

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



**Annual Report
2025**

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

2025-2027 Ontario Provincial Officers

Spiritual Advisor	Bishop Alan Campeau
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

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Hamilton	Teresa DiFalco
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Kingston	Maureen Vincentine
London	Denise Lalonde Morris
Ottawa-Cornwall	Mary Ellen James
Pembroke	Annette Chaplin
Peterborough	Wendy Tedford
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: 2025 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 2025. The annual report is an important opportunity to document the efforts of members across the province living out their baptismal call in sisterhood.

Initiatives throughout the year were celebrated on social media in real time. Webinars allowed many to participate who could not be there in person. One event had participants from coast to coast in Canada showing the sisterhood and connectedness across this great country. We shared sorrows, lifting each other and bringing comfort. We celebrated joys together in convention gathered. Awareness was created on many issues and activities brought positive encounters with those affected by them.

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,

Administration Committee

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

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Dear Members and Spiritual Advisors of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in Ontario:

As we look back on the life of the League in Ontario in 2025, I offer heartfelt gratitude for the generosity, perseverance, and faith-filled service you have shared in your councils, parishes, dioceses, and communities. You have offered your time, gifts, prayer, leadership, and care. Much of this service is quiet and unseen, yet it is deeply valued. Your commitment reflects the mission of The Catholic Women's League of Canada: to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

I also wish to commend the spiritual life that continues to be nurtured throughout the League. Your devotion to prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture, and the life of the Church remain at the heart of all you do. The strength of the League is not found only in its programs or accomplishments, but in the faithful women who seek to serve with humility, compassion, and trust in God's grace.

In every age, the Church needs witnesses of hope. I encourage you to continue walking together as women of faith, courage, and service. Continue to pray with and for one another, and may Mary, our Mother, guide your steps, strengthen your hearts, and accompany you as you continue to answer God's call with generosity and love.

Sincerely,

Bishop Alan Campeau
Provincial Spiritual Advisor

President's Report 2025

Provincial President: Colleen Martin

The year 2025 saw members continuing to respond to the national theme "*Here I am Lord, Send me!*" with an encouraged attitude of joy.

The theme was a source of encouragement and inspiration while being explored at meetings along with the focus on mental health. Some specific activities were:

- * events to educate on mental health
 - * visits to lonely and meal delivery
 - * phone calls and visits to members
 - * theme weaved into all events
 - * volunteering at related agencies
 - * letter writing and petitions signed
- * one diocesan council made housing insecurity and mental health their focus culminating in an event, *Where will my sister lay her head?*, to hear speakers with first-hand knowledge and experience working with people suffering housing insecurity and struggling with mental health. There were 130 people in attendance.

Councils at the diocesan and parish levels responded to the promotion of national initiatives to study and effect change related to: access to palliative care, homelessness, human trafficking, indigenous issues, access to MAiD solely for mental illness, fighting pornography, and supporting immigrants.

Members expressed pride in participation in many initiatives:

- * One diocesan council encouraged participation at provincial and national conventions (national convention was held in Toronto). Result was 19 members in attendance at provincial convention, and many attended national convention.
- * Participation as a group in the *Coldest Night of the Year* initiative.
- * One diocesan council focused on *The Jubilee Year of Hope* through a *Prayer in Motion Challenge*. Members were called to care for themselves in body, mind and spirit through 20 minutes of exercise each day while praying the rosary for 8 weeks with a different intention each week stated at the middle of the Hail Mary.
- * Traveling to remote parts of a diocese to support Indigenous women and reactivate a council.
- * Chairpersons of service and social justice collaborated on an initiative to create an Outreach Committee to support 10 to 12 members with buddies to minimize isolation from being homebound, feeling ill, or grieving the loss of a loved one.
- * One council participated in a local organization of service clubs to contribute to community events and initiatives.
- * Two councils implemented initiatives to respond to the Unity Outreach visits and feedback from councils including faith encounters and regional development days.
- * One council supported its Bishop's 'Blessed Catherine Starflower Prayer Program' where over 300 people regularly prayed for their diocese and church with special prayers and readings teaching redemptive suffering and the value of prayer.
- * Several diocesan councils hosted Advent retreats to support the spiritual development of members.

