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The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is the largest national organization of Catholic Women in Canada. As an organization we contribute to the life and vitality of the Church, family and community, both at home and abroad.

Historical Facts:

- Organized Nationally on June 17, 1920
- Granted Federal incorporation on December 12, 1923
- Our Parish CWL Council was established in 2000.

Goal:

Unite women as a community striving for spiritual, cultural, intellectual growth and the development of social action.

One of the primary objectives is to develop the personal spiritual life of every member. The CWL supports the values in education and in social life, by striving to enhance the role of women in society and emphasize the dignity of human life. We operate in concert with other organization to help around the church and our community.

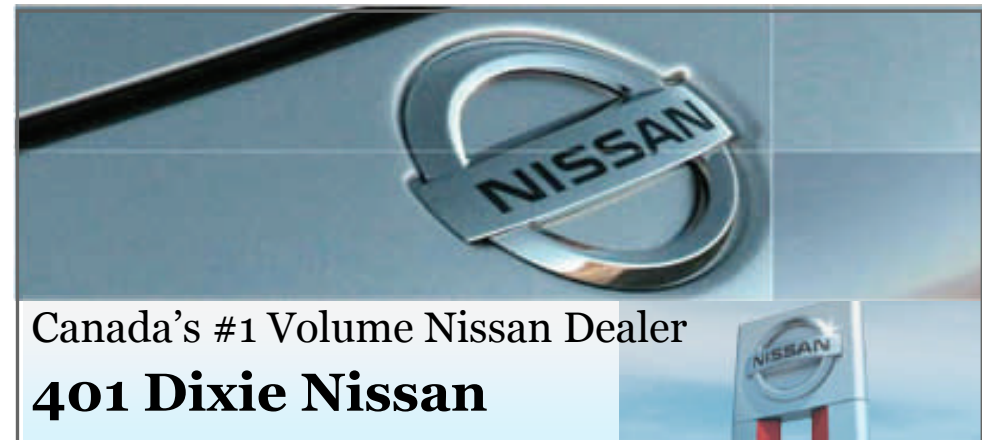
An invitation is extended to all women between 16 and 65. By joining the CWL you will be supporting the efforts of League members within our parish and across Canada who diligently work to promote the teachings of the Catholic church.

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President's Message

Greetings to all and welcome to our 9th Annual Valentine Dinner and Dance. Of the 365 days of the year, the 14th of February is a special day that has its recognition over centuries.

The history of Valentine's Day is obscure, and further clouded by various fanciful legends. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Its roots are shrouded by mystery and there are varying opinions about it. Its origins have become themes of many legends.

Whatever the truth of its origin, the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Women's League Council #3067 is always there to celebrate it with you. We are pleased that our friends and spouses are here to celebrate it with us. While this day is joyous and celebratory for us, we do remember those that are in need in our community. As we enjoy tonight with each other, we also know in our hearts that we are reaching out to others that need our help. Consequently, the proceeds of this event, as it has been in the past, will be donated to our various charities.

Thank you to all our sponsors who have advertised in this booklet as well as those who have donated various gifts for our raffle table. This event would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of our organizing committee.

On behalf of the Ladies of the League, my sincere gratitude to Fr. Bob O'Brien for his spiritual guidance and support

I encourage you to get into the mood of [Valentine's Day](#) by showing your special someone how much you care. I wish you a lovely evening and Happy Valentines Day.

Sincerely,

Funmi Ogundele

President



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Spiritual Advisor's Message



February 5, 2009

Greetings, Members of the League, spouses and guests,

Welcome to this evening's festivities. St. Valentine is traditionally connected with romantic love, but for reasons that are not at all obvious. He is believed to have been a priest who refused to deny his faith in favour of the state religion. There may have been more than one martyr with this name. We do know for sure that at least one St. Valentine actually lived.

His connection to love derives from a decision by the Holy Father to supersede a pagan kind of "dating game" of chance. The date for the celebration of St. Valentine was fixed as the 14th, one day before the traditional pagan festival. Like so many things in the history of the Church a pre-existing practice was figuratively "baptized", given new meaning consistent with Christian belief.

St. Valentine no longer appears in the universal calendar of the Church. The Church now celebrates the great apostles to the Slavic nations Cyril and Methodius who brought Christianity and developed the modern Slavonic alphabet, translating the Scriptures into that language.

Both these feasts point to the dynamic way that faith and culture come together. Our living faith is to shape our culture and at the same time the culture influences the expression of the faith so that the Good News can be received.

I hope that as we come together this evening we will celebrate in one another the richness of God's grace present and active among us and that we will be particularly grateful for the way in which God's love can be shared with one another. May the Lord bless couples in a special way this evening with a spirit of mutual appreciation and gratitude.

In Christ,

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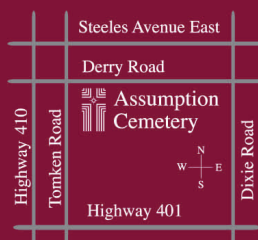


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