

**Ontario Provincial Council
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**



**Annual Report
2024**

The Purpose of the Ontario Provincial Council

- To implement the Catholic Women's League objectives and policy in the province
- To represent the Catholic Women's League members of Ontario at the national level
- To coordinate the diocesan councils in the province
- To be a link between the diocesan councils in Ontario and the national council for reporting, for resolutions and for those matters requiring an instructed vote at the national convention
- To disseminate information and direction from the national council to the diocesan councils in the province
- To provide direction, inspiration and encouragement to Catholic Women's League members and councils in the province
- To submit resolutions and briefs on provincial matters as required
- To maintain contact with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO)

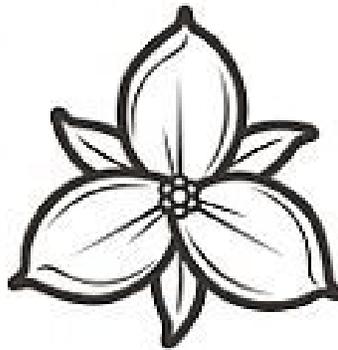


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The Ontario Provincial Executive

2024-2026 Ontario Provincial Officers

Spiritual Advisor	Bishop Thomas Dowd
President	Colleen Martin
Vice-President	Karen McDonald
Secretary/Communications	Lisa Henry
Treasurer/Privacy Officer	Lisa Fillingham
Past President/Historian	Linda Squarzolo
Faith Standing Chairperson	Claudette Langdon
Service Standing Chairperson	Sue Lubowitz
Social Justice Standing Chairperson	Hilarion Mitchell
Administrative Assistant	Wilma Vanderzwaag

2024 Diocesan Presidents

Ottawa-Cornwall	Melina Nobert
Hamilton	Teresa DiFalco
Hearst-Moosonee	Nancy Bouvier
Kingston	Maureen Vincentine
London	Mary Bannon/Denise Morris
Pembroke	Annette Chaplin
Peterborough	Maria Fitzgerald
Sault Ste. Marie	Patricia Clizia
St. Catharines	Deedee Alexandre
Thunder Bay	Cathy Carlino
Timmins	Audrey Shelton
Toronto	Kate O'Quinn

Mission Statement

***The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith,
and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.***



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THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
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Dear Sisters and Spiritual Advisors:

RE: 2024 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

It is with great joy that I write this letter of greetings to you for our annual report which celebrates all the accomplishments of the calendar year of 2024. The annual report is an important opportunity to celebrate all the efforts of members across the province living out their baptismal call in sisterhood.

A mix of repeating and special initiatives involving the sharing of the gift of presence, developing awareness on health and social justice issues, developing tools to assist members in leadership roles, and many other initiatives demonstrate engagement of members, and meaningful impacts. At diocesan conventions this spring, I heard, time and again, expressions of gratitude for the positive impact you have on communities.

I pray in gratitude for the commitment you, my sisters across the province, have to each other and to the League's mission to call *members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service!!*

In joy-filled faith,

Colleen Martin, President
Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Administration Committee

Colleen Martin, President
Karen McDonald, Vice-President
Linda Squarzolo, Past President
Lisa Fillingham, Treasurer
Lisa Henry, Secretary
Claudette Langdon, Faith Chairperson
Sue Lubowitz, Service Chairperson
Hilarion Mitchell, Social Justice Chairperson
Wilma Vanderzwaag, Administrative Assistant

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Maureen Vincentine, Kingston
Mary Bannon, London
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Maria Fitzgerald, Peterborough
Annette Chaplin, Pembroke
Deedee Alexandre, St. Catharines
Patricia Clizia, Sault Ste. Marie
Cathy Carlino, Thunder Bay
Audrey Shelton, Timmins
Kate O'Quinn, Toronto



SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in the League,

Greetings in the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is with great joy that I offer this message for the Annual Report Book of the Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League. As your Provincial Spiritual Advisor, I have been blessed to witness firsthand the remarkable dedication and service of the CWL across Ontario. This report book, a testament to your collective efforts, beautifully captures the depth and breadth of your commitment to faith, charity, and community.

As I reflect on my third year journeying with you as provincial spiritual advisor, I am particularly grateful for the opportunities to provide spiritual formation to League members. These moments of shared prayer and reflection have been a highlight of my ministry with you.

Looking to the future, I encourage all League councils to continue prioritizing the spiritual and leadership development of their members. By deepening your faith and equipping one another with the tools to lead, the CWL will continue to thrive as a vibrant force in our Church.

In conclusion, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your tireless efforts and ask for your continued prayers for me and for our shared mission.

With every blessing in Christ,

Bishop Thomas Dowd
Ontario Provincial Spiritual Advisor (2024)

President's Report 2024

Provincial President: Colleen Martin

2024 was an election year in Ontario so Linda Squarzolo and Colleen Martin shared leadership.

Initiatives specific to the national theme and focus on mental health included:

Members responded through the national theme, 'Here I am Lord Send me!' by 'Being the Difference!' and living the 'Joy of the gospel.' They used the national theme and prayer at meetings at all levels and explored mental health through:

- events to educate on mental health
- diocesan presentation, convention focus
- donations
- visits to lonely and meal delivery
- presentation from an individual suffering with poor mental health
- resolution research and development on elimination of use of mature minor doctrine
- studying the connections between mental health and homelessness, job security, intimate partner violence, and food security
- phone calls
- theme weaved into all events
- volunteering at related agencies
- letter writing and petitions signed

Councils at the diocesan and parish levels responded to the promotion of national initiatives to study and effect change related to:

- human trafficking
- pornography
- support to immigrants
- compassionate community care day, promotion of development and peace campaign "Stand for the Land", challenges of people living with brain injuries
- homelessness
- mental illness
- MAiD
- access to palliative care
- indigenous issues
- post card campaign

Unique projects parishes expressed pride in completing included:

- Craft kits created and sent to children in Ukraine.
- Focus on involvement of younger members with positive results.
- Embracing the "1" campaign and Welcome program with positive results.
- Being Present in Catholic schools, praying the rosary and celebrating the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
- One day diocesan wide food drive, 'Hunger knows no season' including local and social media engagement, and participation of a catholic high school in a cereal drive.
- A Feast and Cultural Day in conjunction with St Patrick's Day to meet new residents and experience their culture through food.
- An ecumenical, community outdoor meal for 50 plus people of all ages.
- Traveling to remote parts of a diocese to support Indigenous women and reactivate a council.

- Sending regular shipments to meet needs communicated by a remote First Nation.
- Councils in Ontario continued to call members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service through charitable acts, volunteerism, spiritual programs, mentors to youth, hosting World Day of Prayer, and serving parish in ministry roles.

The provincial council hosted a breakfast reception at Queen's Park, the Ontario Legislature, with all MPPs invited. Four council members met with attendees to discuss the League and its resolutions.

The 77th annual convention was hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council and was held in Sudbury. There were 77 first-time attendees due in part to a registration subsidy of \$100 supported by a national grant and by the Ontario provincial council. Members experienced a dinner at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church with an \$1,100 donation presented to their priest for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund; masses; presentations by National President Shari Guinta on her theme, Provincial Spiritual Advisor Bishop Thomas Dowd, members of the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, provincial executive and diocesan presidents; a sunrise ceremony at the Lourdes Grotto; and other business. A donation of \$5,000 was made to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund by the Ontario Provincial Council and presented to The Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Dowd representing the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The provincial council was last to embrace the new structure as of its election in July. Before that time and effort was invested in revising the provincial manual of policy and procedure and the guidelines to reflect the new structure. The policy committee had the goal of building a team of sub-committees and leads, for areas requiring significant time investment, which more than doubled the team. Communications was the area of largest need with a communications lead, newsletter editing team, social media post digital creator, and podcast committee. Many parish councils acknowledged a team approach was most effective with the new structure.

Recommendations:

- One portal for communication where information input distributes automatically to the contacts needing it rather than through levels.
- Reporting of survey results back to parishes participating.
- Maintain primary goal of faith formation and spiritual growth.
- Continue to provide resources to support parish leaders. A guideline on how to 'operate' a council would be beneficial.
- Support and appreciate spiritual advisors and keep them informed of council activities.
- Continued explanation of the new structure roles, how to work collaboratively particularly with communication responsibility.
- Consider changes to the annual report survey to address parish concerns and provide report information to support reporting at all levels rather than just national.

Vice-President Report 2024

Provincial Vice-President: Karen McDonald

Annual Reports Review Committee: Joleene Kemp, Glenda Klein

Dioceses Reporting: 11/12

Highlights of how councils used the '1' campaign to promote the League:

- Several councils used the '1' campaign for membership drives and reported great success in boosting League visibility and attracting members. Personal invitations were extended to women who were warmly welcomed. This enhanced the League's outreach to women interested in fellowship and service. Councils overwhelmingly embraced the campaign, and its effectiveness was evident as executive positions were filled. Excitement has grown as new and returning members attended meetings and events. One diocesan council reported that of 30 parish councils participating, 27 reported this campaign as being successful.
- Diocesan councils designed workshops using the '1' campaign and they were well received. One diocesan council held a CWL bingo contest creating interest in resources available on the national website; modified their presentation to be the '1 for All and All for 1' campaign; and created a membership information card that was uploaded to their website. Diocesan councils offered membership and convention package incentives. The '1' campaign was highlighted during membership presentations at parish and regional levels.

Councils contacted new parishioners and introduced them to the League:

- Parish councils used the *Welcome Program* to greet new parishioners, and it was presented to members. Personal invitations were issued to participate in meetings, webinars, events. Bulletin announcements, newsletters, CWL news on parish websites, eye-catching posters, and membership drives enticed women to join/renew memberships. Several councils hosted CWL Sundays. Members wore CWL sashes or blue shirts, participated in ministries at mass, and the president addressed the parishioners. One diocesan council introduced this initiative to councils and their parish families as 'Blue Weekends'.
- New parishioners were invited to socials, pins presentations, game nights, with joyful interaction witnessed among the women. One council participated in an evening organized by their town, *Welcoming New Citizens*. A CWL banner/display board set up with a history book, photo albums, bookmarks, and *Why Am I a CWL Member* pamphlets, and the parish president and past president welcomed women and spoke about the League ... a joyful way to spread the sisterhood of the League!

Councils encouraged members to personally invite prospective members:

- Councils reported more personal invitations extended to women in their parish with one-on-one conversation being the most effective. Members were asked to invite their daughters, grand-daughters, nieces, neighbors, new mothers; women with whom they shared a church pew; and women with whom they volunteered, to join. Councils presented certificates of recognition and reported that members expressed gratitude for this gesture. London diocese was challenged by the diocesan council and, by being visible and inviting, they gained 432 new members!

