



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, AUGUST 24, 2022—Five hundred Catholic women and guests of The Catholic Women's League of Canada gathered for its annual national convention in Kelowna, British Columbia on August 14th-17th, for the first time in three years due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The theme was *Catholic and Living it!* Attendees participated in fruitful meetings, ceremonies and activities. The opening Eucharistic celebration was held at Immaculate Conception Church with celebrant Bishop Gregory Bittman (Nelson), National Spiritual Advisor Bishop Stephen Jensen (Prince George), Archbishop Emeritus Martin Currie (St. John's), and several deacons and spiritual advisors.

National President and Chairperson of International Relations Fran Lucas brought greetings and welcomed attendees with joy for this first in person convention in three years. Bishop Jensen along with guests also brought greetings.

The convention opened with reports presented by provincial presidents and national officers who conveyed the many works and activities of members across Canada despite ongoing restrictions. These reports will be available in the fall issue of *The Canadian League* magazine.

National council adopted Resolution 2022.01 Enact Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste. The resolution urges the federal government to enact legislation to reduce food loss and waste in Canada's agri-food, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. The full text of the resolution may be found on the national website.

The convention featured two guest speakers. Honorary Life Member Barbara Dowding spoke on "The Art of Accompaniment" and author Elizabeth Tomlin spoke on "Joyful Momentum" and "You are in the Now of God". National President-Elect and Chairperson of Organization Shari Guinta presented "The League of the Future: Year 4", the strategic planning progress report with the leaders of each working group.

The closing Eucharistic celebration was held at Immaculate Conception Church with Bishop Jensen as celebrant. Prior to the final blessing, the reaffirmation of the national officers was held.

About The Catholic Women's League of Canada

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, founded in 1920, is one of the largest organizations of women in Canada with more than 60,000 members represented in every province, territory and the military. The League is organized and pledged to serve all citizens and has often received the commendation and keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.