



## November 2021 Edition

Featuring the Toronto Diocese and OPC Administrative Assistant

### "Care for our Common Home"



## Colleen's Communications

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Greetings to all,

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" Psalm 118:24*

At this writing it is October 20<sup>th</sup> and this afternoon the temperature reached 22 degrees. It is a brilliant day! We are truly blessed to be alive.



Remembrance Day is observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918 and honour the veterans of both World Wars... Lest We Forget.

November is a very special month in the life of the church. On All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we honour and celebrate the lives of those whom we have known and loved and who have gone before us. The month concludes with the Feast of Christ the King on November 21<sup>st</sup>, when we celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation, especially meaningful this year as our national theme "Care of Our Common Home" is ending, just as the liturgical year is drawing to a close.

As we prepare to begin Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>, I want to wish you a joyous season. Advent readings are themed Scripture readings for each Sunday of Advent. The four weeks of Advent are broken down into the four themes of:

1. Hope (or promise)
2. Preparation (waiting or prophecy)
3. Joy (peace)
4. Love (adoration)

The core values of the League emulate these themes. Be present and participate in any way you can. May all your prayerful celebrations be meaningful.

Keep all our League sisters in your prayers as we all, at some point, struggle with loneliness and the effects of isolation due to the pandemic, even after all this time. Be aware as we begin to gather.

Yours in faith,

*Colleen Perry*



## Toronto Diocesan Council

Over 260 members enjoyed the Toronto Diocesan virtual New Year's Celebration on January 13<sup>th</sup>. It included a spiritual reflection on "Hope." Members shared their talents with musical performances, storytelling, poetry reading and sharing jokes. There was a slideshow presentation of council photos followed by a closing prayer.



### Vaccines: Faith and Science Working Together Presentation:



The Toronto Diocesan Council hosted a virtual presentation on *Vaccines: Faith and Science Working Together* on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to address members' concerns about ethical COVID-19 vaccines. Dr. Moira McQueen, *Director of the Canadian Catholics Bioethics Institute* facilitated. Over 460 members from across Canada attended. Dr. McQueen's stipend was donated to *Journey Home Hospice*.

### Toronto 2020 and 2021 Partial Virtual AGMs

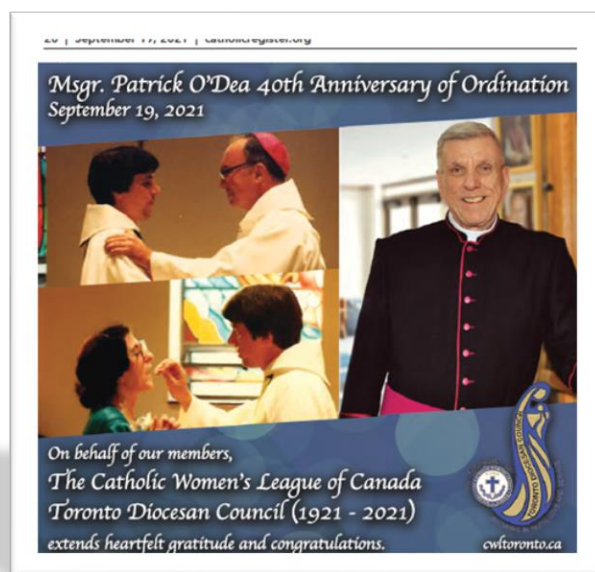
The Toronto Diocesan Council held their 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> partial virtual annual general meetings on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>. The diocesan executive reported on the four AGM themes on *Loneliness, Care for Our Common Home, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries for National and Toronto* and the *Year of St. Joseph*. The AGM started with live streamed Mass from St. Edward the Confessor Parish celebrated by Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, Spiritual Advisor. The 100<sup>th</sup> AGM included the Crowning of Mary, video recognition of events over the years from councils and diocesan conventions and pre-recorded greetings from His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. There were 287 voting, accredited, members and spiritual advisors in attendance.



## Msgr. Pat's 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary

Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Members collected a spiritual bouquet with a total of 88,728 prayer offerings in (masses, communions, rosaries, devotions, etc.) and best wishes were provided on the online Kudoboard digital card.