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always*:

- A resounding majority of councils fully embraced these provincial themes. The themes were used as motivation for oral reports; were woven into presidents' meetings, retreats, and conventions; and they strengthened the League's focus on spiritual development. The *Horizons of Hope* program was implemented. One parish council commenced Catechism courses for sacramental preparation. The 'Travelling Mary' suitcase initiative was shared among schools in one area. Members participated in the Fort Hope donations and The Rose Ceremony projects. Diocesan executive members visited all parish councils to develop relationships, and a diocesan unity outreach survey was created and completed. One parish council celebrating a 70th anniversary created slideshows entitled "A Walk Down Memory Lane". Another parish council, through their quarterly newsletter, created a section entitled, "*Reflections of a CWL Sister*" to show appreciation for their senior members.
- We witnessed the sisterhood of the League in action, as the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council was born out of the amalgamation of two diocesan councils. Together, their members are making a difference!

Ideas for *embracing* the challenges associated with increasing membership.

- Councils reached out to youth and young mothers to share the message of the League. The social aspect of the sisterhood of the League is important. A suggestion was made to return to grass roots ideas to increase membership. Visibility is key as members wore their CWL pins, spoke about the benefits of membership at every opportunity, and reminded others of our voice in government. Focusing on common threads rather than differences, and promoting the League during conversations, were highlighted as being important.
- Articles written by spiritual advisors and other organizations about the benefits of being a CWL member were displayed for potential members to read. Gift memberships were promoted as birthday/Christmas presents. A larger diocese (geographically) suggested a Team-Based Structure (encouraging members to focus on activities aligned with their interests and community needs); Inclusivity and Engagement (encouraging members to take leadership roles); Creative Thinking (thinking outside the box under new League structure); and Financial Stability (exploring new engagement strategies). Councils promoted the League using the 3-minute videos from the national website.
- A suggestion was made to consider a woman becoming 'a member at large' for those living in large geographic areas without a CWL council.

Recommendations:

- Diocesan presidents should mentor and share responsibilities with their vice-president who, in turn, should be open to accepting requests to take on more of a leadership role. In a supportive role, vice-presidents should encourage team leadership, foster collaboration, be inclusive ensuring all members can contribute meaningfully; and provide guidance to assist members to fulfill their roles.
- Include the diocesan vice-president in provincial meetings (if held virtually) during the final year of the diocesan president's term to facilitate a smoother transition into their new role.

Secretary Report 2024

Provincial Secretary: Lisa Henry

Communications Committee: Daniela Carlino, Joyce Cotter, Ann D'Souza, Nelly Kelders, Pauline Krupa, Claudette Langdon, Sue Lubowitz, Lynette Mendes, Hilarion Mitchell, Nancy Richer, Lauralee Sopczak, Anna Tremblay, Wilma Vanderzwaag

Dioceses Reporting: 11/12

Primary methods of communication by councils to become informed of resources:

- Councils shone brightly through their commitment to keeping every member connected and informed, embracing a variety of communication methods. Emails became a cornerstone for sharing updates and resources, but councils thoughtfully bridged the digital divide by implementing 'buddy systems', providing personal contact and printed materials for those without internet access. In-person and virtual meetings nurtured engagement and fostered a sense of community. The personal touch of telephone calls, coupled with word-of-mouth, communiqués, and digital newsletters, ensured information flowed freely. Executives maintained consistent communication schedules, offering regular updates to keep members in the loop. This dynamic approach, blending traditional and modern methods, exemplified the adaptability and inclusivity of councils. Their dedication ensured the League's spirit thrived, empowering members to continue their important work, united in faith and purpose. They utilized Facebook and actively used websites as sources of information. Through their efforts, they demonstrated that even in a changing world, the joy of fellowship and shared purpose could be amplified through mindful and comprehensive communication.

Ways the committee assisted the secretary with communications activities:

- Members demonstrated remarkable ingenuity in maintaining connections and disseminating information. Around 70% of councils benefited from dedicated committees supporting the secretary in communication. Those without such structures devised creative methods to keep members informed. Smaller councils, lacking formal committees, relied on volunteers who prepared bulletin announcements. "Calling committees" fostered personal connections. Councils delegated tasks, empowering members to contribute unique skills. These collective efforts ensured the CWL message reached a broad audience, reinforcing sisterhood and service. Responses highlighted a commitment to effective communication, regardless of council size or structure, proving collaboration and creativity were key to fostering a vibrant, connected community.

Councils utilized social media and accessed diocesan and provincial websites:

- Councils leveraged technology to connect and stay informed, demonstrating adaptability despite challenges. Social media, particularly Facebook, became a vital tool for sharing work and engaging communities. Diocesan initiatives, such as Zoom access, broke down geographical barriers, especially in winter. Councils prioritized accessing diocesan/provincial websites for resources.

Although some desired more user-friendly designs, the commitment to online growth was evident. The national website was accessed for League postings and raised awareness of Catholic resources. These efforts strengthened CWL connections and broadened their community impact. The experiences and insights shared, paved the way for continued growth and innovation in the digital realm, ensuring the CWL remains a vibrant, vital force for Catholic women.

Special accomplishments of secretaries:

- Secretaries reported a shared sense of pride in their multifaceted roles. Many diligently recorded minutes and embraced the challenge of adapting to computerization. Secretaries found satisfaction in facilitating clear communication, producing newsletters, and ensuring members were well-informed about activities/events. They supported the spirit of sisterhood by sending cards of encouragement and condolence. The creation and distribution of comprehensive newsletters, both in print and online, became a significant achievement, fostering connection and celebrating the League's impact. These dedicated women found joy in supporting fellow members, contributing to a welcoming, inclusive environment, and upholding the rich history of their councils.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always*:

- Through their roles, secretaries captured how CWL councils embraced the provincial themes with remarkable enthusiasm. Councils creatively integrated the themes into their communications and meetings, fostering a spirit of joy and service. Members actively sought to understand and support Indigenous communities, revived cherished traditions like funeral lunches, and provided essential resources to those in need through blessing bags, school supplies, and warm clothing. They combatted loneliness with heartwarming socials and offered comfort through prayer shawls and chemo beanies. Food drives, community lunches, and support for initiatives like Saint Vincent de Paul showcased their dedication to alleviating hunger. Thoughtful gestures like "Thinking of YOU" cards brought joy to shut-ins, while collaborative efforts with local charities amplified their impact, leaving a lasting, positive mark on their communities.

Recommendations:

- In the journey of adapting to the new League structure, councils suggested embracing mentorship programs, pairing new secretaries with seasoned veterans, fostering a supportive environment for growth.
- To aid in navigating the digital landscape, councils called for accessible training workshops focused on computer skills, social media platforms, website navigation.
- Recognizing joyful collaboration, several councils encouraged the formation of subcommittees to share responsibilities and alleviate the workload.
- Ultimately, the shared vision emphasized empowering secretaries with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to thrive in their vital roles, thereby strengthening communication and fostering a more connected and vibrant League.



Treasurer Report 2024

Provincial Treasurer: Lisa Fillingham

Dioceses Reporting: 11 /12

Five of 11 dioceses reported donations.

Donations to National Voluntary Funds:

• Catholic Missions In Canada	\$12,560	
• Catholic Near East Welfare Association	\$5,175	
• Coady International Institute	\$2,100	
• Development and Peace – Caritas Canada	\$10,821	
• Subtotal		\$30,656

Significant and/or unusual donations:

• National Donations	\$48,022	
• Diocesan	\$209,894	
• Parish Donations	\$430,778	
• Other	<u>\$300,331</u>	
• Subtotal		\$989,025

Total donations to all charities in 2024 **\$1,019,681**

Treasurers prepared an annual budget:

- On average 73% prepared budgets. Comments from others reflected the need to understand why it should be done. Those who did prepare and follow budgets believe there is greater transparency, more accountability, and a greater understanding of financial needs within the council and with charities.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference/ Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- From generous financial donations to charities, both big and small, to the tireless dedication poured from the heart into countless projects, councils were truly living the Joy of the Gospel. They demonstrated tangible actions that resonated far beyond our immediate communities. These collective financial efforts, fueled by faith and compassion, proved that even small acts of kindness, multiplied across borders, made a truly profound and lasting difference in the world.

Special accomplishments of treasurers:

- Prepared and discussed monthly financial statements.
- Completed the annual review of financial statements and budgets.

Treasurer's Activity Report:

- Prepared and presented the 2025 budget.
- Processed claim forms, cheques, and deposits.
- Prepared correspondence to acknowledge receipt of donations.
- Prepared financial reports monthly including membership reports.
- Attended OPC executive and administration meetings and convention.
- Met with financial institutions to review GICs and update signing authorities.
- Prepared financial reports and membership reports for all executive meetings.
- Prepared books for the auditing firm for annual review.
- Reviewed, along with the administration committee, all applications for social justice award and development funds and Bishop Bernard F Pappin Memorial Bursary.
- Reviewed the treasurer's position in the OPC Manual of Policy and Procedure.
- Answered inquiries as required.

Recommendations:

Training and development.

- Open communication within councils.
- Electronic fund transfers and automatic deposits.
- Consistency in record keeping.
- A treasurer guide calendar which can be adapted to each council to use and pass on.
- Workshops on the new structure and how they pertain to the annual report donations sections.
- Diocesan treasurers having access to paid parish per capita memberships instead of having national office mailing the lists.



Past President Report 2024

Provincial Past President: Linda Squarzolo

Sub-committee: Joan Schurter, Anna Brady, Theresa Ryan

Dioceses Reporting: 11/12

Past presidents, primarily advisors, acted in a consultative capacity:

Consulted on policy and procedures including elections:

- The services of the past president were called upon often. These leaders were consulted on policy and procedure matters, including elections, the Constitution and Bylaws, voting policy and developing or revising their council's policy and procedure manual by identifying necessary updates, additions, or corrections.

Were part of (or will soon be on) the elections committee:

- Eight diocesan councils held elections in 2024 and the past president was involved in council elections. Provincial elections were held at the annual meeting in July 2024 with the past president chairing the nomination and elections committee. The procedure as outlined in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* was followed.

Were approached by the president for advice/assistance:

- Past presidents were valued for their knowledge, leadership and experience giving support to officers and chairpersons. Past presidents, at all levels, reported that they were consulted regularly throughout the year in a consultative capacity for advice and assistance which showcased the trust and respect that flourishes in a council. This served as a reminder that guidance and mentorship were essential.

Councils updated their history and archives in 2024:

- Many parish and diocesan past presidents documented the council's activities over their term with written highlights and with photos of council events. Pictures were posted on the council's Facebook page and in newsletters, highlighting council activities. At the diocesan annual meetings, histories were displayed. Committees were formed to organize archives and significant efforts were made. Maintaining archives and history was found to be a daunting task.

