

Installation or Reaffirmation of CWL Officers

Opening Hymn

Introduction

Spiritual Advisor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Spiritual Advisor: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Spiritual Advisor: Let us pray:

Blessed are You, loving God, You have made a covenant with Your people: from all eternity You called us to be Your holy people, to sing Your praises at all times. Bless us in our work and our prayer, "For God and Canada," and bless the officers we have chosen to lead us in the Catholic Women's League. We give You praise through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, in the communion of Your Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen

Scripture Reading

Reflection on the Word of God (or silence)

Instruction

Retiring Past President or Spiritual Advisor: Dear people of God, through baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ in the work of sanctifying our world. We are called to work together as members of the Body of Christ. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, to bestow upon us gifts of many kinds to complete God's work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace. The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. As a League member, each woman uses her gifts and talents to share the Good News of her Christian calling to love and serve God and neighbour in her parish, diocese, province and country. These women are your duly elected officers of the N... executive.

In your presence and with your prayers, we now install (reaffirm) them in their respective offices for the coming year.

Commitment

Past President: N ..., as past president it is my privilege to present you (once again) with this gavel as a sign of your office as president. Will you (continue to) be faithful to your call, and help all League members through your faith, love and prayers?

President: I will, with God's help.

The past president presents the president's pin to the president. The president then presents the past president pin to the past president.

Retiring Past President: As retiring past president, it is my privilege to install (reaffirm) you as the new executive officers. You have been chosen by the members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada because they recognize in you the gifts of service to the League at the N ... level. We thank you for your willingness to accept your office. Will you (continue to) be faithful to your call and help all League members, through your faith, love and prayers?

Officers: I will, with God's help.

[Choose form 'A' or 'B' of the League Promise.]

[Form 'A']

Officers: For the glory of God and the good of God's people, I promise as a Catholic woman to honour, invoke and imitate our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. I promise to be a loyal member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada and to promote its interest and growth in every way.

I promise to cooperate with officers in all programs under their direction and to conform to the best of my ability to the bylaws of the organization in all League activities.

[Form 'B']

Retiring Past President: For the glory of God and the good of God's people, do you promise as a Catholic woman to honour, invoke and imitate our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel?

Officers: I do.

Retiring Past President: Do you promise to be a loyal member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada and to promote its interest and growth in every way?

Officers: I do.

Retiring Past President: Do you promise to cooperate with officers in all programs under their direction and to conform to the best of your ability to the bylaws of the organization in all League activities?

Officers: I do.

[Continue the service]

Retiring Past President: May God, who has begun this good work in you, keep you faithful to these promises and bring them to fulfilment.

Spiritual Advisor: Members of the League, at this time I affirm (reaffirm) my commitment to assist the executive and members of the League in their work “For God and Canada.”

Symbol

President:

Water: May the grace given to each of us in our baptism be shared with all God's people through Jesus Christ.

or *Candle:* Bring Christ's light to the world.

All: Amen

Blessing of the Officers

Spiritual Advisor: Blessed are You, O God, Ruler of the universe, and Healer of a broken world: we praise You for Your love for all people. Look with kindness on these women. They have been chosen to serve as officers of the N... executive of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. In Your love and mercy, Bless † all their works. May Your glory be manifested in all they do for You and for Your church. All praise and glory to You, God through Jesus Christ, in the love of Your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen

Acclamation

Retiring Past President: Dear sisters and brothers (assembled at this gathering of The Catholic Women's League of Canada), These women have been chosen (reaffirmed their commitment) to serve the church through the N... executive of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. I ask you to welcome their gift (recommitment) of themselves, their faith and trust in God, and their love for the church, the League, and Canada.

Concluding Prayer

Spiritual Advisor: In support of one another, and in communion with all the saints in heaven, let us now pray with one heart and one voice. Our Father...

Blessing

Spiritual Advisor: May our Creator God bless us and keep us. *Amen*

May Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, graciously smile upon us. *Amen*

May the Holy Spirit, Giver of life, grant us peace. *Amen*

Sign of Peace

Spiritual Advisor: Let us conclude our celebration by offering one another a sign of peace.