In addition, this congratulatory ad was placed in the Catholic Register on behalf of members in the Diocese. Msgr. Pat, has been a gift to the diocesan council since his appointment as Diocesan Spiritual Advisor in May 2016. He is appreciated for his unwavering support to the members, spiritual advisors, and the League.



President Hilarion Mitchel (Centre) along with Monsignor Pat O'Dea and others, attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Parish.

## Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity

The Toronto Diocesan Council provided a virtual workshop on "Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity" on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>. The event started with live streamed Mass from St. Edward the Confessor Parish celebrated by Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. The workshop included a prayer service on diversity, review of Toronto 2020 Diversity Stats. Keynote speaker Dr. Angela Cooper Brathwaite spoke on the Spiritual Dimension of Cultural Competence which was followed by presentation of performances from members in cultural costumes.



## Toronto Diocesan Council celebrating 100 Years in 2021



The Toronto Diocesan Council was formed during the first national convention, held in Toronto on June 3, 1921. Mary McMahon was elected the first president, and His Grace Archbishop Neil McNeil became the spiritual director. Hilarion Mitchell, President and Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, Spiritual Advisor ushered in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Life Member Mary Hawkley was the Chair of the Anniversary Committee. A Madonna Pin was designed by member, Irene Debono to commemorate this occasion and the committee provided a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate to each council and spiritual advisor in the Diocese, following the celebrations.

### One Hundred Years: Growing in Faith, Love and Service

As part of the celebration, Toronto Diocese held a virtual Anniversary Celebration on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with 370 members in attendance including current and past diocesan spiritual advisors and invited guest, Colleen Perry, and Anne Marie Gorman. The celebrations included an Anniversary prayer service, poetry, highlight of the council's accomplishments, video greetings and toasts for the past, present, and future.

The highlight of the yearlong celebrations was a Centennial Mass held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica commencing with The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, led by the regional chairs. The principal celebrant was Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of the Central Region. There were close to 100 in-person including Margaret Ann Jacobs, Honorary Life Member, life members, three immediate past diocesan spiritual advisors and members from throughout the diocese.



Mary Hawkley, Life Member, Chair of the Anniversary committee at St. Michael's Cathedral.



## Toronto Diocesan Council - CWL Wednesday

### Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action

The Toronto Diocesan Council hosted *The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action - An Introduction and Updates* presentation, on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>. It was in recognition of the first federal statutory holiday, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, which was Call to Action #80. It was also a continuation of Canada's road to reconciliation, from the diocesan presentation on National Indigenous People's Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The goal for this presentation was to introduce members to four of the 94 Calls to Action for future discussions at their councils, to generate ideas as League members to keep us and others accountable to stay active in the reconciliation process. There were 132 members from across the diocese including executive members from the Ontario Provincial Council: Colleen Perry, President; Linda Squarzolo, President-Elect; Colleen Martin, Christian Family Life Chair; Mary Capobianco, Community Life Chair and Ann D'Souza, Communications Chair.

Kamloops Shrine to Missing Indigenous Children and Children found in Unmarked Graves. This shrine, in Kamloops, B.C., is across the road from the Residential School. It was built approximately six years ago. All around the memorial families have placed stones with some of the names.

(Picture submitted by Mary Lynch, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Oshawa, Durham Region)



**Toronto Diocesan Council** hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series virtually on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The topic was on: Catholic Education "Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together". Speakers were:

- Barry White, Founding member of the Catholic Teachers Guild of Toronto.
- Anne O'Brien, Director of Catholic Education Ontario Catholic School Board Trustees' Association
- Patrick Daly, President of Canadian Association of Trustees and President of Ontario Catholic Trustees

Organizing committee: Ann D'Souza, TDC Past President/Historian, Mary Hawkley & Mary Capobianco, Life Members.

The speakers waived their stipend, a donation of \$1000/- was made to the Mikinakoos Children's Fund that helps indigenous children in northwestern Ontario <https://mikinakoos.com>



## **Holy Family Council – Durham Region**

In honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, Holy Family Parish Council in Whitby – Durham Region, planted a Magnolia tree in the Church gardens on May 18, 2021. The tree was blessed by Fr. Laszlo on June 7, 2021, with the Executive members in attendance.