Members were involved in capturing historical information:

- Past presidents, with the help of members, were instrumental in preserving the council's archives, photo albums, scrapbooks and securely storing them in safe, accessible spaces such as church rectories, parish halls or at diocesan centres.
- Councils celebrated annual conventions and milestone anniversaries, with displays of memorabilia and group photos.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always*:

- Past presidents proudly recalled the contributions from food drives, initiatives like "Shocks-tober," Soctober, collections of hygiene products and treat bags for the homeless.
- Parish councils in one diocese embraced the *Go Make a Difference* project of sending supplies to Fort Hope, a First Nations band government accessible only by air, water or ice roads.
- The Compassionate Committee for The Homeless was formed involving CWL councils united with other local churches that addressed vital issues and fostered awareness. Events like a Paint Night and cherished monthly Coffee Sundays brought everyone closer and empowered everyone to continue their mission.
- The outgoing diocesan past president coordinated the publication of "COVID Chronicles". Councils were asked to share memories from their council's 2020-2022 term of office and 36 councils participated. Copies of the book have been placed in the diocesan archival files. Copies were purchased by members.
- One council gave a presentation to a class about history, purpose and activities of CWL and their importance to the parish and community; letters and an invitation to join were sent home to the Moms to encourage further conversation with their child.

Special accomplishments of past presidents:

- Prepared videos, slideshows and displays to showcase current and past activities.
- Provided recognition of the spiritual advisors with special luncheons and spiritual bouquets.
- Assisted in amalgamating two dioceses and organizing their first convention.
- Former presidents were invited to write short articles highlighting events in their terms as a means to encourage members to take on more active roles as well as promote new membership in the League.
- Mentored presidents and new members serving on the council for the first time.
- Updated the Manual of Policy and Procedure, creating a solid foundation for clarity and direction. One past president introduced a new handbook for the Faith, Social Justice, and Service Chairpersons, ensuring everyone stayed on track while embracing their roles.

Recommendations:

- The past president should have a consulting role for key initiatives. Her experience navigating past challenges can prevent future pitfalls.
- Develop a mentorship program pairing the past president with emerging leaders, utilizing their wisdom to guide and inspire the next generation.
- Recognize the importance of capturing historical events at the time they are happening.
- Continue to review and update council archives and files on a yearly basis.
- Encouraging councils to display their historical documents annually to allow members and non-members to witness the accomplishments of the League
- Find sources of archival materials (storage containers, archival paper, etc.) and ensure that funds are available in the council budget for archival purposes.
- Turn the updates of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure into a teachable moment by incorporating it as quiz at a meeting.

Faith Standing Committee Report 2024

Provincial Faith Chairperson: Claudette Langdon

Sub-committee: Cathy McKinney, Louise Beggs, Helena Lessard

Dioceses Reporting: 12/12

Councils assisted members growth of their Catholic faith and greater awareness of the role of women in the life and mission of the church by:

- Diocesan faith chairpersons worked with joy for their parishes.
- Faith chairpersons worked together with their spiritual advisors on the project, "*Prayers Across the Province.*"
- Most councils used a variety of prayer styles and themes for their meetings.
- Councils participated in March for Life and made monetary donations to pro-life.
- Councils hosted meetings with guest speakers on various religious topics.
- Some councils discussed League position papers at their meetings.
- Some councils participated in the Year of Prayer webinars hosted by the CCCB and hosted World Day of Prayer events.
- Councils encouraged members to read synodal synthesis document. Some councils discussed the report, and some invited guest speakers on this topic.
- Many councils reported encouraging the reading of pastoral letters on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Pray services were also hosted.
- Councils discussed the role of women in the life and mission of the church.
- Councils promoted member participation in WUCWO's "Conversation in the Spirit".
- A few councils studied/read encyclicals by Pope Francis.
- Some councils encouraged the study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
- Councils promoted Catholic internet resources and faith resources.
- Many councils found the calendar on the national website useful for planning.
- Councils worked with sub-committee members to develop spiritual programs.

Councils supported and/or promoted religious vocations through:

- Many councils developed spiritual programs with their spiritual advisor's guidance and involvement.
- Councils offered spiritual bouquets for priests and consecrated women.
- Many councils prayed for vocations, seminarians and consecrated life.
- Councils celebrated their priest's birthday or Anniversary of Ordination.
- Councils donated to a seminary fund.
- Many councils supported consecrated women through prayer and/or donations.

Councils upheld or advocated for the sanctity of life by:

- Many councils promoted pro-life events at meetings and hosted guest speakers.
- Many councils participated in March for Life and pro-life gatherings.
- Most councils participated in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.
- Councils wrote letters to the government against abortion and/or MAiD.
- Many councils participated in 40 Days for Life prayer vigils.
- Some councils sponsored League membership to consecrated women.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always*:

- Councils organized and implemented a variety of actions to serve in their communities.
- Both themes were prayed at meetings and projects were discussed/implemented.
- Councils remained mindful of the call to "Go Make a Difference!"
- Members made donations, organized works of charity and other projects to address the needs in their communities as agents of change to make a difference.
- Councils also celebrated "Rejoicing in the Lord Always" and highlighted the joy of the Gospel in gatherings, on social media and within their communities.
- Councils demonstrated their call to evangelization, held reflections and studied the gospel readings.
- Councils shared stories and reflections, connecting their work with faith, service, and social justice.
- Councils spread the joy of the gospel and promoted both "word and deed" to demonstrate how they responded joyfully to God's call.

Chairperson's Activities Report:

- Developed a vision for Faith Term.
- Submitted articles monthly for OPC newsletters.
- Implemented 'Prayers Across the Province'.
- With sub-committee Facebook provided reflections for faith related events.
- Facilitated presentations: Book of Life, The Holy Doors of Jubilee, Ecumenical and Interfaith Collaboration and Virtual Pilgrimage.
- Attended national and diocesan webinars.
- Attended monthly national Faith chairperson's meetings.
- Chaired Zoom meetings with diocesan Faith chairperson and OPC Faith Committee.
- Sent emails/cards to diocesan spiritual advisors thanking them for their service.
- Created liturgy programs for the fall, winter and 2024 OPC provincial convention.

Cathy McKinney, Keeper of the Book of Life, hosted a virtual workshop on reporting deceased members. Updated and simplified the reporting process.

Recommendations:

- There should be a process for a smoother transition for the new chairperson.
- It is difficult having three chairpersons coordinate or collaborate on specific events for the councils. There is an overlap in the responsibilities of these positions.
- Some material is overwhelming for small councils with limited computer/internet access. Addressing ways to share information with these councils would be helpful.
- Councils continue to focus on opportunities that highlight and strengthen the gifts that women offer to the Church and collectively embraced evangelization.
- Continued information sessions for Faith chairpersons to enrich their role.
- Better search engine on the website to locate information easier.
- Have a greater faith focus on the provincial website.
- Honour women of the diocese and deceased members with a Day of Reflection.
- Councils should focus on one or two topics, and work with the other chairpersons.
- Have more opportunities to share ideas with other parish councils.

Service Standing Committee Report 2024

Provincial Service Chairperson: Sue Lubowitz

Sub-committee: Lynn Olenik, Iris McNulty, Kathleen Ancker, Jeanne Lauzon

Dioceses Reporting: 12 /12

Strategies used to raise awareness of issues:

- Dioceses reported extensively on the strategies used to raise awareness about the areas of focus of this standing committee. Councils discerned on the needs of their community and the interests of their members by overwhelmingly addressing human trafficking and homelessness. Pornography was highlighted to a lesser degree through the White Ribbon Campaign. Speakers from police, awareness groups and elected officials were often mentioned. Topics included Tiny Homes Project, Victim Services of Renfrew County, palliative care, gender-based violence, immigration, dangers of social media as experienced by youth, Truth and Reconciliation, and homelessness.
- Speakers from specific organizations were mentioned less often but included Rev. Peter Moore from the Peterborough Street Ministry. A pharmacist informed members in Sault Ste Marie Diocese about medication, thereby increasing members' health literacy. One Toronto council initiated a 'Stop Human Trafficking' flag raising in their city and another in the same diocese held a community awareness evening with a speaker from BridgeNorth. London Diocesan CWL held homelessness awareness presentations at fall regional meetings. Saint Catherines Diocesan CWL mentioned tours of facilities that provide assistance to those in need (shelter, mental health, food) and contacted elected officials to understand priorities and ways that the League can assist.
- Other strategies included prayer cards, bulletin inserts, flyers, and coordinating with local schools and nearby parish councils. Information from magazines, newspapers and newscasts were distributed to members of a council in Peterborough Diocese providing a lively discussion, debate and a course of action. Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan CWL held a diocesan-wide food drive called "Hunger Knows No Season" for food banks. A wine tasting event in support of Catholic Missions In Canada was held by Timmins Diocesan CWL. One council worked with local faith and community groups to offer a weekly Sunday potluck supper called "Friends for Dinner", an ecumenical action to combat stigma associated with homelessness, isolation and loneliness.

Positive changes in councils relating to the Service standing committee:

- A number of councils reported being satisfied with streamlining of the standing committees and have embraced the emphasis on projects in addition to financial donations. Even though uncertainty still exists they feel confident it will allow councils to work more efficiently. They expressed satisfaction with the flow of communication between levels of the League to them from national and from them to parish councils. The adaptability of sub-committees was mentioned as a means to member recruitment. More interesting meetings were also reported.

Specific Service actions:

Local councils also engaged in service when they:

- Supported/hosted/participated in events in service of the community (served at food banks/soup kitchens, collected winter clothing for shelters, visited shut-ins, sleeping mats, "Socktober", "Warmvember").
- Organized fundraisers for council initiatives.
- Hosted events in support of their parish through communion breakfasts, clergy appreciation lunches, senior evenings, and funeral receptions. The first communion class and high school students led the Way of The Cross in Lent organized by Timmins Diocesan Council.
- Educated members about charitable needs in international communities by supporting organizations like Bucket of Hope (Hearst-Moosonee Diocese).

Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always themes:

- The many outreach activities, support of local organizations, and awareness campaigns on various issues, allowed councils to see the difference they made in their communities through their positive actions. Their advocacy contributed to a sense of joyful accomplishment.

Chairperson's Activity Report:

- Attended all provincial executive and administrative meetings and convention; attended all national service chairpersons meetings; initiated bi-monthly meetings with diocesan service chairpersons for information and guidance.
- Prepared two quarterly memos; created eleven posts for OPC Facebook page for awareness of topics.
- Prepared monthly submissions with family as a focus for OPC online newsletter.
- Attended virtual webinars on various family topics as presented by partner lay catholic associations.

Recommendations:

- Diocesan service chairpersons are encouraged to attend bi-monthly service virtual meetings and bring information to their parish councils in the same manner.
- An information session should be arranged at the diocesan level, to assist in developing programs, in cooperation with the two other pillars based on the charism of each council and community needs.
- Strengthen communication and collaboration through regular dialogue with national and provincial councils to advocate for clearer guidance and support.
- Encourage members to consider short term or limited time commitment for a particular initiative or project.
- Increase the committee's visibility in the community by inviting local media to be part of an activity or by using social media.
- Submit Service stories or activities to the provincial social media pages to celebrate the work the CWL does in the province.

