



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
Faith Standing Communiqué
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TO: ABMK Provincial Executive
CC: Diocesan Presidents
Diocesan Chairperson of Faith
National Chairperson of Faith (for information)
FROM: Mary Molloy, Provincial Chairperson of Faith

RE: Prayer for the Conclave

In this time of grief, we continue to pray for the eternal rest of Pope Francis. We remember how he often closed his homilies and speeches with the words, “Please pray for me.”

Now more than ever, we must be united in prayer. On the eve of May 1, the beginning of the Marian month, the College of Cardinals released a declaration inviting all the faithful to pray for their discernment in choosing the next Pope. During this sede vacante or interregnum period, the Cardinals emphasize that prayer is a “true strength,” capable of “fostering the unity of all members in the one Body of Christ” (Vatican News, April 30, 2025).

The Cardinals will gather on May 7, 2025, to begin the Conclave to elect the new Pope. There are several ways we can respond to the call to prayer for their discernment:

1. Pray for our Canadian Cardinals participating in the Conclave, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them in discerning the next Pope:
 - Cardinal Thomas Collins
 - Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, ISPX
 - Cardinal Frank Leo
 - Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ
2. Pray the Rosary
3. Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration
4. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
5. Offer a Novena for the intention of the Conclave, such as:
 - CWL Novena
 - Novena to Our Lady of Fatima (May 4–13)
 - Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe
6. Offer a Mass Intention
7. Pray the official prayer for the Conclave, written by Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke.

Heavenly Father,

You entrusted the care of Your Church on earth to Pope Francis,
and now You have called him to
Yourself. We entrust his soul to Your
boundless mercy. For his lifelong service,
we thank You.

For his care for the poor and marginalized, we thank
You. For his witness to simplicity, we thank You.

In Your mercy, cleanse him of all sin.

Purify him and draw him into the light of Your
presence. Grant him the vision of Your Eternal
Essence,

into which we all long to be drawn.

Father Most Holy,

Our God and King,

Protect Your Church in this time of transition.

Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.

Grant them Wisdom and

Courage, Hope and Charity,

and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.

Creator of all that was, is, and is to come—

You alone know the heart of the one You have
chosen as the next successor to Saint Peter.

Reveal Your will to the College of
Cardinals. Open their hearts to Your
inspirations.

Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience,
the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of Saint Peter.

May he be a man of deepest

compassion, a man of profound faith
and hope,

a man whose charity shines forth,

permeating the darkness of this world with the light of Christ.

You are God Most High,

the God of the living and the

dead, the Great I AM,

the Alpha and the Omega,

Eternal Being and Source of all that is.

May Your holy will be done,

now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia.

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A reminder to submit your Spiritual Bouquet for Archbishop Richard Smith

God Bless

Mary M.