Congratulations to:

Mary Anne Belanger and Devayani DeCroos from Holy Family Parish CWL, Whitby were awarded Maple Leaf Service Pins this year.

## **St. Margaret Mary Council - Humber Valley Region**

Upon hearing the cry for help from Haiti after the devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake which hit it in August of 2021, members of St. Margaret Mary came through with a HAITI BLITZ FOOD DRIVE during the long weekend of September. The ladies along with all the parishioners who attended Mass that weekend dropped off a total of 6 skids of non-perishable food items to be sent to Haiti. The BLITZ FOOD DRIVE got under way when the members learned that Dr. Simone's "CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN" was shipping out a container to Haiti that following Wednesday. Short notice "Call to Action", but the ladies spread the word and got great results. We thanked God for the beautiful sunny weather making it easier to collect outside the church, adhering to safety protocols. All thanks to the dedicated parishioners for multiple drop-offs, a great example of The Catholic Women's League of Canada calling its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.





## **CWL St Patrick's Council (Markham), North York Region**

The CWL Easter Fundraiser turned out to be a surprising success, despite the restrictions presented by the pandemic.

Community partners and supporters came together to support the mission.

The Campaign pre-sold potted white Easter Lilies and colorful Hydrangeas, reached out to fellow parishioners, friends and local businesses who readily opened their hearts, some making generous donations. The delivery event was held at the Valleyview premises on March 28th and 30th, 2021. With the proceeds, the campaign was able to give 60 food gift cards to the Society of St. Vincent de

Paul serving needy families and individuals in the St. Patrick's and Blessed Frederic Ozanam Parishes. For years the council conducted Easter meal project serving a special dinner for senior residents at Markham Cedarcrest Manor. This year due to COVID19 restrictions the project switched to providing pre-packaged meals, prepared by T&T Café at Main Street Markham, good for 25 senior residents. A CWL member-volunteer delivered the meals to the home on April 6<sup>th</sup> adding with the meals her own Easter gift of goodies and inspirational card. Part of the proceeds also went towards providing food and hygiene supplies to the Markham Food Bank.



## **Good Shepherd Council, North York Region**

MaterCare International has been one of Good Shepherd CWL's favourite charity, an organization of Catholic Health Professionals dedicated to the care of mothers and babies. The council holds a 'Toonie' 50-50 draw at each of their meetings, with half the proceeds going to Matercare and half to the winner of the draw. A few months ago, Mary Williams, a 40-year member, had a wonderful idea. She knitted one hundred darling Covid Kids and Angels and brought them to Mass asking for a donation of \$5 each. A card was also placed inside each box which read: *"Perhaps you could find a special place for this little Covid Doll to remind you of the many blessings you have received from God during this difficult period."*

MaterCare was very grateful to receive a donation of \$600 from the Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League Council.





