

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**



**70th Annual Convention**  
**Edmonton, Alberta**  
**Friday to Saturday, June 9-10, 2017**

TO: Diocesan Presidents  
Provincial Officers and Spiritual Advisor  
Honorary Life Members and Life Members  
Parish Council Presidents  
CWL Members

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada will be held June 9-10, 2017 at St. Charles Catholic Parish in Edmonton, Alberta, in the Diocese of Edmonton, for the presentation of annual reports and to conduct any other business of the Council.

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**Convention Theme: Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call**

Convention Information for

**\*Voting Delegates – Accredited Delegates – Members\***

Provincial Council has CREDENTIAL Forms to determine voting privileges, in keeping with the practice in other provinces and at National level. Please complete the relevant Credential form and submit with registration.

At Provincial level, the Voting delegates are the five (5) Diocesan Presidents.

Accredited delegates are: twelve (12) provincial officers  
two (2) from each diocesan council (Credential Form Required)  
one (1) from each parish council (Credential Form Required)  
Honorary Life Members (Credential Form Required)  
Life Members (Credential Form Required)

Each CWL Diocesan Council is entitled to send one Voting delegate (President or designate) plus two Accredited delegates (elected officers) in an official capacity to represent the council at provincial conventions. Each CWL Parish Council is entitled to send one Accredited delegate (elected officer or another member). Councils are encouraged to send all their designated delegates to ensure the council is adequately represented at Provincial Convention.

Provincial Officers, Honorary Life Members and Life Members holding a membership in a council in Alberta Mackenzie also have Accredited status. Other members are welcome as regular CWL member attendees.

Voting delegates may vote on all Motions. Accredited delegates may vote on all Motions EXCEPT the election of officers, amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws, and increase in per capita fees (C&B 2013).

**Remember to bring along Minutes of Convention 2015 & 2016**  
**This is a SCENT-FREE Convention**

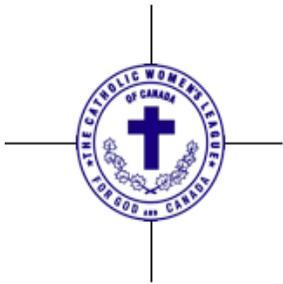
**Tentative Program**  
**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council Annual Convention**

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
8:00 AM	Registration opens, Hospitality available, Exhibits open
8:30 AM	Opening Spiritual, Welcoming and Convention Remarks
8:45 AM	“Kairos Blanket Exercise” (2 groups)
10:45 AM	Health Break
11:00 AM	Speaker – Fr. Jerome Lavigne, Calgary
11:45 AM	Announcements
12:00 NOON	Grace / LUNCH (pre-paid ticket holders) Spiritual Advisors’ Luncheon
1:00 PM	Gathering Prayer Workshop on National Theme
1:45 PM	Health Break
2:00 PM	Provincial Officers workshops Choose one of 3 workshops: “Easy Council Planning” “Leadership Strategies Workshop” “Spiritual Planning Workshop”
2:45 PM	Health Break
3:00 PM	Provincial Officers workshops Choose second of the 3 workshops
3:45 PM	Resolutions Dialogue
4:15 PM	Announcements/Closing Prayer
4:30 PM	Free time & DINNER on your own

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
8:00 AM	Registration open, Hospitality available, Exhibits Open
8:30 AM	Welcoming Remarks
8:35 AM	Memorial Service for Deceased Members
9:00 AM	Business Meeting
10:00 AM	Health Break
10:15 AM	Business Meeting
12:00 NN	Grace / LUNCH (pre-paid ticket holders)
1:15 PM	Business Meeting
1:45 PM	Health Break
2:00 PM	Business Meeting Elections of new Provincial Executive
4:30 PM	Eucharist and Affirmation of new Provincial Officers – St. Charles Parish, Edmonton
6:30 PM	Reception
7:00 PM	BANQUET – St. Charles Parish



## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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Mar. 13, 2017

Dear Catholic Women's League Spiritual Advisors:

The Alberta Mackenzie Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is holding its Annual Provincial Convention from June 9-10, 2017 at St. Charles Catholic Parish in Edmonton, Alberta. Your council president will assist you with registering if you wish to attend any part of the convention.