Social Justice Standing Committee Report 2024

Provincial Social Justice Chairperson: Hilarion Mitchell

Sub-committees:

Social and Economic Justice Team: Betsy Currier, Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Resolutions Reading Team: Betsy Currier, Anne Madden, Celestine F. Hall, Bernadette Burgess

Resolutions Review Team: Karen McDonald, Linda Squarzolo, Shaila D'Souza and Colleen Martin, *ex-officio*

Resolutions Government Visitation Team: Colleen Martin, OPC President; Karen McDonald, OPC Vice-President; Linda Squarzolo, OPC Past President, Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Dowd

Dioceses Reporting: 10/12

Upheld the life and dignity of the human person:

- Participated in March for Life, 40 Days for Life, Right to Life Campaign, Life Chain, Birthright, 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.
- Studied national position paper on 'Euthanasia and Medical Assistance in Dying', and Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) newsletters.
- Promoted the film, Roe Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World.

Advocated for the poor and vulnerable and their inclusion in society:

- Collected food, toiletries, warm clothing, hats, mitts, and newborn sleepers for hospitals, schools and shelters, and prepared backpacks.
- Supported Canadian Food for Children, Sports for Kids, Martha House, Saint Vincent de Paul, Catholic Family Services, Nova Vita Women's Shelter, Good Shepherd, and Shifra Homes and donated new and used shoes to Soles4Souls.
- Volunteered at Lord's Kitchen and Charity Bingo, Coldest Night of the Year.
- Contributed to the Development and Peace 1% Fund and Peace and Reaping Our Rights programs, Silent Children's Mission.
- Celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Advocated for the dignity of work and equal rights of workers:

- Raised awareness on bullying, racism, and human trafficking.

Promoted Care for God's creation:

- Held rummage sales, reduced and/or eliminated use of plastics, and disposables.
- Volunteered in city-wide environmental clean ups.

Government legislation/bylaws monitored by councils:

- Bill S-210: An Act to restrict young person's online access to sexually explicit material
- Bill C-322: An Act to develop a national framework to establish a school food program
- Bill C-62: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)
- Members participated in letter writing and post card campaigns, and petitions.

- Held letter writing campaigns with members to their local MPPs to address food insecurity and homelessness.

Councils acted on specific League resolutions:

Three resolutions were presented at the 77th Annual Ontario Provincial Council Convention in Sudbury on July 10, 2024.

- ON.24.01 Elimination of the Mature Minor Doctrine in Mental Health: Adopted
- ON.24.02 National School Food Program for All: Adopted and forwarded to national.
- ON.24.03 Enhancing Canadian Institute for Health Information Data Collection: Returned for further work and resubmission.
- Studied Gender Theory in accordance with Catholic Church and developed a prayer card which was distributed to members in the diocese.
- Ontario Provincial Council met with the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) in October to review the 2024 provincial and national resolutions.

Positive changes in councils relating to Social Justice standing committee:

- Found that the new League structure and the national website had a wealth of information and provided many ideas.
- Promoted internet safety within the parish community and the municipality.
- Received five resolution topics following a *How to Write a Resolution* workshop.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always*:

- Achievements through the themes were noted by the charitable works and advocacy seen in previous questions.
- Social Justice Award Recipient 2024: Lynn Olenik, St. Theresa Council in Geraldton, Hearst-Moosonee Diocese.
- Social justice and service chairpersons collaborated to raise awareness on mental health and MAiD.
- Attendance at the virtual diocesan social justice meetings were very helpful.

Recommendations

1. Engage and empower members to understand their capacity and ability to initiate and act on issues of concern to them through writing letters to governments, drafting resolutions, monitoring legislation, etc.
2. Social justice chairpersons are to review their responsibilities which include the dignity of work and equal rights of workers and care for God's creation for awareness and advocacy on issues within each.
3. Social justice chairpersons are to utilize the League websites and resources such as memos, directives, and communiqués for awareness on current topics and issues.
4. Social justice chairpersons are to participate in meetings, training courses and events with their social justice counterparts at the other levels of the League as occurring.

Administrative Assistant Report 2024

Provincial Administrative Assistant: Wilma Vanderzwaag

Activities and Tasks

- Attended National Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- Attended all Ontario Provincial Council meetings.
- Maintained and circulated updated committee lists for provincial officers, diocesan presidents and spiritual advisors.
- Sent emails to Ontario Bishops and Seminaries regarding Bishop Pappin bursary for seminarians.
- Attended to Provincial Council correspondence including sympathy cards, Mass cards, get well cards, certificates for parish council anniversaries and certificates for "years of service".
- Arranged zoom meetings for Provincial Council as required.
- Sent letters of invitation to prospective vendors for 2024 OPC convention.
- Kept "Correspondence Received" and "Correspondence Sent" binders updated.
- Prepared reports as required.

How the Administrative Assistant touched the lives of members across Ontario

- Being available to answer questions via email or phone call to assist members concerns, such as where to find information or who to contact assists members and hopefully eases anxiety for members learning new positions.
- Overseeing the Provincial Council zoom account connects members from across the province to the various presentations that are created for the benefit of the membership.

Greatest Accomplishments

- Learning about zoom meetings and how to book various presentations and events.
- Continuing to learn and use technology tools that are so beneficial to the tasks of this position.

Recommendations

- As this position is unique to the Ontario Provincial Council, a calendar to assist in preparing and organizing task requirements would be beneficial. This calendar will be created in the coming year to assist the next Administrative Assistant.



Life Member Liaison Report 2024

Life Member Liaison: Mary Capobianco
Dioceses Reporting: 12/12

Honorary Life Members: 3
Life Members: 119

Deceased Members in 2024

We were saddened by the loss of seven life members:

- Marion Haramis February 24, 2024 (Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese)
- Shirley George May 10, 2024 (London Diocese)
- Mary Quinlan October 4, 2024 (Toronto Diocese)
- Margaret Tipping October 14, 2024 (Toronto Diocese)
- Joanne Hough November 7, 2024 (Peterborough Diocese)
- Jacqueline Anne Papke November 9, 2024 (Hamilton Diocese)
- Carole Pitcher November 19, 2024 (Toronto Diocese)

Newly Appointed Life Members in 2024

We were pleased to welcome three new life members:

- Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan (Peterborough Diocese)
- Audrey Shelton (Timmins Diocese)
- Hilarion Mitchell (Toronto Diocese)

Life Members Across the Province

- Were active members in their parishes serving as Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, cantors, ushers, lectors, collection counters and members in the parish.
- Were active in their parish councils as president and held other positions.
- Many continued to hold positions on diocesan and provincial councils.
- Acted as mentors and guest speakers.
- Facilitated workshops and presentations.
- Participated in various National Strategic Planning Committees.
- Attended, hosted and participated fully in diocesan, provincial and national conventions.
- Some life members are screening officers for various councils.
- Assisted in elections and nomination committees at parish and diocesan levels.
- Prepared diocesan life member liaison newsletters to update members on activities.
- Volunteered as board members for various charities.
- Supported one another through prayer, offering Masses, phone calls, emails and sending cards.
- Served as sub-chairperson on various provincial council committees.

Life Member Liaison's Activities

- Hosted virtual *Meet and Greet* for diocesan life member liaisons.
- Replaced the deceased life member book with two new covered books.
- Updated the current life member binder.
- Created spreadsheet list of all deceased life members by diocese.
- Updated life member directory as required throughout the year.
- Forwarded communiques from national life member liaison.
- Sent communiques with life member news as required.
- Sent birthday greetings to all life members.
- Sent Christmas cards to national and diocesan life member liaisons.
- Hosted the life members' luncheon at provincial convention.

Recommendations

- That diocesan life member liaisons promptly send out information concerning deceased life members and provide family contact information to the provincial life member liaison.
- Update the guidelines for the role of diocesan life member liaisons to be more consistent across the dioceses.



Hamilton Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Teresa DiFalco

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

Members: 5,716

Life Members: 9

Councils: 51 of 85 reported

Regions: 4

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- Parish councils were sometimes vague on how they focused on/or integrated the national theme, but using the national theme logo to advertise their events and through their actions have demonstrated their focus by embracing the meaning of this scripture passage, by listening to God's call to serve Him and His people through Faith development, Serving those in need, and advocating for Social Justice. They did this in the following ways:
- Organizing parish retreats, prayer services, Marian devotions, supporting vocations, sharing their faith, serving during Mass, and Adoration.
- Feeding and clothing the poor, making monetary donations, visiting the sick/elderly, holding prayer services, supporting Indigenous reconciliation, and protesting against MAID.
- Advocating for pro-life and other social justice issues, raising awareness on homelessness, mental health, human trafficking, and pornography.

Councils concentrated on national focus of mental health:

- Homelessness remained the prevalent focus within the Hamilton Diocese.
- Parish councils arranged for guest speakers and attended diocesan presentations to raise awareness on the issue. They also made donations to organizations who provide programs and supports to help those suffering with the mental illness.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- Seventy-four percent of councils reporting have embraced the new structure.
- Members were happy with the new structure and found it easier to manage but still found it difficult to fill positions. Many found the League too much work, too many layers for reporting (should just be parish to diocesan and diocesan to parish), which discourages women to either join or serve on the executive because women have less and less time to give.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- Parish councils found it difficult and disjointed that there were various themes in the League, and how to focus their activities around the themes. I took this challenge as an opportunity to bring the themes together and demonstrate how the national theme and provincial and diocesan supporting themes work together to support and encourage the activities that councils embark on. For example, *"Here I Am Lord, Send Me, to Go Make a Difference and Sparkle God's Way by being a Beacon of Hope and Light to Everyone I Meet."* AND *"Here I Am Lord, Send Me, Joyfully, to Sparkle God's Way by being a Beacon of Hope and Light to Everyone I Meet."*

It was through diocesan presentations on the national theme and provincial and diocesan supporting themes, and our support and encouragement, that our councils understood the various themes and how they came together in order for them to implement and use them.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- One council worked with elementary students and made craft packages to send to children in Ukraine. The council was proud to share this service experience with our students and demonstrate the appreciation of peace and freedoms that we are blessed to have in Canada, and the need to help others.
- Members expended effort with membership drive and welcoming new members.
- Helped a large demographic of our needy in a loving, compassionate and respectful way. The demographic included the poor, elderly, unwed pregnant females, and children.
- Grew in faith through various acts of charity and spiritual programs.
- Grew our members in faith and leadership.
- Were role models and mentors for younger females.

Recommendations:

- Ensure the League is accessible, promoting inclusivity and a welcoming environment for all.
- Streamline how information is shared and sought. The way information is shared directly impacts collaboration, decision-making, innovation, and overall team effectiveness. Information sharing needs to be timely and transparent and in a manner that respects the chain of command; so that important information such as the new names and contacts for parish councils is shared with the diocesan council. For example, information from and to parish councils should filter through the diocesan level, which will ensure it is provided in a timely manner and not missed. One example is reporting new executives. The national form does not notify the diocesan council when parish councils complete and submit it; however, the form on the diocesan website is available electronically and manually and goes to both national and diocesan levels when submitted.
- The connection between parish and diocesan councils is crucial for effective leadership and succession building, as it allows for growth, engagement, opportunity and creates joyful and productive councils. It also promotes inclusivity, trust, and fostering open communication and loyalty.
- In the spirit of inclusivity and transparency, parish councils would like to see the results of the annual survey. More parish councils are participating in the national survey, now at 63%.



