



**“[Be] labourers who are eager to work in the mission field, loving disciples who bear witness to the Kingdom of God in all places.” - Pope Leo XIV's Angelus of 6 July 2025**

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Dear Spiritual Advisors,

This year's CWL national theme (as developed by our national president, Betty Colaneri) is: ***Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission***. It is under this theme (as one rooted in the gospel of Christ, and the deep love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for humanity) that members of the Catholic Women's League in BC and the Yukon will gather in the beautiful city of Sidney, BC, for the Provincial Convention on the dates of June 18-20, 2026. The provincial convention will be graciously hosted by the Saanich Peninsula CWL Council and other volunteers from the Diocese of Victoria.

Under the above-noted theme, the convention will have as its primary focus the imperative of Christ's gospel to be attentive to, and to help alleviate, any forms of poverty in this world: whether material, spiritual, emotional and/or psychological. For we all hunger in some way; we all experience some form of poverty in our lives. In doing so, we are better able to experience solidarity with our brothers and sisters in this world who hunger.

As Spiritual Advisors at the diocesan or parish level, you witness, first-hand, the ***gospel passion*** that is ***ignited*** in your CWL members and the inspired ***mission*** that they live as a result; for they seek to live the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Attendance at the provincial convention affords you an opportunity to show your continuing support of the wonderful ministry and mission demonstrated by your local CWL members.

In this Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, saint of the poor and of spiritual poverty, I invite you to participate in the provincial convention in June. Your diocesan and local council members will be incredibly appreciative of your presence! By doing so, may each of us who serve as spiritual advisors give witness to the words of Pope Leo XIV; may we be: ***“labourers who are eager to work in the mission field, loving disciples who bear witness to the Kingdom of God in all places.”***

Sincerely in our Lord,  
Fr. John Garden  
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