

Our Leadership Program

In keeping with our Mission and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation (2014), the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Board has the responsibility "To develop women's leadership capacity-building programs that are of the highest quality and that are consistent with Catholic values by establishing and maintaining partnerships with key educational institutions" (Objective 1).

Our year-long Certificate Program has been specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. Spirituality and a Catholic faith perspective are the foundation to all activities; prayer and reflective practice are core elements that are integrated throughout the program. Women will participate in modules, both face-to-face and online, on topics, such as:

- What Does Spirituality Mean in Transformative Leadership
- Where in the World are We Today: Challenges of Faith and Culture
- Women and Leadership: Our Ecological Responsibility
- Leadership Styles: Skills and Identity Development
- Inspirational Women Leaders
- Leadership and Catholic Social Teaching
- Servant Leadership
- What Does It Mean to be a Catholic Woman Leader Today?: Women's Leadership and Mentoring

After completing the program, women will have the skills they need to make a tremendous difference in their community whether they are speaking on behalf of an organization, fundraising for a local community group or serving as a director of a major corporation.

Our History

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation was established in 2012 through the vision of the Sisters of Service and the Catholic Women's League of Canada. It registered in 2013 under the laws of the Canada Corporations Act, and the first Board was established in 2015 with the responsibility of developing women's leadership capacity-building programs of the highest quality that are consistent with Catholic values.

The Board of Directors of the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation has entered into a relationship with the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality of Saint Paul University, Ottawa, to launch its initial Leadership Program for Catholic women across Canada, beginning May 2018.

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation is presently engaged in a major fundraising campaign to ensure the financial stability of the Foundation to provide leadership programs for Catholic women into the future. A financial contribution to the campaign will help us to build future Catholic women leaders. More information about the campaign and how you can donate can be found at www.cwlfcanada.ca

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Our Vision

Our vision is a just, merciful, and compassionate world nurtured by the genius of women



Our Mission

Our mission is to fund leadership education that inspires Catholic women to be transformational and influential leaders where they live and work

Our Objectives:

1. To develop women's leadership capacity-building programs that are of the highest quality and that are consistent with Catholic values by establishing and maintaining partnerships with key educational institutions.
2. To identify promising women leaders who will benefit from leadership education that builds on their lived experiences.
3. To secure financial and human resources in support of Catholic women's leadership education and activities.
4. To establish and maintain a national network of support for Catholic women leaders.
5. To develop and implement a communication plan to raise awareness about the importance of women's leadership.

Candidates for Our Leadership Program

The initial cohort of our Leadership Program will begin in May 2018 at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, with 14 participants.

The Program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, selected for such key leadership qualities as vision, determination, compassion, creativity, optimism and a positive and collaborative work ethic.

A candidate must be a Catholic woman, at least 21 years of age, demonstrate oral and written English language competencies, have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership, and have made a previous contribution to her community in some capacity.

Interested women are invited to view the Candidate Criteria and consider completing the application form available on our website:

www.cwlfcanada.ca

