Since being appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, I have learned about the charitable works being done by members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in parishes and communities across our diocese. In two meetings with Karen McDonald, Diocesan President of the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council, we have discussed the importance of the League and how it functions across the three regions. There are over 3,100 members in 33 councils in the Sault Diocese. Our parishes have benefitted from the Catholic Women's League being part of our church communities for over 96 years. The diocesan online newsletters and Annual Report Book provided to me refer to many wonderful projects undertaken by members, including yearly support of our seminarians.

Over 83,000 CWL members across Canada represent the voice of Catholic women, united in faith promoting Christian values. The League is faith based and provides opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership development. Members advocate for the vulnerable and less fortunate in society in fulfilling their Mission Statement of, "calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God".

The provincial and national councils meet annually with government to advocate for social justice and to present resolutions initiated by members at the parish level and approved by the diocesan, provincial and national councils. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, of which I am a member, support The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Councils will soon be commencing membership drives in our parishes and encouraging women to join The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Since 1920, members across the country have used their God-given gifts to evangelize and to lead people to Christ. As your Bishop, I am grateful for the support of the League and for the ongoing commitment of its members across the diocese to serve the people of God. I pray that the League will continue to flourish and remain active in our parishes.

Fraternally,

November 15, 2016
Bishop's Office

†Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

Wouldn't You like to be part of Such an Amazing Group of Ladies?

If you believe in the sanctity of human life,
If you want to develop a deeper spiritual life,
If you uphold the dignity of all human beings,
If you believe women play an important role in church and society,
If you strive to set a Christian example in your home and work place,
If you believe in Catholic education and affordable health services,
If you believe in the power of prayer,
THEN you belong with us!



All women are welcome to be members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. The CWL fiscal year begins January 1 and the membership fee is $25/Year.

Those that pay their annual $25 membership before January 31 have their names entered into a draw for the return of the cost of their membership.

Why wait until January for your 2017 Membership?
All members are invited to renew their membership and new members are welcome to join NOW!

Catholic Women's League

League:	***I am one of many***
Canadian:	***I am aware of my culture and my country.***
Catholic:	***I am reminded of my religious teachings and responsibilities.***
Women:	***I belong to a sisterhood from which I can draw spiritual and temporal support, comfort and strength in times of need.***

We have fully active members, partially active members, financially supportive members and prayer partners who all pay dues taking part spiritually or help when needed.

Contact Maudena Farnsworth, President Elect and Organization and Membership Chairperson, at 495-2532 for more information regarding Membership.