

**Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's
NEWS RELEASE: Archbishop Martin Currie to attend meetings of the
Catholic Women's League in Winnipeg**

Archbishop Martin Currie of St. John's leaves today for Winnipeg, where, as National Spiritual Advisor (or Chaplain) of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, he will participate in meetings of the executive. There are over 96, 000 women across Canada are members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, making this the largest single faith-based organization in the country. The CWL was founded in 1920. In its structure, Catholic women are organized into about 1,300 parish groups, or "councils." With its strength of membership, the League is a powerful voice with government and in many other places in Canadian society, using its power to lend a voice to the poor, those who are oppressed, immigrants and other marginalized people. The Catholic Women's League also educates members and society at large through its resolutions, which are voted upon by members and presented to government. For example, in 2009-2010, members were educated on and voted for resolutions on issues that affect many areas of Canadian society. These issues include: Exit Strategies for Prostituted Persons, Protection and Support Services for Foreign Victims of Human Trafficking, Hate Messages and the option of Income Tax Credit for Participation in Arts and Cultural Activities.

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