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Hearst-Moosonee Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Nancy Bouvier

Spiritual Advisor: Father Hervé Sauvé

Members: 220

Life Members: 6

Councils: 6 of 6 reported

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- Members attended diocesan and provincial conventions for the first time and were enthusiastic and engaged with the experience.
- Assisted immigrant families to settle in their new community by providing winter clothing, household items and contact names for assistance within the community. They extended an invitation to them to attend a CWL meeting.
- Travelled to remote parts of the province and other countries to help with educational projects, maternity plans for expectant mothers, promoting the values of the League and its mission statement.

Councils concentrated on national focus of mental health:

- Had speakers from mental health agencies speak at convention and council meetings to explain the value of counselling and seeking help.
- Made the connection between mental health, homelessness, job security, intimate partner violence and even food insecurity.
- Reached out to the isolated and lonely in our communities with personal visits, a meal delivery, and a phone call to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- Councils discovered that the new League structure was more inclusive with its members, as all councils have women who do not want to take a leadership role but will help whenever asked.
- Filling the three pillars of the League happened as a "team" approach where one person was the contact person, but they had a team of two or three persons that assisted them with their role.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- Hosting the diocesan council annual convention in 2024 was a joy-filled opportunity for all who attended and for the hosts. Having our diocesan spiritual advisor as well as our bishop attend only his 2nd diocesan convention ever was incredibly special. Bishop Tremblay was impressed with the work of the League and the projects with which we are involved.
- Being present and active in our Catholic schools praying the Living Rosary with the students, and celebrating the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation with the students.
- A Feast and Cultural Day occurred in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day. A potluck supper hosted by the CWL and the parish with contributions from some of the people born in other countries who now reside within their community. This was an opportunity to connect with new residents within the community and experience their culture.

- Some parishes within the diocese hosted the World Day of Prayer in conjunction with other Christian parishes in their community.

Recommendations:

- Leadership positions (president, treasurer, secretary) remain a challenge to fill; however, with the new League structure, some councils are finding ways to get the positions filled as there are fewer positions.
- Mentoring a prospective member who is not yet ready to totally commit to a position is the best way to get someone on board and be willing to take on a role. We need to move forward with "baby steps" and eventually they will be ready. Being gentle and kind with words of encouragement and positivity go a long way.



Kingston Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Maureen Vincentine Spiritual Advisor: Father Stephane Pouliot
Members: 2,013 Life Members: 13
Councils: 27 of 40 reported Honorary Life Members: 1

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- A few councils invited speakers. At our 2024 convention, the guest speaker was Father Ben St. Croix. He praised our national theme and stated that we are called to be the hands, feet, and words of Jesus. He asked us to think about the good things God has done for us and then share that with others.
- Our diocesan retreat was attended by many ladies from across the diocese. It was entitled, "Belonging to our Heavenly Father". In the retreat, Father Stephane reflected on "*I am Loved; I am Saved; I am Valued and I am Missionary*". The national theme was intrinsic to this retreat!
- Webinars were also viewed by some members.
- "Here I am Lord send Me" resonates with all members.
- Members were reminded of the theme in all our service and social justice projects.
- Members served the parish in liturgical and hospitality roles, and they served the community in their service to outreach programs. Members served each other through their friendship and helped where and when needed.

Councils concentrated on national focus of mental health:

- Council members continued to learn about mental health.
- Some councils invited guest speakers to their meetings to present on this topic.
- Members volunteered in agencies that assist those most vulnerable: food banks, Saint Vincent de Paul, shelters, etc.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- Members who embraced the new structure, which includes the majority, liked the cooperative opportunities. Chairpersons were working together. Officers were attempting to share the workload with committees or other officers.
- Although some councils were small and/or were made up of mostly elderly members, they still accomplished so much.
- Members should be reminded often of the many ways in which they say, "Yes, here I am Lord".
- As a diocesan council, we have mentored parish councils on the new opportunities to share and to work together as a team.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- We offered a mentorship reflection for the diocesan executive members in August. Father Stephane, our spiritual advisor, led us through examples of mentorship in the old and new testaments.
- We were inspired and thus offered the same reflection to presidents and vice presidents of parish councils at the fall presidents' meeting.

- This was followed by a workshop on mentorship within the League presented by Honorary Life Member Betty Anne Brown Davidson. Many members attended and found it valuable.
- Members have been encouraged to lead, mentor and serve with joy.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- The "1" campaign was practiced in some parish councils with positive results.
- Ladies often responded to a personal invitation.
- The Welcome program was successful in promoting the League in some parish councils.
- The number of members who are willing and able to use the online resources and websites of the CWL is increasing every year. The content available is useful and very much appreciated.

Recommendations:

- Presidents encouraging members to work as a team.
- In our diocese we are encouraging mentorship within our councils.
- Communication is a great strength, and we are finding new and better tools.
- Councils should always be positive in knowing they are adding much to their parish and communities.
- Members need to focus on their own growth in faith as well.
- Retreats, prayer, liturgies, webinars are all promoted so that members are able to reflect and appreciate their own faith journey.
- Members being encouraged to participate together so that they might assist each other on this common journey of faith, for example, by watching a webinar together and then having an opportunity for discussion.



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London Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Mary Bannon/Denise Morris
Members: 7,376
Councils: 55 of 86 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Paul Kim
Life Members: 11
Regions: 7

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, Send me:*

- There were retreats, guest speakers, workshops and online webinars focusing on the national theme.
- Many councils included the theme in their ordinary running of the councils.

Councils concentrated on national focus of mental health:

- Some councils found speakers on mental health.
- Others provided information to find help for those with mental health issues.
- A few of the councils researched the effects of homelessness, job insecurity and violence on mental health.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- Love the new structure, it is working beautifully.
- Members do like the new structure with the Three Pillars as this makes the meetings flow more easily.
- Often, members focused on one pillar or a combination of two.
- Being a small council, our discussions covered all three pillars.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- Many councils did go out and make a difference with membership drives which showed everyone that we do more than bake pies.
- Councils held food drives, Socktober, a fashion show with clothes on consignment with funds going to the Saint Vincent de Paul.
- Backpacks were filled with items to help the survival of the homeless.
- Our diocese produced workshops on the *Joy of Leadership* and the *Joy of Membership* as well as adapting the workshop, "1 for all, and all for 1".

Recommendations:

- Humans are most resistant to change and will eventually embrace the changes. More time is needed to educate members on how to implement the new structure.
- With the urgent need for new members many of us use our time to mentor and educate those who are new to the League about all of the great work that we do, which in turn leaves little time to implement these new ideas.
- National did a wonderful job providing resources but, again, to use them you need time to become familiar with what is there.



Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Melina Nobert
Members: 1,607
Councils: 21 of 33 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Steven Gaudet
Life Members: 22
Honorary Life Members: 1

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- The Ottawa-Cornwall parish councils have focused on the national theme by mostly inviting guest speakers, but also in other ways such as by having retreats and attending webinars.

Councils concentrated on national focus of mental health:

- The councils concentrated on the national focus of mental health by having guest speakers, discussing how mental health affects different areas such as homelessness, job security and violence, and also focused on how to get help for those with mental health issues.

Comments from councils who *embraced* the new League structure:

- Some councils have truly embraced the new League structure with comments such as these: the three-chairperson structure works well given these reflect our three core values; our members will volunteer to help out in any capacity; working as a team in the new positions helps.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- Our CWL council members were involved in many areas of parish life. The enrichment they received from their councils through guest speakers, retreats and sisterhood helped them to serve joyfully. Seeing younger members become involved has also been a highlight.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects.

- Coming together as sisters in the League to help organize the diocesan convention as the newly amalgamated Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council was rewarding. There were so many positive comments. So much laughter and joy were shared.

Recommendations:

- Going forward under the new League structure, greater assistance, information and guidance from the diocesan, provincial, and national levels is needed which will lead to more leadership.



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Pembroke Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Annette Chaplin

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Michael Coyne

Members: 1,167

Life Members: 9

Councils: 19 of 24 reported

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- Across our diocese, parish councils were involved with their parish and community - both local and world-wide. Members prayed the theme prayer at their meetings, tapped into spiritual resources on the national website, and attended CWL webinars. In parishes, they gave joyfully in the form of meals, masses paid for, cleaning/decorating their churches, leading children's liturgy, supporting (both financially and by participating in) First Communion and Confirmation classes, meeting with young parents for baptism preparation, participating in lay ministries of mass, helping with school masses, leading rosaries before mass, leading Stations of the Cross during Lent, Crowning of Mary on Mother's Day, and hosting their priest's ordination anniversary celebration. They led *12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care* and bible studies and formed phone-prayer lines. One council gave prayer buddy letters to First Communicants. Members participated in or hosted *World Day of Prayer*; gathered for daily mass, bible study and faith enrichment.
- Our councils took the death of our sisters seriously, and said prayers at the funeral home, formed honour guards, and provided funeral lunches for their sisters and deceased members of the parish. Our members travelled great distances to attend the funeral of their deceased sisters who had moved away, joined in the honour guard and provided comfort to the grieving family. They provided for masses for their departed sisters and visited and provided upkeep for the cemeteries.
- Members wrote letters and signed petitions against the many injustices in Canada and the world.
- *Christ in our midst welcoming the children, the seniors, the homeless, the isolated, the hungry...* Many councils contributed and volunteered at local food banks, pregnancy centres, homeless shelters, hospices, long-term care homes, schools, women's shelters and Christmas Basket programs. Several supported struggling individual families. One council is deeply involved in providing weekly ecumenical community meals outdoors to 50 or more people of all ages.
- In the schools our members were reading buddies, supported breakfast programs, brought travelling Mary into the classrooms, gifted bibles to a grade 4 class, hosted a school Christmas lunch, gifted an elementary school graduating class with rock cross necklaces from Medjugorje, and provided bursaries.
- Many councils raised awareness in their meetings and community events about homelessness, human trafficking, mental illness, M.A.I.D., palliative care and brain injuries. One council held a well-attended Blanket Exercise given by local Algonquin women.
- In the wide world, they contributed to Development and Peace and to the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission in Peru.

Councils concentrated on national focus of mental health:

- Councils supported non-profit counselling agencies. They raised awareness about the root causes of homelessness such as mental illness, poor mental health and poverty.
- Council held discussions on human trafficking, ageism, bullying, preventing isolation, palliative care, and controlling anger. They volunteered in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and pregnancy centres. They prayed for their brothers and sisters facing mental illness.

Comments from councils who *embraced* the new League structure:

- All councils embraced the League structure of faith, service and social justice. The national website was very helpful. It is still difficult to fill all positions.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always*:

- Our parish councils made a difference, and they loved doing it. They were proud that despite their small size and isolation from large population centres, they were active valued members of their parishes and communities. They took to heart the gospel messages of love and sacrifice.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- Ontario Brain Injuries Awareness fundraisers; supporting World Day of Prayer for Peace; funeral luncheons to give time and space to grieving families and friends; Christmas Artisans Market; Bake Sale & Prize Draw which helped pay for the churches' winter heating costs; yard sales; monthly bingo; parish Chili Supper; monthly soup and dessert for the community; coffee and donuts after mass on Sundays; Christmas potluck for anyone in the community with gifts from Santa for everyone.

