

Oral report for OPC Convention 2022

Highlight one event:

Wow what a year! I had to sit and ponder - there are so many great things I have had the privilege of hearing about from all the spiritual development chairs from every corner of Ontario. Covid created many challenges, however the challenges helped us grow in our faith – I know, I for one increased my prayer life. And from what I heard, not being able to meet in person didn't deter us. Zoom was alive and buzzing!!

As I mentioned earlier today, Colleen has credited the ladies of the CWL for teaching her the rosary. The rosary is such a beautiful way to speak and pray with Mary. Ahh Mary, mother of us all – she brings our petitions to her Son on our behalf. But as we have learnt from the miracle at the Wedding Feast in Canaan – all in His good time.

If you guessed the Rosary Rally as my highlight – you would be correct. Why I think the Rosary Rally is cool: Many have indicated that your councils or diocese or members have taken part in these rallies with no hesitation to publicly recite the rosary – joining us with all our Catholic peers. Also another beautiful aspect is that we the sisters of the CWL all across Canada support this public display of our faith and it's not even of our initiative but there we are Catholic and Living It!

I sent out a last minute – a very last-minute request to the different spiritual chairs across our diocese to see if they had a count of how many councils or members participated or even hosted one. Then I started to write this report and I got to thinking, sure stats are interesting, and I could try and impress you with numbers, but what is really important is that we know and we showed up and we prayed together all across our beautiful province. I know that last year, our little corner of Alexandria Cornwall had 3 different locations!

Each year, ***Canada Needs Our Lady*** holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with Rosary Rallies in cities all across the country. On October 16, 2021, there were 640+ groups simultaneously praying for our country and the world right across Canada! How beautiful and encouraging is that to know that many of our sisters in the league are part of those numbers. However, I strongly believe that numbers aren't what is important, the sheer knowledge knowing that we aren't afraid to be Catholic and to show it is absolutely worth being your sister in the League. You lead by your example and encourage us all.

Mark your calendars! Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade 2022 is on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 12 noon (local time)!

Respectfully submitted.