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## Why Spiritual Advisors?

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Spiritual advisors play a vital role in advancing the cause of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

By their presence, advice and support, they guide members as they pursue their call to holiness through service to God's people.

By active participation, they demonstrate the value of the League in the life of the parish.

By promoting League membership and activities, they help the council achieve success.

By giving their support, they aid in developing communication and fellowship among members and parishioners.

By encouraging League activities, they enable women to develop skills and abilities they will use to serve others in the name of God.

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## What is Expected of Me as Spiritual Advisor?

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As a spiritual advisor, you will:

- Provide advice and guidance for the spiritual program
- Receive due notice of all executive and general meetings and conventions and participate, when possible, in an advisory capacity

*(Constitution & Bylaws, Part IX)*

Councils expect that you will:

- Take an interest in the spiritual life of members and the council by consulting with the president and chairperson of faith
- Maintain open communication with the president on all League matters, making her aware of your concerns and being updated if you have missed a meeting
- Give a message of encouragement and support at council meetings
- Promote League membership drives and other projects by speaking frequently and positively to the parish about the League
- Assist the League to avoid conflicts in dates with other parish events
- Recognize the value of a League representative as a liaison on the pastoral council
- Be familiar with League protocol for deceased members, including a Eucharistic celebration offering, honour guard and prayer service at the funeral home, luncheon, etc.
- Serve on the nominations and elections committee
- Participate in League ceremonies such as the installation or reaffirmation of officers
- Attend meetings and conventions at the next level when possible and participate with members
- Honour the patroness of the League, Our Lady of Good Counsel, by celebrating with the members on her feast day of April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Use the League motto "For God and Canada" when speaking of the League



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## A National Organization

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada was organized in June 1920. Today, 65,000 members belong to councils in all provinces.

Membership is based on the parish unit (council) with representation on diocesan, provincial/territorial and national councils, and regional councils where applicable.

Catholic women, 16 and over, may be members on payment of the annual fee. Non-Catholic women, 16 and over, may be members with the right to vote but without eligibility for office, elected or appointed.

Politically, the League is non-partisan.

## Mission

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

## League Objects

The Objects of the League shall be to unite the Catholic women of Canada:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

*(Constitution & Bylaws, Part IV)*

## Standing Committees

FAITH

SERVICE

SOCIAL JUSTICE

*(Constitution & Bylaws, Part XIII)*

THE CWL TEAM

OFFICERS

Lead Plan Build Up Sustain

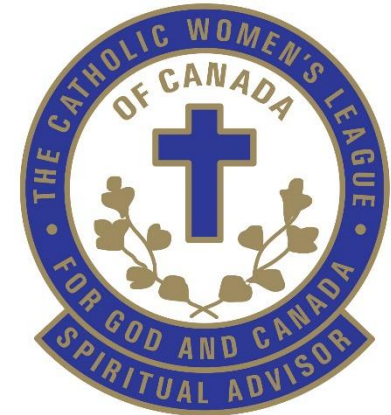
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Faith Service Social Justice

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