I wish to invite you, who work with your local CWL parish council to attend any or just a part of this very informative and always well-planned event. Specifically, on behalf of the League, I am inviting you to participate in the Spiritual Advisors Luncheon that is being held on Friday, June 9. It is a great opportunity to network with your fellow spiritual advisors who fulfill a similar role in parishes through-out Alberta Mackenzie. We will have a guest speaker; Fr. Jerome Lavigne, who will speak on 'How to Bring New Life to your Parish Council'.

This will be my fourth experience of the provincial convention and let me assure you that it will be a positive, Informative and enlightening experience. It is a great way to show support for your local council, to learn more about the vision and direction of the League within the context of its' nearly ten thousand Provincial members.

Attend as little or as much of the convention as you are able. The luncheon is a very good networking opportunity regarding how we can support our local council and offers us an opportunity to share our vision on how they can implement the new theme "Inspired by the Spirit - Women Respond to God's Call". Our members rely on us to guide them in how they can assist us in our mission of proclaiming the Good News in an effective and collaborative way. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at St. Charles Parish, 17511 112 St NW, Edmonton, AB. All are invited to concelebrate with us.

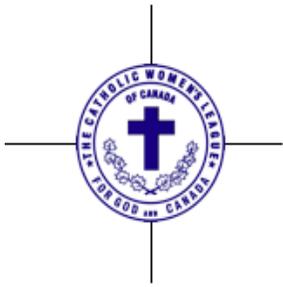
My fellow spiritual advisors, I have offered the invitation. Please, if at all possible in your schedule, make time for this event. I truly feel that it will be time well spent in our ministry.

May our loving God continue to bless you and your ministry.

With sincere thanks, your brother in Christ,

*Fr. Andrew Bogdanowicz*

Fr. Andrew Bogdanowicz  
Provincial Spiritual Advisor  
Alberta Mackenzie Council  
pastor.standrew@telus.net



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February 28, 2017

Dear Sisters in the League and Spiritual Advisors:

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Convention to be held in Edmonton, June 9-10, 2017 at St. Charles Catholic Parish. The convention committee is busy planning and is anxious to have us arrive and enjoy the fruits of their labour.

We hope to assist you to put action to the convention theme **Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call**. On Friday, we begin the day with 'The Blanket Exercise' an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history. (Please bring a small blanket with you.) We will have a presentation by Reverend Jerome Lavigne, St. Peter's Parish, Calgary of 'Swords of Truth'. We will be addressed by Bishop McGrattan, our National Spiritual Advisor and new Bishop of the Calgary Diocese. Provincial Officers will present 3 different workshops "Easy Council Planning", "Leadership Strategies Workshop" and "Spiritual Planning Workshop". You will have the opportunity to choose 2 of these 3 workshops. Our goal is that these various presentations will serve to assist us all as we continue to perform our works of service for God and Canada.

Please give the letter from Fr. Andrew to Diocesan and Parish Spiritual Advisors, and make every effort to have your Spiritual Advisor join us for any part of the convention including the Spiritual Advisor's luncheon on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Friday is our day to show support of our sisters in the CWL Military Ordinariate and the military in general. We also want to remember our Missing and Murdered Indigenous sisters. Please wear something red that day to honor them.

**Regarding voting credentials, we ask that you sign in on arrival and verify your credentials. If you leave after the Gathering Day, please sign out so we have an accurate count of voting and accredited delegates.**

Convention is a time of joy, a time to meet with members from all of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, a time to enjoy some down time and be rejuvenated. Our spiritual time together gives us a focus on Jesus Christ, who is at the heart of our **faith**. Come join us and bring along a member who has not yet had the pleasure of attending a provincial convention.

For God and Canada,  
*Cathy Bouchard*

Cathy Bouchard, President

Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council

Email: abmkprovpres@gmail.com Phone: 403.357.6715

Friday Morning: **ABOUT THE BLANKET EXERCISE**

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples—which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a one and a half hour participatory workshop.

Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. They are directed by facilitators representing a narrator (or narrators) and the European colonizers. Participants are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. Ideally, the exercise is followed by a debriefing session in which participants have the opportunity to discuss the experience as a group. This often takes the form of a talking circle.