Recommendations:

- Support and appreciate your spiritual advisor and keep him informed of your council's work and activities. This builds trust and good relations, and it is a help to the council when your spiritual advisor is supportive and engaged.
- Would prefer national memos and communiques be sent directly to parish councils rather than being filtered through the provincial and diocesan levels.



Diocese/Diocèse
of/de **Pembroke**

Peterborough Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Maria Fitzgerald
Members: 1,268
Councils: 15 of 23 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Roy Villas
Life Members: 9

Implementing the new League structure:

- At our diocesan spring meeting, the three chairpersons joined together to show how one project could encompass all three pillars. They chose the prayer cloth with a cross. For the faith part, members were given a prayer cloth, prayers or suggestions of prayers to share with others. For service, this involved the actual creation (knitting or crocheting) of the prayer cloths while praying for the recipient or others. For the social justice aspect, members were encouraged to visit the needy, sick or shut-ins, taking a prayer cloth as a gift, and spending a few moments praying and chatting with them. This project encompassed themes from all levels of the League, namely, national, "Here I am Lord, send me"; provincial, "Go Make a Difference" and "Rejoice in the Lord Always"; as well as our diocesan theme, "Your will, not mine".
- As a follow up, the three chairpersons each individually presented an explanation and sharing at their own parish councils.
- Parish councils were invited to brainstorm about a special project based on a simple common focus, and share their results at a subsequent diocesan meeting.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- The diocesan council has fully integrated the new structure.
- We are doing the best that we can.
- We are partially working within the new streamlined structure and like it.

Councils focused on the national, provincial and diocesan themes:

- At our diocesan convention, Msgr. Dave Tramontini spoke to the diocesan theme: "*Here I Am Lord. I Come to Do Your Will*" and about the psychology of faith. This was followed up by a testimony by Maria Fitzgerald about the role of faith in her life. Wilma Vanderzwaag, OPC rep, completed the thread as she spoke to the Power of '1', a national focus. We were challenged to look within to recognize God's plan for us as revealed to us in our daily prayers and encounters.
- At the request of principals and teachers, the *Diocesan Rosary Prayer Program* has been implemented in many Catholic elementary schools. Many CWL members have completed the in-service, some are now school leaders and all volunteer monthly to pray the rosary, Mother Mary's special prayer, with her "little ones". Co-ordinators Fr. Paul Massell and Heidi Minuti informed and recruited members.
- One council participated in community consultations regarding homelessness.
- Members in several councils stepped forward and were heavily involved in "The Helping Hands" project, collecting and repurposing clothing and household items, then sharing them with the needy.
- Members in some councils helped out at soup kitchens, shelters and food pantries.
- Some councils held retreats and workshops and attended an online webinar.

Councils concentrated on the national focus of mental health:

- Parish councils and the diocesan fall meeting featured speakers on mental health.
- Members were taught how to identify and get help for those in need.
- Members learned how mental health affects homelessness, job security, violence.
- One CWL hosted a speaker on depression, anxiety, and the bible; another gave practical tips on how to manage stress each day and improve our mental health.

From the Pulpit Diocesan Project:

- Casual conversations about membership drives revealed several councils were hesitant about what to say, how to organize, and how to present a pulpit speech. This became a major focus of the October meeting in 2023. A workshop followed.
- We brainstormed to identify words that best describe why one should join the League. Fun and laughter ensued. Copies were included in the booklet.
- Councils shared a speech they had used—poetic form, skits, or tri-folds as samples.
- The task for the winter meeting was to submit more samples of speeches, handouts and/or create a new speech.
- "Nuggets" were drawn from **every** submission to create a generic Peterborough Diocesan CWL document. Some councils designed trifolds for distribution.
- The booklet, with six newly designed trifolds and a welcome letter from Provincial President Colleen Martin, was distributed to each council in October 2024.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- Receptions: Councils hosted receptions for a transitional deacon returning to the seminary; a religious sister who was reassigned to another community, and Sisters of St. Joseph when leaving their community after 133 years of service.
- Donations: Councils raised funds and/or collected items for Grace Inn Shelter; a new transitional house for women after they leave the shelter; church restoration; Brock Mission, Cameron House, and Under One Roof; and Hospice Muskoka. One council donated \$25,000, raised at Delta Bingo, to community charities.
- Prayer for Indigenous: One council celebrated the National Day of Prayer for Truth and Reconciliation with a service at their memorial tree in the local cemetery.

Special Awards and Anniversaries:

- Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan was awarded Life Member status.
- Elaine Beaton was honoured with the Bellelle Guerin Award.
- Anniversaries were celebrated by several councils including: Wooler (85 years), Kirkfield (91), Douro (95), and Kinmount (103).

Recommendations:

- Refrain from mentioning the previous executive positions by name.
- Move forward and absorb the concepts of the new structure.
- Focus on teamwork. Move from "I did this" to "we completed this TOGETHER!"



Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Patricia Clizia

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Jeffrey Shannon

Members: 1,832

Life Members: 12

Councils: 20 of 29 reported

Regions: 3

- Elections were held in the spring at the annual diocesan convention, where a full slate of officers and chairpersons, in accordance with the new League structure, was installed at the closing Mass.
- The diocesan council embraced the national theme and prayed the theme prayer at executive, regional, committee and convention meetings. Inspired by the theme, members across the diocese were invited to be the light, by living and serving joyfully, with their enthusiastic response, "Here I am Lord, send me!"
- Guided by the focus on mental health, a resolution dialogue was hosted resulting in a resolution being adopted at the 104th annual diocesan convention: 2024.01 Elimination of the mature minor doctrine in mental health. It was presented at the 77th annual provincial convention, hosted in the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. It was an honour to host the annual provincial convention in the diocese, and many members were active in leadership, organization, publicity and stewardship activities contributing to a positive and joy filled encounter.
- Three members of the diocese are currently serving as provincial officers, and three others as members of standing committees. There is a life member liaison appointed in the diocese, as well as a diocesan keeper of the Book of Life. An application for life membership was respectfully submitted by the diocese.
- Diocesan council team provided leadership through a coordinated effort with parish councils in their regions, engaged in a one-day diocesan-wide food drive, *Hunger Knows No Season*, to raise funds/food for local food banks in the larger cities and in smaller communities in each region. Under the leadership of the diocesan faith chairperson, members were activated in their communities as a visible presence of the League and women of faith in service, supported by a communication plan for local and social media engagement. Reaching out to youth, a Catholic high school in Sudbury was engaged to host a successful cereal drive as an enhanced addition to the planned event.
- Parish councils across the diocese were revisited in the spring by members of the executive, using the information provided by the national office, as a follow up to the initial unity outreach visits undertaken by the diocesan council in the previous year. A survey was developed and administered to gather information to assist in planning future training and development initiatives.
- The survey results were compiled, and information is being used to plan future development initiatives. The Power of 1 workshop was delivered in the fall in two regions. A Stewardship in the League workshop, as gifted by the Toronto Diocesan CWL, was delivered in one region. Future training initiatives were identified and are being developed to include new initiatives such as regional development days, faith encounters and an expanded list of presenters and workshop offerings for future conventions.

- In response to the request for information on implementing the new League structure, all parish council presidents received a binder including a hard copy of the respective handbooks and toolkits, as well as the updated *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* and *Constitutions and Bylaws*, to assist in their transition to the new League structure, effective with their upcoming election dates.
- A diocesan orientation workshop, *Be the Light*, was hosted in the Sudbury region for the newly elected council. The day ended with Mass, and a fellowship dinner where Sudbury region council presidents, provincial officers and the provincial convention chairperson and co-chairperson were invited for introduction and fellowship.
- The executive gathered together in the fall for an overnight retreat and planning meeting at the Villa Loyola Retreat and Conference Centre in Sudbury. The retreat began with a service ministry at the local mission in Sudbury. Accompanied by Fr. Jeff Shannon, diocesan spiritual advisor, the team served dinner to more than 75 patrons of the mission. A candle-lit fireside chat ended the evening, where the executive was invited to share their witness and enjoy fellowship. The next day began with the Liturgy of the Hours before breakfast, followed by Mass and a planning session to chart the course for the new term.
- A virtual advent spiritual reflection was developed under the leadership of the diocesan faith chairperson, supported by the regional spiritual advisors and faith committee members. Lighting the Way Through Advent was well attended by 42+ members from the diocese and the province.
- Effective implementation of the new League structure requires hands on coaching and mentorship with councils who continue to struggle to fill leadership roles. In small councils and communities, full implementation may be seen as a barrier.
- Executive training for parish councils is required, especially as we see a turnover in members with experienced members moving on from executive positions. A guideline on how to 'operate' a council would be beneficial. There are governance bylaws, and policies and procedures at national, provincial, diocesan and parish levels of the League, but no 'how-to' or operational manual, referencing what activities happen when; the basic operational requirements of a council.
- We celebrate, value and thank all members across the diocese for their faithful ministry of service and ongoing membership in the League.



The Roman
Catholic
Diocese of
Sault Ste.
Marie

St. Catharines Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Deedee Alexandre
Members: 1881
Councils: 27 of 29 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Richard Kowalchuk
Life Members: 11
Regions: 4

Councils focused on the national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- Twenty-eight percent had a retreat.
- Twenty-four percent had a guest speaker.
- Four percent had a workshop.
- Twenty percent attended an online seminar.

Councils concentrated on the national focus of mental health:

- Twelve percent had a speaker on mental health.
- Twenty percent learned how to get help for those with mental health issues.
- Forty percent learned how mental health affects homelessness, job security, violence.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- The three pillars are working great.
- We embraced the new structure, and all is good.
- Initially it was difficult for the chairpersons to understand their roles and duties as some overlapped; however, they are comfortable with the new format.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- Go Make a Difference was adopted and used at diocesan council meetings. The theme was positively received.
- Rejoice in the Lord Always has also been adopted and used at diocesan council meetings. The theme was positively received.
- Joy is a major part of the project we are doing to fulfill the national mandate: unhoused and mental health.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- A steering committee of nine members was established including the diocesan president, three diocesan executive chairpersons, and five others. The focus for the past eight months was on the unhoused and mental health. The steering committee worked efficiently and effectively in communicating ideas to assist parish councils.
- The parish councils responded positively to the recommendations.
- Most of the parish councils have actively participated in the initiative.

Recommendations:

- Make no references to the past structure; engage in a full-fledged transfer to the new structure.
- The only thing diocesan council would suggest is to continue what is being done.