## **St. Mary's Council (Barrie), Northern Region**

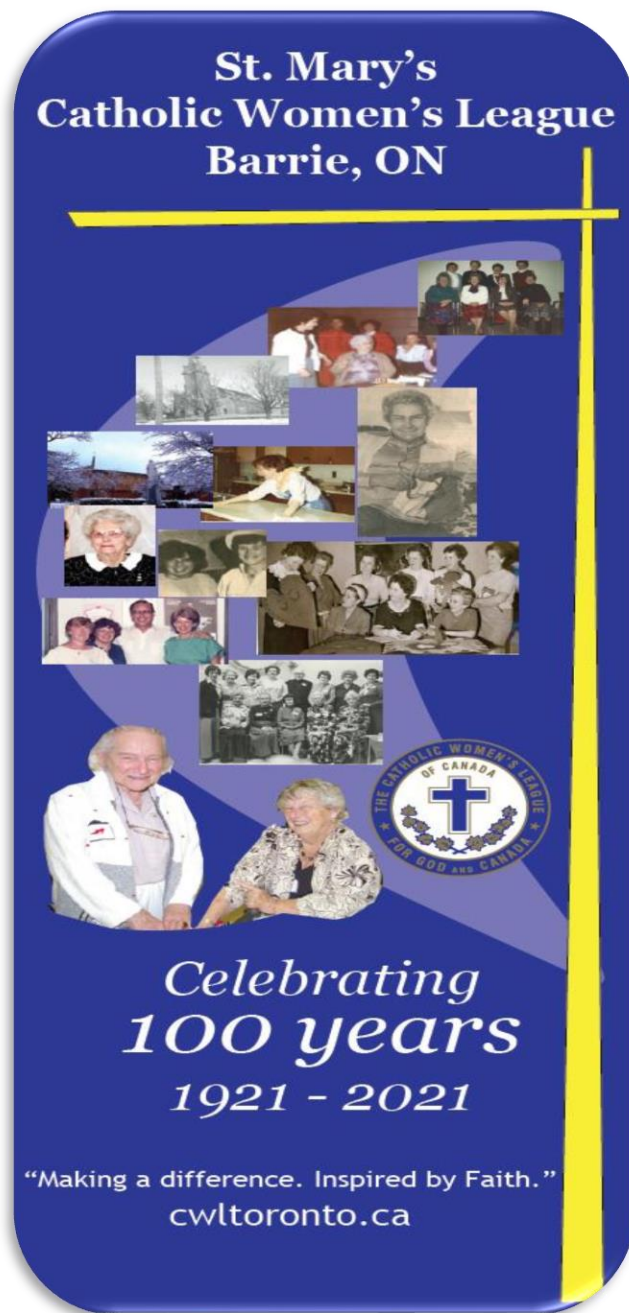
### **CELEBRATES 100 YEARS**

100 years ago on April 21, 1921, St. Mary's CWL was officially chartered, only one year after National CWL formed. Over the century, thousands of St. Mary's female parishioners have eagerly participated in service to God, Canada and abroad through their membership.

In the 1920s, members were involved in raising money for a new church floor after the Ku Klux Klan attempted to blow up the old St. Mary's church. In the 1940s, members were patriotically sewing and knitting for the Red Cross during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and holding dances and garden party fund raisers. Past traditions such as the bazaar, public speaking contests, donations to a variety of charities and lobbying the government regarding ethical issues continue to this day.

In more recent times, they have donated to such worthy causes as: The Women's and Children's Shelter of Barrie, Gilda's Club, Candlelighters for children with cancer, funding education for African women and sponsoring priests. They donated a defibrillator to the parish and In the Year of Mercy, the council purchased the Divine Mercy picture that presently hangs inside the church. Changes have occurred but they have and will always enjoy gathering for good food and good company. Even now, during the pandemic, they continue to meet on Zoom to pray and laugh together.

During this anniversary year they added a commemorative plaque to the maple tree planted last fall, created a Facebook page and website, posting daily prayers, a calendar of events plus articles and pictures from their past reminding members of how far they've come. An anniversary banner was created to be displayed in the church entrance. Plans have been made for a celebratory Mass and luncheon to be enjoyed when Covid restrictions permit a relaxed and carefree setting.



### **St. John Vianney Counsel, Northern Region**

On Sept 27, St. John Vianney Council held it's first in person meeting. They had the privilege of honouring Patricia Scicluna with her 70-year membership pin. Patricia started serving the C.W.L. before she became a member by helping her mother prepare for meetings. Pat one of 9 children married the year she became a member and at the request of her priest in Toronto she started serving at a Catholic Orphanage where she was privileged to adopt 2 sons. Patricia has just celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.



Pat receiving pin from Barbara Hargrave, Council President. She also received Edna Kelly Award for outstanding service to C.W.L. and Church Community from Past President and Life member, Hazel Hawrsh.



### **St. John Fisher Council, Peel Region**

The council hosted their annual walkathon fundraiser for the parish on Saturday September 11, 2021, at Chinguacousy Park, Brampton. The walk started with a prayer service and then the 30 members, parishioners, and Fr. Regulo Imperial completed 1, 2 or more laps around the 1.3 km (2,000-step) park. It was a very successful walkathon with lots of fun, it got everyone moving and a total of \$2,400 was raised for the parish. The walkers were rewarded with healthy nutritional bars and water for their generous support and time.