***Please bring a small blanket or quilt.***



Convention Speaker:

**Fr. Jerome Lavigne** is a Roman Catholic Priest serving in the Diocese of Calgary. Fr. Jerome completed his seminary studies at St. Peter's in London and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, June 19, 2009. He is currently Pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Calgary, Alberta

Fr. Jerome is one of three priests who share their weekly homilies and teachings on the Swords of Truth website. <https://swordsotruth.com/>

Friday afternoon:

Workshop on National Theme – presented by Fran Lucas

Provincial Officers workshops

“Easy Council Planning”

“Leadership Strategies Workshop”

“Spiritual Planning Workshop”

The same three workshops will be offered a second time so you will have the opportunity to take part in two of the three workshops.

The Convention will take place at  
**St. Charles Parish, 17511 112 St NW, Edmonton, AB**  
Friday to Saturday, June 9-10, 2017

Don't delay in booking your rooms!!

**Fairfield Inn & Suites Edmonton North**

581 Griesbach Parade (97 St. & 140 Ave.)

[780-540-5100](tel:780-540-5100)

DQ \$119.00 (includes hot breakfast)

40 rooms blocked till May 1, 2017 (booking under Catholic Women's League)

One Presidential Suite Upgrade at no charge for Provincial President

**Rosslyn Inn & Suites**

13620 - 97 Street

780-476-6241

DQ \$115.00 (includes continental breakfast)

SQ \$99.00 (includes continental breakfast)

20 rooms blocked till May 1, 2017 (15 DQ & 5 SQ)

**St. Albert Inn & Suites**

156 St Albert Trail, St Albert

[780-459-5551](tel:780-459-5551) Doris Foster

DQ \$125.00 (includes cold breakfast-coffee, tea, juice, muffins)

40 rooms blocked till May 22, 2017



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 22, 2017 NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 22, 2017  
*One person per registration form (photocopy additional forms if needed)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

**I am attending this convention as a (please check in this section):**

<b>VOTING DELEGATE</b> _____ (Diocesan President)	
<b>ACCREDITED DELEGATE</b> (send in credential form)	<b>OTHER</b>
Provincial Officer _____	CWL Member _____
Diocesan (2) _____	Spiritual Advisor _____
Parish (1) _____	Clergy _____
Honorary Life Member _____	National Rep _____
Life Member _____	Military Ordinariate _____
	Guest _____

*Have you checked as only 1 type of delegate?  
Delegates are responsible for their Credentials through their parish or diocese.*

Is this your first provincial convention? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee (Full Convention) \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

OR one-day fee: Friday \_\_\_\_\_ OR Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Lunch \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Advisors' Lunch Friday (name of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Banquet ticket (name for extra banquet ticket \_\_\_\_\_) \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Dietary needs please circle [Dairy Free / Gluten Free/Vegetarian, Nut Allergy]

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_ (We will do our best but may be unable to accommodate all concerns.)

(All Meals include mandatory 15% gratuity and 5% GST) **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to **CWL Provincial Convention 2017**

Mail completed registration form(s) and payment to: **Gwen Elliott**  
**CWL Provincial Convention 2017**  
**6112 32 Ave., Camrose, AB T4V 4R8**  
**Email: [edmontoncwl.pastpresident@gmail.com](mailto:edmontoncwl.pastpresident@gmail.com)**  
**780-679-2454(home) 780-781-1403(Cell)**

**Important Information:**

**\*\*Bring your own Bag for convention material. This is a SCENT-FREE Convention**

**\*\* Please wear red clothing on Friday in honor of our Military and of our "Missing and Murdered indigenous sisters" \*\***



**Credential Form – DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACCREDITED DELEGATE**

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*Put your check mark on the appropriate line on the registration form.*

Each **diocesan** council may send two accredited delegates – please fill out form below

**TWO PER DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

This is to certify that:

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Diocesan Council Accredited Delegate of \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocesan Council

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures: President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Accredited delegates please fill out the credential forms.

Photocopy.

Send one copy with your registration form and appropriate fees to the registration committee.

Bring one copy with you to show the registration desk when you sign in.

Thank you for helping make the registration more efficient.



**Credential Form – PARISH COUNCIL ACCREDITED DELEGATE**

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**THE VOTING DELEGATES ARE THE FIVE DIOCESAN PRESIDENTS**

*Put your check mark on the appropriate line on the registration form.*

Each **parish** council may have one accredited delegate – please fill out form below

**ONE PER CWL PARISH COUNCIL**

This is to certify that:

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is an Accredited Delegate of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Council.

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures: President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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