Thunder Bay Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Cathy Carlino
Members: 1,727
Council: 13 of 23 Reported

Spiritual Advisor: Father Terry Sawchuk
Life Members: 8

Councils focused on national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- Rosary Workshop with Bishop Dowd: This was a powerful example of responding to the call to service, as it brought together parishes across the province in prayer, aligning with the national theme of being sent to spread the faith.
- Prayer for the Unborn Service: The attendance and active participation of the CWL in this event, with the opportunity to present on behalf of the diocese, reflected a heartfelt response to God's call to support the sanctity of life.
- Support for Development and Peace: Through active involvement, such as attending the annual general meeting and collecting used stamps. Members were sent forth to help those in need and promote social justice, consistent with the "Here I am Lord" spirit.

Some examples of how councils concentrated on the national focus of mental health:

- Faith-Based Initiatives: Although few specifics about mental health initiatives were detailed, many councils focused on faith-based programs, which likely included addressing emotional and spiritual well-being, a key aspect of mental health.
- League Development Day: This day of enriching discussions may have addressed mental health in its broader sense by connecting members, providing mutual support, and emphasizing the importance of mental and spiritual health in the life of a CWL member.

Councils embraced the new League structure:

- Communication and Connectivity: Many councils appreciated the regular email updates provided to diocesan sisters, ensuring that all members were informed of the changes and developments within the League structure. This fostered a greater sense of community and connection.
- Active Participation: Councils felt empowered and connected through the new structure, allowing them to more easily engage in initiatives, participate in conventions, and contribute to faith-based, charitable activities across Canada.

Councils followed the provincial theme *Go Make a Difference/Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- 75th Anniversary Celebrations: The celebrations at Sacred Heart / St. Louis CWL and St. Agnes CWL are perfect examples of how the provincial themes were implemented through joyful gatherings that acknowledged the legacy of faith and community. These celebrations promoted a sense of accomplishment and joy, mirroring the provincial themes of spreading joy and making a difference.

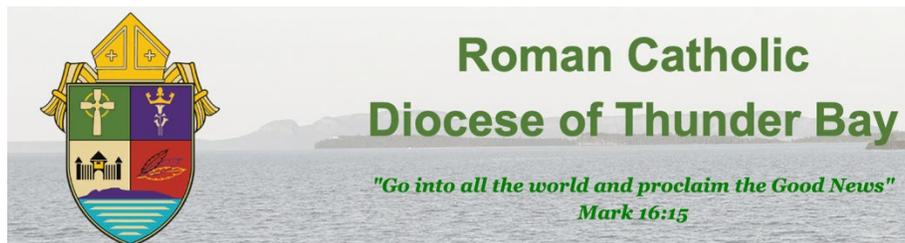
- Support for Development and Peace by CWL: Councils' involvement in initiatives like collecting stamps for Development and Peace aligns with the "Go Make a Difference" theme, showcasing tangible ways of making a positive impact on global causes.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- 75th Anniversaries: The celebrations at Sacred Heart / St. Louis CWL and St. Agnes CWL were milestones in which the president took immense pride, for their historical significance and also for the joy and unity they brought to the community.
- Participation in the Prayer for the Unborn Service by CWL: Representing the diocese and making a presentation at this service was a source of pride. It allowed the CWL to stand in solidarity with the unborn and promote pro-life initiatives.
- League Development Day: The success of this event, with positive feedback from attendees, stands out as a highlight in the president's tenure, emphasizing the importance of education, connection, and faith development within the League.

Recommendations:

- Maintain Connectivity: Regular email updates have proven effective in keeping members engaged and informed, so it is recommended to continue leveraging digital communication tools to maintain strong connections.
- Enhance Faith-Based Initiatives: It is important to continue to emphasize faith-based programs and initiatives, as they strengthen the spiritual and emotional well-being of the members and allow them to serve others more effectively.
- Sustain Participation in National and Provincial Causes: Presidents recommend active participation in national and provincial initiatives such as supporting Development and Peace and other causes that align with the League's values.



Timmins Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Audrey Shelton
Members: 308
Council: 4 of 6 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Lemire
Life Members: 4

- Our policy and procedures were revised to reflect the new CWL structure.
- Diocesan council Facebook page was set up as our webpage was not being used.
- The new *Constitution and Bylaws* booklet was purchased for each diocesan officer and the parish presidents.
- The Timmins Diocesan CWL Council provided the centrepieces (with a northern theme) for the 2024 Ontario provincial convention in Sudbury. Many members from different parish councils helped to construct and put them together.
- As a diocese, we have chosen to focus on Women's Issues for this term.
- The convention collection was taken for the Canadian Mental Health Association. Soaps, salt, and other articles were donated to Canadian Food for Children by attendees. Workshop involved a craft that explained the new CWL structure. Our provincial representative spoke on the themes of JOY and Making a Difference.
- It was our first time having a one-day convention and it went very well.
- A life membership was presented to Audrey Shelton at the diocesan convention.
- The Timmins Diocesan CWL Council held a Spiritual Retreat in September. Our Faith chairperson led us in the Way of the Cross.
- Parish councils participated in a Timmins Diocesan Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions on October 27th. A bulletin notice and prayer were distributed to each parish to have included in their bulletin. All parishioners of the parishes were invited to participate in the Day of Prayer.



Toronto Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Kate O'Quinn	Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Liborio Amaral
Members: 5,908	Life Members: 12
Councils: 75 of 92 reported	Honorary Life Members: 1
Regions: 7	

Councils focused on the national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me:*

- Councils attended webinars, invited guest speakers to general meetings, hosted workshops, offered retreats, as well as working the theme into the faith program at meetings, as ways to focus on the national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me.*

Councils concentrated on the national focus of mental health:

- Examples included: booking guest speakers on mental health for their general meeting, looking at ways to get help for those with mental health issues and how mental health affects homelessness, job security, violence, etc. A council sponsored a speaker from BridgeNorth for members of the community, to raise awareness about and identify signs of potential victimization of human trafficking.

Comments from councils who embraced the new League structure:

- It is not difficult to manage, all positions have been filled, and we have adjusted to the new League structure; our current executive transitioned well with minimum difficulty; new structure is very slim; however, it speeds up communication and decision making; not at all difficult; the meetings are more focused. We just had our yearly Bazaar, and we found that the leadership of those who volunteer is still strong; it is working with the positions we have been able to fill. The new standing committee chairperson structure is working well as each committee chairperson has her own working group of like-minded women; not difficult to manage but we are just transitioning with our new executive in January; our council is very comfortable with the new structure; we have been using the new structure for two years and find it very easy to manage; this new structure is better. Fewer executive members and there is more crossover between faith, service and social justice, that the chairpersons can work more closely together; and NO ISSUES.

Projects and initiatives implementing provincial themes, *Go Make a Difference / Rejoice in the Lord Always:*

- Members felt they were making a difference by participating in the postcard campaign. Councils asking for donations for different causes, e.g., food drives, found enthusiastic response from everyone; thus, members felt this was worthwhile work.
- Having invited a marginalized speaker to a general meeting, members were educated about the deaf culture and their challenges. The members also had an opportunity to listen to a speaker who spent four months in South Sudan doing missionary work. Writing the postcard campaigns enabled our members to take an active role and brought us to a greater awareness of the reality of euthanasia, pornography and access to palliative care for all Canadians.

- League members, with our pastor's support, facilitated the parish Development & Peace campaign, "Stand for the Land", which invited them to support communities in Honduras who are struggling against contamination of their land and water. Development and Peace collected signatures on a letter to the Honduran ambassador in Canada. <https://devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/resources/>
- A council participated in the *Coldest Night of the Year Walk* in support of *In from the Cold* as well as provided donations directly to that organization.
- Another council held monthly food drives to support the local food pantry.
- Councils studied/read encyclicals by Pope Francis including *The Joy of the Gospel*.

Presidents were most proud of these council initiatives or projects:

- Most proud of creating a president's binder which can be passed to each new president. The binder contains timelines, monthly activities, lists of tasks, financial information, etc. It also contains a USB with digital files, samples, templates, etc.
- Participating in the Youth Awards Program helped our youth to recognize the dignity of all people. Programs encouraged awareness of a broad range of issues.
- Participated in Compassionate Community Care Day. We thank Toronto Diocesan Council Executive for their efforts to reach out and meet parish councils, and for their untiring effort to encourage participation in Social Justice issues and raise our CWL voice at the government level. One council was very active in the past year, and it has shown in recognition in the parish. Their aim has been to not only create a feeling of faith, service, social justice within the council, but has to create a sense of community and unity within the parish. The goal has been to show that the CWL is not a stale group doing the same things year in/year out, but a vibrant organization aimed at bringing awareness of impactful topics (e.g., hosting a speaker from BridgeNorth to bring awareness about human trafficking; a guest speaker about MAID; participating in the Coldest Night of the Year walk, etc.).
- We do the tried-and-true things that people look forward to (bake sales, bazaars) and go beyond that to create a vibrant presence within the parish. We look forward to building on this foundation and expanding further in the year ahead.

Recommendations:

- Information sessions to explain each role of the three pillars and reinforce all that can be done at the community/parish level.
- Communications is a big responsibility, requiring many people. As it is under the role of Secretary, collaboration is needed. Information workshop is also needed.
- We are doubtful that having interested people obtain a letter of good standing will encourage more people to let their names stand for parish elections.



Archdiocese
of Toronto

DECEASED MEMBERS 2024

HAMILTON

Advincula, Cecilia
Ahrens, Lil
Amirault, Alice
Arscott, Gwen
Arsenault, Helena
Astley, Rosemary
Baillie, Judith
Barbisan, Dolores
Barron, Elizabeth
Bartlett, Catherine
Bastian, Helen
Battae, Dorothy
Beitz, Nora
Belzak, Marge
Blower, Lorraine
Braid, Shirley
Bruce, Delores
Burghardt, Mary
Buttinger, Vale
Calanchie, Beverley
Canci, Serafina
Cannizzaro, Josephine
Cassel, Theresa
Cestnik, Frances
Christensen, Rita
Chute, Jean
Ciccanti, Maria
Cooper, Phyllis
Coppes, Kathy
Cormier, Mary
Dantas, Stella
Deckert, Nora
Del Conte, Velia
DeSousa, Brigide
Diebolt, Donna
Dietrich, Marian
Dietrich, Mary
Dietrich, Peggy
Dorey, Jeanne
Doyle, Mary
Dozios, Marie
Dupuis, Jacqueline
Durrer, Lorraine
Estorco, Necita
Evanchuk, Marlene
Eyzenga, Pat
Ferraro, Vera
Finoro, Mary
Fullerton, Nina
Galletti, Gabrielle
Giangregorio, Eileen
Girolami, Eileen
Gouthro, Rachelle
Gray, Patricia
Gross, Rose Marie
Grubb, Catherine
Gruner, Ruth
Haffner, Elsie
Hankinson, Elsie
Hanley, Rosemary
Harshuk, Sylvia
Harshuk, Mary
Hartley, Margaret
Hayes, Patricia
Heatherington, Flora
Hibbs, Dianne
Hornberger, Thelma
Horton, Violet
Huber, Rosemarie
Hulme, Marguerite
Hurst, Jessie
Janssen, Dina
Jennings, Lucie
Jeric, Viktorija
Jopko, Susanne
Kajiura, Sylvia
Kane, Katherine
Kazarian, Doris
Kennedy, Linda
Kenny, Kelly
Khouri, Sandra
Kieffer, Irene
Kielbiski, Rose
Klein, Rita
Kleingebbinck, Mary
Koehler, Marilyn
Koluk, Shirley
Kompter, Erika
Krukowski, Mary
Kuntz, Audrey
Kurtz, Helen
Lawrence, Shirley
Leanage, Ramani
Lee, Brenda
Lefebvre, Mary
Lehman, Clara
Lewis, Kathleen
Lister, Ellen
Lowry, Dorothy
Loyson, Mary
Luciani, Joan
MacDonald, Marie
MacKinnon, Josephine
MacLellan, Betty
MacNeil, Ambrosia
Marchesano, Inissina
McAdam, Sheila
McCabe, Stella
McCandlish, Patricia
McKinley, Esta
McTeague, Eileen
Meek, Jean
Mercey, Pat
Miehm, Noreen
Milliere, Georgette
Milne, Irene
Misiuda, Hattie
Montag, Betty
Montag, Loretta
Mortimer, Norma
Mulhern, Juanita
Munroe, Stella
Murray, Dolores
Neary, Theresa
O'Connor, Linda
Oehring, Anna
Orvis, Arlene
Papke, Jacqueline (LM)
Pastway, Ursula
Patenall, Judy
Paul, Yvonne
Pautler, Barbara
Pautler, Mary
Pelletier, Dorothy
Pfleger, Bertha
Pohl, Eileen
Polgar, Mary
Prus, Dolly
Pucher, Josephine
Pupo, Ines
Reijnen, Henrika
Reitzel, Carole
Rosario, Marie
Runstedler, Doris

