



**Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**



Catholic and Living It!

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To: Diocesan Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons
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My Dear Sisters in the League,

We are so lucky to be Ontarians because we get to experience all four seasons. Autumn has arrived in all God's splendor touching many of our senses. The air feels cool and smells earthy. The leaves are turning glorious colours and we can hear them crunch underfoot as we walk. And another sure sign that fall has arrived - our meetings have started up again so it's time to get back to work.

Marriage and Family

We have many days in our calendar year to celebrate family, like Mother's Day and Father's Day. But did you know that Grandparent's Day is coming up soon? It's on Sunday September 11. It began officially 1978 with a designated day to honour grandparents in light of the fact that many senior citizens in nursing home did not have visits from families. Having just observed loneliness as our provincial theme for the past two years and having an Ontario resolution forwarded to address loneliness, this day provides us an opportunity to visit a senior - a parent, a grandparent, a neighbor, a friend in a nursing home, etc. Share a meal. Pray with them. Offer them a ride to Mass.

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40

Sanctity of Life

The Christian Family Life Committee is responsible for many areas and one of them is the sanctity of life. There are 2 events that will be happening within the next couple of months that I want to remind you of.

The first is the 40 Days for Life Campaign which will occur September 28 - November 6. This consist of prayer, fasting and a visible public vigil that is meant to be peaceful and educational.

The second is Life Chain which takes place on Sunday, October 2. People who oppose abortion stand at intersections across the country for an hour, silently praying for an end to abortion while holding signs with messages like: "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," "Adoption, the loving option," and "Life, the first inalienable right." Please encourage your council to participate in this one-hour event. Our presence and our prayers are needed now more than ever with our country welcoming Americans, unable to have an abortion in their country.

Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund

Marie Theresa Lamphier, our provincial treasurer, had this in her recent directive but it bears repeating.

A bursary fund was established in memory of former provincial spiritual advisor Bishop Bernard F. Pappin to provide financial support to seminarians of all ages. Each year the seminarians may apply to the provincial council in order to be awarded the bursary.

In 2017 sixteen applications were received and ten bursaries of \$500 each were awarded to those returning to the seminary in the fall. In 2022 we had one application. Please remind your parish chairs to inform local seminarians of the bursary.

Since the fund is solely financed by donations from CWL councils, all councils across Ontario are encouraged to donate to this fund to assist our seminarians. Donations can be sent to the provincial treasurer, Marie-Theresa Lamphier, with the cheque made payable to the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You should note Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary in the memo line.

You'll be hearing lots more about vocations in future mailings....stay tuned!

We are all very busy women. It seems there are never enough hours in a day. Don't allow the responsibilities to overwhelm you and don't worry about the challenge you face but take heart in its completion. Margaret Thatcher suggested, *"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it."*

I have attached a **Calendar of Special Events** for the coming year with some highlights for you.

I look forward to receiving copies of the directives you send and hear what is happening in your area. Please feel free to write me, e-mail me or phone me. I really so appreciate your comments, questions, suggestions and ideas.

May our Lady's love and blessings be with you.

Betsy

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