### **St. Mary's Council, Peel Region**



The council purchased 8 sets of hardcover books "Children in our World" from *Physicians for Global Survival* (PGS). The books address current global issues of "Poverty and Hunger", "Refugees and Migrants", "Racism and Intolerance" and "Global Conflict" at an elementary school level, with sensitive definitions and explanations.

The council was impressed with the beauty and sensitivity of these books and their depiction of social justice as rooted in the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching and they were finally able to deliver two sets to the libraries of each of

their four parish elementary schools. The books were greatly appreciated.



### **St. Aidan Council, Scarborough Region**

The Council held its first outdoor event by organizing a plant sale and garden basket raffle, on the beautiful Saturday morning of July 10, 2021, in their church parking lot. Council gardening enthusiasts prepared pots with a beautiful array of plants for indoors and outdoors. They had a steady stream of council members and parishioners dropping by to pick up a pot or two at a good price and to stay a bit and chat, all the while maintaining safety protocols.



### **St. Joseph Highland Creek Council, Scarborough Region**

October being the month of the Holy Rosary, members, and spouses of St. Joseph's Council in Scarborough Region, came together to pray the Rosary at the St. Joseph Parish Cemetery for their parishioners and members who are buried at this location. Their council Book of Life was also part of this prayer service to remember all their deceased members and spiritual advisors in their 68 years as a council.





## **Our Lady of Lourdes Council, Toronto Region**

Our Lady of Lourdes Council in Toronto Region celebrated its milestone 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 18, 2021 (1951-2021) The Council's Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Sullivan, celebrated a virtual Eucharistic Liturgy at 7.00 P.M. on June 18, 2021, with 65 members and guests in attendance respecting COV-19 restriction. Organist, Mario Portararo and soloist, Pablo Yu provided the music.

Past Toronto Region chairs, Jovita Muller and Claudette Wilson each received roses as well as the senior members of the council and all attendees received "doggie bags" on their way out.



## **St. John's Council, Toronto Region**

The council continued to connect members in various way while still not able to meet in person.

During a 28 day 'cycle' in June, members collect menstruation products for marginalized and homeless girls and women. The Period Purse is a non-profit group that "strives to achieve menstrual equity and reduce the stigma surrounding periods".



The council continued providing monthly donations of lunch items for the Good Shepherd Centre and held collection of dry goods for a senior's food bank. Their monthly e-newsletters keep members informed, also used personal ways by asking members to share favourite hymns, prayers, saints, songs, etc. with an explanation as to why it is a favourite; each month has a different share theme. They are also praying the Rosary via Zoom every Friday evening. St. John's council turned 70 this year and members are looking forward to celebrating that milestone when they can gather in person once again, the party will be the springboard to launching them back into action again!



## Administrative Assistant and Corresponding Secretary

Although there may be different duties and responsibilities required in the above noted positions, the skill sets required tend to be the same in these two positions. These skill sets may include, but are not limited to the following:

**Communication:** excellent written and verbal communication skills help them work as a valued member of the executive at all levels.

**Time Management:** helps plan her own work, and often can assist others on the executive with their schedules. She must also be able to work independently and be able to prioritize her duties and responsibilities.

**Organization:** The main skill required of both is remaining organized. By doing so, she can use this skill to easily access information, files, etc. both for herself and for others on the executive.

**Computer literacy:** Since both the administrative assistant and corresponding secretary complete most of their work on computers, computer literacy is essential. She should not be afraid to learn different platforms and/or software needed or used by her council.

**Teamwork:** Since both the administrative assistant and corresponding may interact with all members the executive, she should have excellent teamwork skills to collaborate with others and create a positive environment.