Russell, Marie
Saje, Anica
Sanvido, Joyce
Schlumkoski, Marlene
Schmalz, Marjorie
Scime, Margaret
Sehl, Ann Marie
Seifried, Audrey
Sellers, Linda
Settimi, Ann
Seward, Yvonne
Shortt, Mary Lou
Silver, Janet

Smydo, Theresa
Soluk, Teresa
Southward, Norma
Spencer, Joanne
Stefanelli, Lucia
Stockie, Margaret
Strecker, Mary
Sullivan, Alice
Szala-Meneok, Karen
Telfer, Christine
Tighe, Catherine
Tillich, Julia
Tone, Annie

Tonkovich, Helen
Verticchio, Teresa
Vicano, Clotilda
Villeneuve, Marie
Vlasveld, Christiana
Voisin, Theresa
Waller, Joyce
Webster, Barbara
Whelan, Pauline
Williams, Joan
Williamson, Jackie

HEARST MOOSONEE

Baillargeon, Velma
Beliveau, Reine
Boehner, Monica
Courville, Rose

Jokinen, Agnes
Marino, Francesca (2021)
O'Hearn, Terri
Rotar, Judy

Towne, Carolyn
Van Domelen-Wright,
Betty

KINGSTON

Adams, Marie (2014)
Alarie, Sheila
Alarie, Elinor
Allen, Mary
Allen, Margaret
Armstrong, Ursula
Barcier, Sheila
Barnett, Helene
Bekkedam, Ann
Bjorgan, Patricia A
Bonvie, Kathleen
Brannigan, Maureen
Brisebois, Noreen (2023)
Brisebois, Rosette (2023)
Brohman, Valerie S
Callahan, Marg (2020)
Callahan, Christine
(2020)
Cluley, Aline
Cole, Greta
Corrigan, Juanita
Coulter, Helen
Cross, Wilma
Devlin, Edith
Dion, Florine (2016)
Dion, Donna (2016)
Donnelly, Anna Teresa

Donohoe, Marguerite
(2021)
Donohoe, Eileen (2021)
Donovan, Dorothy
Dowling, Jackie (2023)
Drenth, Alice
Droogh, Betty
Edgar, Veronica (2017)
Ervin, Irene
Fagan, Sharon (2023)
Farlinger, Jean
Farrell, Mary Catherine
(2023)
Fritz, Marie
Glynn, Carmel
Gunhouse, Betty
Haffie, Doreen
Hamilton, Rosemarie
Hanna, Marcia
Holmes, Norine
Kennelly, Mary
Kester, Petronella (2023)
Lang, Elizabeth (2019)
Lavallee, Marion (2023)
Lewers, Debbie (2023)
Lewis, Brenda
Lortie, Yvonne

Maloney, Marilyn
McCabe, Jacki
McFarlane, Audrey
McGinn, Sheila
McIllwraith, Mary
McMahon, Ann
McNeil, Gloria
McNichols, Pat
Meagher, Marian
Mekarski, Teresita
Miron, Carol (2023)
Muldoon, Colleen
Rikley, Christina
Robb, Nola
Sands, Monica
Sansom, Helen
Schijns, Irene
Sofarian, Jane
Sprout, Olive
Stafford, Barbara
Trudeau, Margaret
Turcotte, Mary
Vogt, Joan
Whalen, Anne
White, Jacoba
Woods, Joan

LONDON

Ainge, Marlene
Anseeuw, June
Antaya, Shirley
Aragon, Caridad
Armstrong, Adele
Avery, Maureen
Bachynski, Cathy
Bappert, Anna
Barrett, Mimi
Barrette, Monique
Bechard, Lois
Bedard, Aileen
Beitia, Ruth
Berkers, Alberta
Bettridge, Sylvia
Bezaire, Irene
Biscaro, Alfia
Blain, Agnes
Blake, Sylvia
Boersen, Judith
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Barry, Frances
Begley, Gladys
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Bellman, Jean
Benedetto, Catherine
Bowen, Teresa
Brennan, Greta (1999)
Brick, Elaine
Bridge, Beryl
Brine, Anne
Brown, Elsie (1993)
Brown, Kit
Burke, Jacqueline
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Cain, Mrs. Wm
Calnan, Margaret (1979)
Carrigan, Ruth
Cavanah, Clara (1981)
Chalmers, Annette
Chick, Silvia
Christie, Ada
Christie, Anna

Clark, Alberta (1996)
Clarke, Melva
Clarke, Winona
Cloutier, Lois
Connolly, Caryle
Connors, Mary
Cooney, Doris
Cooper, Iris
Cowan, Violet
Crawford, Marie
Creeden, Leslie
Cronin, Madelina (1989)
Crook, Doris (1997)
Crowley, Anne (1994)
Crowley, Margaret (1994)
Cuddahee, Muriel
Dawson, Brenda
DeFerrari, Evelyne
Delaney, Rita (2004)
Desjardins, Jeanne
Devries, Julia (1996)
Dooley, Dorothy
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Ellis, Trudy
English, Helen B. (2006)
English, Zita (2006)

Fagan, Mary
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Fair, Dorothy
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Farrell, Margaret
Finn, Mary
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Frizzell, Patricia (2004)
Godawa, Margaret
Goulah, Marg (1989)
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Green, Mary
Guiry, Mary (1992)
Guiry, Suzanne
Heffernan, Rosa
Herly, Miss.
Herr, Frances (1992)
Herr, Patricia
Herr, Vivian (1994)
Hickson, Rose
Hoggarth, Jane
Hoskins, Pat
Hough, Joanne (LM)
Howell, Joan
Hoy, Sandy

Hughes, Beryl
Infantine, Rose
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Jones, Loretta
Kasala, Marian
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Keyes, Marlene
Kilgannon, Loretta
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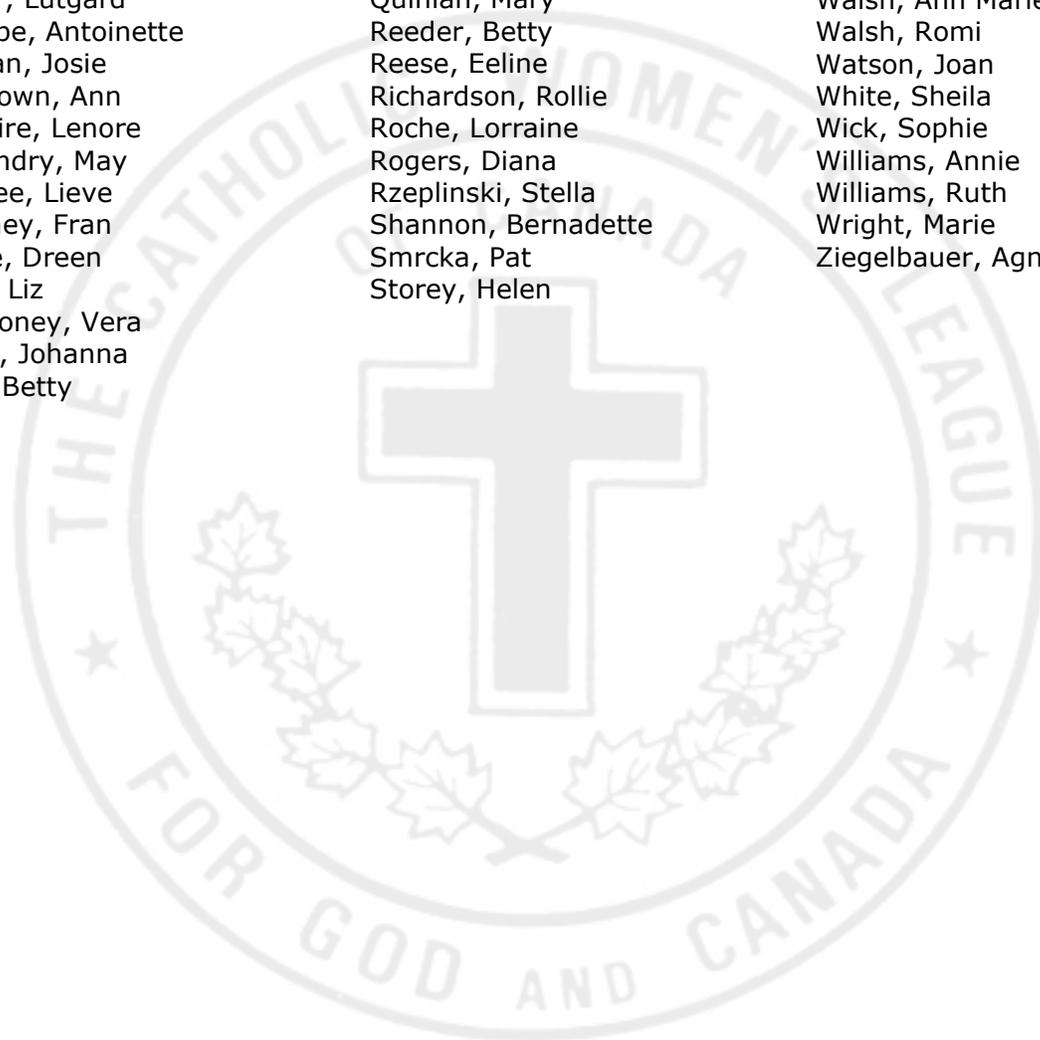
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