's League has many programs and workshops that empower women in becoming confident leaders who journey together to build God's kingdom in the areas of faith, service and social justice! Come walk with us.

LOVE

- 30** Love is more than a feeling, it's a decision. It requires practice, focus, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's League and share the love.

MEANING

- 31** Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.

MENTORSHIP

32 Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.

OUTREACH

33 "For it is in giving that we receive." Members of the Catholic Women's League strive to reach out to those in need. Won't you help us reach further? Come and join us.

PEACE

34 The Catholic Women's League helps members grow in their relationship with God and with each other, a true peace. Find peace with us.

POWER

35 Power is the ability to influence the course of events. Catholic Women's League resolutions have changed lives. By joining us you will be part of the power of resolutions.

PRIDE

36 We in the Catholic Women's League take pride in our accomplishments. We are a sisterhood of women dedicated to service to God and Canada. Join our sisterhood today!

PURPOSE

37 Faith, service and social justice are the cornerstones of the Catholic Women's League. They give purpose to our lives. Come and grow with us.

RESILIENCE

38 The Catholic Women's League celebrated 100 years of service in 2020. The resilience over the next 100 is in your hands. Come and be a part of the journey.

RESPECT

39 We are all God's children, created in God's loving image and deserving of compassion and respect. The Catholic Women's League's core values go beyond this, caring for all of God's creation. Join us and experience the joy of love and respect.

SERVICE

40 Baptism calls us to witness to God's love – especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world – be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come be a part of this compassionate service.

SISTERHOOD

41 In this world today, everyone yearns for connections. The Catholic Women's League provides so many ways to form a sisterhood with other women, be it at home, in a parish or through servant leadership. Come join a family of sisters across the country.

SISTERS

42 Have you ever longed for a sister? The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, these women will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love. Come meet new sisters.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

43 Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, Catholic Women's League members commit themselves to furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God's justice here and now!

SOLIDARITY

44 We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice.

SPIRITUALITY

45 We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. Spirituality nourishes us on our faith journey enriching us as we grow. The Catholic Women's League calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us.

STRENGTH

46 The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

TRUTH

- 47** We are more than sandwich makers! Yes, service is part of our ministry – as we feed many in sadness, friendship and celebration – but we are so much more. Did you know members of the Catholic Women’s League donate more than a million dollars to charities across the country per year as well as thousands of volunteer hours? Truth be told – we can do more – with you on our team!

UNITY

- 48** The core purpose of the Catholic Women’s League is to unite Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world. Did you know members celebrated the 100-year anniversary in 2020? We are a nation of unified women – one voice, one heart, one mission, and there is always room for you!

VALUES

- 49** The Catholic Women’s League is an organization built on Catholic values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life. Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. To be the cornerstone for women who believe helping one another is a call for all. If you believe – your place is with us!

VISION

- 50** The Catholic Women’s League’s envisioned future is to be an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels, and connected to the world. Come and see!

VOICE

- 51** If you only knew... the Catholic Women’s League has a ‘voice’ to create change! Backed by thousands of Canadian Catholic women - it meets with government and influences laws, stands up for social justice and speaks up for those who do not have a voice. Is there a cause or issue you would like to see brought to the attention of government? Your voice matters – we can help!

WELCOME

- 52** My Catholic Women’s League is a place of comfort as I share a seat with like minded women of faith and purpose. With councils across Canada – I am confident of a warm welcome no matter where I visit. Our sisterhood spans the nation. Come be a part of our family!

Share the Words



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