A good administrative assistant or corresponding secretary will:

1. Be organized
2. Keep copies of all correspondence
3. Respect confidentiality
4. Work closely with the President
5. Make it easy for others to take over by keeping clear records
6. Prepare for meetings well in advance
7. Be able to summarize effectively
8. Keep people informed

*And always remember: "There is no 'i' in 'team'."*

.....Submitted by Anna Tremblay, OPC Administrative Assistant

## Reaching out to Members

The last twenty months have been a difficult time for everyone. Many, myself included, are reluctant to meet face-to-face with anyone outside of our "bubble". Many of our members are elderly and, although fully vaccinated, are reluctant to attend large gatherings. How can we keep our members actively involved in the League?



Here are a few suggestions:

- Use the "phone tree" and call members, often, just to have a chat and to share information
- If meeting is being held on "Zoom", invite one person, who does not have a computer, to attend with you
- Choose a time, weekly, when members will pray the rosary together from their homes
- Consider a project where members can work from home, such as, knitting items or collecting socks for the needy
- Have a short, outdoor meeting on a nice day
- Have a drive-by visit with members, especially the elderly
- Hold a "take-out meal" fund-raising event, with pre-orders and where pick-up times are scheduled

Our members need to know that the League continues to function and there are ways they can continue to be actively involved.

.....Submitted by Linda Squarzolo, President-Elect/Organization Chair





## Consciously supporting consideration of a vocation to religious life by our children

Hearing a story recently of a Catholic Women's League sister's 3 sons being called to a religious vocation, it made me start to wonder if I as a mother was/am open to a call for my children. Are there things that I should/could do as a mother so that my children are open to a call to single, married, or religious life?

Responding to a religious vocation requires a generous heart willing to commit to following Christ and caring for His sheep in pastoral life. We should consider if we are generous of heart and willing to see our son or daughter commit to religious life.

Some of us look forward to having grandchildren and this may blind us to the possibility of religious life for our children. The generous heart would recognize the Graces that would be received both by children accepting a call to religious life and to their parents. As a parent, we should show our openness to acceptance of a call to any of the three vocations.

Should your child voice an interest in religious life, you should show support by sharing the joy with your child, praying for them, and offering Mass in thanksgiving for their consideration to such a call. Make sure your child recognizes your generosity in seeing him/her considering commitment to Christ.

God gives us the gift of children, but they do not belong to us but to God.

*"If they are planning and doing these things merely on their own, it will soon be overthrown. But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!" (Acts 5:38-39).*

*The paragraph below is from St. Michael Catholic Community blog on child religious vocations.*

We are always complaining about the lack of vocations. If we had a faith the size of a mustard seed and we were generous in the ways our children want to be generous, how could there be any doubt that we'd have many religious and priest vocations? Let us allow ourselves to receive and share the grace with joy (and without fear), because "what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor, 2-9)

### Family Resources Online

CBC Kids News <https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/>

Raising Healthy Kids <https://www.verywellfamily.com/healthy-kids-4157321>

.....Submitted by Colleen Martin, OPC Christian Family Life Chair



## What are your gifts?

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses."*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

What are your gifts? How are you offering your gifts in service?  
How do you cherish, tend, and share them?

Know your gifts. Be open to receiving them as they are gifted to you for service to God and His people. We must learn to recognize that all we have and do are gifts from God. Life is a gift – each day is a gift!

We are called to receive our gifts graciously. Pope Francis says, *"Each one of us is called to holiness in our own way"*. Each believer must discern their own path and trust in the Holy Spirit for guidance and Our Lady of Good Counsel for support.

If you do not use your gifts, you are insulting the gift-giver.

St. Theresa of Avila suggested that we *"walk in truth of who we are"*. This is meant to encourage us to have the courage to claim our gifts in all humility and turn them back to God.

Here I am Lord, come to do your will with all the gifts and talents you have given me, including the gift of life itself. Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 5:19 says, *"Do not quench the Spirit"*. Listen and speak generationally with open hearts, minds, and wills.



.....Submitted by Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial President.

Inspired by a talk by Sandra Prather, at the National Fall Meeting October 14, 2021



## Promotion of Per Capita Fee Increase

At the recent national fall meeting there was a reiteration of concerns for the need to increase national per capita fees. The following is a fact sheet prepared by National Secretary-Treasurer Marie Rackley.



