



We dream of a world where women and men hold equal roles of leadership and influence; where the impact of women is reflected in business, politics and throughout our communities....

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 world is changing at incredible speed. Mostly driven by technological innovations, which open new ways to communicate, innovate and automate, we now learn and work in different ways, we are more connected with global issues and global thinking. With such pressure for change, more responsible leaders are needed who can be transformative agents of desired change. Our world has not tapped into a deep resource of leaders.

Did you know

- * 51% of Canadians are women?
- * Only 8.5% of the highest paid positions in Canada's top 100 listed companies are women?
- * Only half of the boards of companies on the TSX have women members?
- * 35% of Canada's management positions are held by women?
- * 35% of Canadians identify as Roman Catholics?

Catholic Women Leaders are Needed

Over the past few decades, we have seen a growing need for Catholic women to fill leadership positions – in roles where they are able to share their values, gifts, talents in powerful and meaningful ways.

Through funding leadership education, we are empowering Catholic women to be transformational and influential leaders where they work and live.

Our Leadership Program

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation has partnered with the Providence School of Transformational Leadership and Spirituality at Saint Paul University, Ottawa to develop its first certificate program, titled, Transformative Leadership: Foundations for Catholic Women

The main components:

- * Online Introductory Module
- * Five day in-residence session at Saint Paul University
- * Seven online study modules (10 -15 hours per month) including videos, readings, personal reflections and discussion forums
- Four day in-residence session at Saint Paul University
- On-going mentorship during and after the Program is completed

Study topics include

- the integration of spirituality with leadership
- Catholic social teaching on ethics
- challenges of faith and culture
- ecological responsibility
- power
- integrity

Participants will benefit from structured **coaching and mentoring**. A Catholic faith perspective informs the entire program.

The first participants of this program come from across Canada, among them, 1 from the Edmonton Diocese, 1 who originates from the Calgary diocese and 1 from the NWT! These women are from different backgrounds, professions and age ranges.

The Foundation will cover the education costs of the program, including travel to/from Ottawa and residence and meals while in Ottawa for each participant. With the contributions pledged so far by generous donors during our first capital campaign, the Foundation's national volunteer board has been able to form a Fund Development Committee to further strengthen its financial profile.

A DREAM of the Catholic Women's League of Canada And the Sisters of Service has become a REALITY

After six years of work, whether it be developing the program or fundraising to make the program a reality the Foundation Board is proud and excited to announce that they will be welcoming the inaugural group of Catholic women to its new Leadership program. Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation to welcome first cohort in June 2018.

Be Involved

Apply

The Program is open to all Canadian Catholic women at least 21 years of age who have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership and have made a previous contribution to her community.

Pray

- † For the women embarking on their journey of Catholic Leadership Education
- † For those who are supporting the Leadership Program financially and those considering their support
- † For the women who have applied or are considering applying for the Leadership Program

We invite you to invest in Canada's future by helping Catholic women become **transformational leaders**. This initiative is a truly Catholic organization building for the future and one that I am proud to participate in. I have more information available if you are interested in personally donating to or applying for this great cause.

How to be Involved

Commit to a monthly or annual donation to the Foundation.
Donations can be made by cheque mailed to the following address:
Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation
12241-132 Street
Edmonton, AB T5L 1P7

or

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/
catholic-womens-leadershipfoundation](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/catholic-womens-leadershipfoundation)
Charitable Registration No:
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The Leadership Program costs the Foundation approximately \$120 000 for each group of 14 women.

Program participants demonstrate their commitment with a \$1, 000 contribution to the Program. Your financial support is very important!

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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.