### **FACTS:**

1. It has been 10 years since the last increase in National per capita fee increase.
2. 8 out of the past 10 years we have had an operating deficit.
3. Investment income and sale of investments have covered out operating deficit.
4. Increase in expenses have continued to affect our deficit: facility cost, supplies, conventions, travel, salaries, league promotion – magazine cost.
5. Decrease in membership over the last 3 years has been close to 12,000 for a variety of reasons.
6. Covid has made its mark on our League by distancing our members from one another but also from our parish, diocesan, and national councils.
7. The younger generation of Catholics are frustrated and upset with the church today and are not playing an active role in our church community.

### **Solutions**

1. In 2017-2018 talks began to develop a Strategic Plan to revise and change the format of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Motion was made to invest \$1,000,000 from the investment fund to cover this 5-year project. This would not affect the financial operation of the League
2. It is time for the League to invest in its membership at all levels. The Welcome Program was developed and needs to be promoted with the parish councils through the leadership of the Provincial Presidents. It is time for the National Executive to invest in their Provincial Counterparts so that they are informed of all information and changes and can pass it along to the Diocesan counterparts
3. The Board of Directors have already started to make the tough decisions and look at conserving expenses. The reduction of two printed copies of our League magazine and is it time to make another tough decision by having a in person National Convention every other year and having a virtual National convention the opposite year
4. Support is needed from our Spiritual Advisors. Is it time for the Bishops in the various dioceses in the provinces to reach out and support the League by speaking to their



parish pastors and asking them to be part of our great organization? We need to invite the ladies from our church community without Parish Priest standing next to our Parish / Provincial President. We need to show that we are a strong spiritual organization rooted in gospel values and support God's people. We the Catholic Women's League of Canada play a vital role in the Catholic church as confirmed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

5. Expenses can be reduced but not affect the operations of an efficient office.
6. There is only one place to look and that is to increase revenue. The solution is per capita fees. The \$12 increase on 65,000 members would give us \$780,000 extra in fees for 2023. With this increase we would be able to:
  - a. Begin returning to investments the dollars that we have used to operate the league.
  - b. Continue to invest in leadership training within each province.
  - c. Encourage our Board to reach out to their counter parts within the provinces and have virtual meetings.
  - d. Increase grants to the provinces for provincial workshops.
  - e. Could we return to 3 copies of our magazine?

### **Responsibility**

This is our responsibility, the Board members of the League, to provide the information to our members on why we need an increase in per capita fees. What is negative must become positive. We accepted this responsibility when we offered our name to service on National level and were elected by the membership to service and protect our League. There are ways we can work together to help with the \$12.00 increase, as was conveyed in my Communique.

We as a Board have to "Walk the Talk:

How can we walk away from the League who has given us a voice in our Church, a voice with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, a voice with the Federal government through our Resolutions, a voice with WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organization) and a voice to express our concerns in developing countries?

Our new theme says it all "Catholic and Living It"

.....Submitted by Colleen Perry, Ontario Provincial President.



## Resolutions



A reminder to send in via email the titles for resolutions by December 15, 2021, to the Ontario Provincial Resolutions Chair. These titles should come from the Diocesan Resolutions Chair. How many resolutions will we have at the Provincial AMM/Convention this year?



.....Submitted by Wilma Vanderzwaag, OPC Resolutions Chair



## Things to Remember:



Pope Francis pours dirt into a potted olive tree during the meeting, "Faith and Science: Towards COP26," with religious leaders in the Hall of Benedictions at the Vatican Oct. 4. The meeting was part of the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow Oct. 31-Nov. 12.

CNS photo/Vatican Media

Pope Francis pours dirt into a potted olive tree during the meeting, "Faith and Science Towards COP26", with religious leaders in the Hall of Benedictions at the Vatican on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was part of the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow Oct 31-Nov 12.





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Thought

**"Dreams are  
renewable  
no matter  
what our  
age".**



**Why did the math  
book look so sad?**



**It was full of problems.**

**DUST IF YOU MUST**

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed.  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,  
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind,  
And when you go – and go you must –  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