The R3 to 1, Unity! national initiative was introduced by Ontario's Lead, Ann D'Souza, Toronto Life Member, and Betty Colaneri, National Vice-President, at the provincial convention, and was then activated by appointed leads in each Diocese working with parishes. Several reported new members joining the League following the R3 to 1, Unity! presentation; one indicated 10 new members from a single presentation.

The provincial council launched a website project dubbed "One-Site." The goal is to design a website to incorporate all levels of the League in Ontario so members can visit one site with intentional population of information and resources to remove duplication, avoid confusion, and allow one stop instead of 2 or 3. First phase includes the provincial and diocesan councils and is scheduled to launch in summer of 2026.

The 78th annual convention/AMM was hosted by the London Diocesan Council in London, ON. The Ontario Provincial Council again offered a registration subsidy of \$50 to first time attendees. This convention included regular business and guest speakers and was also unique with its fun night of games, a provincial executive report in the form of a newscast, diocesan reports as singing sunflowers, and a twilight retreat offered on Monday after a dinner hosted at St. John's parish hall. In addition, life members sat two to a table throughout the ballroom wearing sunflowers. This assisted in life members being more accessible and visible to members.

The first full calendar year under the new structure saw various sub-committees working diligently to fill gaps left by a reduction in elected chairpersons from 5 to 3. Updated newsletter format / social media posts continued to share information from the three chairpersons of faith, service, social justice, while a communication strategy for the quarterly mailings emerged, and the *Catholic Compass* podcast was launched. The result was a significant increase in member engagement and a continued surge of first-time attendees to convention. Councils in Ontario continued to call members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Recommendations:

- One portal for communication where information input distributes automatically to the contacts needing it rather than through levels {editor's note: similar to One-Site project}
- Revise the national survey with input from parish and diocesan presidents and report survey results directly to parishes participating.
- Continue to enhance resources similar to the D2L Brightspace program to support parish leaders.
- Support and show appreciation to spiritual advisors keeping them informed.
- An operations task manual with a calendar of duties; and membership data for diocesan presidents.
- Remind and encourage presidents at every level to bring their vice-presidents along on the journey to better prepare them for their journey.

Vice-President Report

2025

Provincial Vice-President: Karen McDonald

Annual Reports Review Committee: Joleene Kemp, Glenda Klein

Dioceses Reporting: 12/12

Describe tangible ways in which members welcomed new parishioners to their parishes.

Councils formed welcome teams to personally greet new parishioners before Mass. Personal invitation is the most effective approach in successfully recruiting new members. Crafting and paint parties, information nights, coffee Sundays, Community Soup Samplers, teas/bazaars, were effective in getting to know new parishioners. Women invited to attend general meetings for the first time were introduced. Members kept informed through social media. Non-members were invited to join honour guards at funerals to be inclusive. New members were welcomed at special masses and pin presentations. Welcome kits were a great source of information. Parish councils were encouraged to always welcome new families through their actions. Memberships were gifted to new brides and RCIA candidates who completed the course. Highlighting of member achievements. A diocesan council encouraged non-members to attend the convention banquet to witness faith, love, sisterhood; memberships were given to new Catholics; all women of the parish were invited to CWL meetings and events; a paint night brought non-members out and video clips from national highlighting member testimonials were shown. Zumba class was held for members and all women of parish. One council hosted a devotional nine-day series of masses attended by Filipino Catholics (Simbang Gabi) to bring the community together and attract new members before Christmas.

Are parish councils utilizing national and provincial resources?

Diocesan councils reported that their parishes were promoting use of resources. Members accessed D2L Brightspace courses. Councils invited guest speakers about Mental Health and Well Being. *Hope for the Homeless* retreat was held, collaborated on by faith, service and social justice chairs. Outreach initiatives included food drives, hospice volunteering, parish-based charitable programs. A diocesan council held a forum of guest speakers with 'lived experiences' on homelessness and mental health. Resolutions were brought forth to the AMM.

One diocesan council reported all parish councils had embraced *R3 to 1, Unity!* Those introduced this initiative continued to build on it, reported success when reaching out to parishes, and appreciated the leadership by life members.

Workshops were held to help presidents 'sign in' to the new Member Login on the national website, and how to access the National Survey (this resulted in a diocesan council reporting 80% of parish councils completed the survey).

Describe how 2025 national/provincial themes were implemented.

Members were advised of both themes and were encouraged to open meetings with the national theme prayer; utilize themes in prayer services and when inviting speakers; and to integrate themes into convention planning. This resulted in an increase in membership in a few dioceses. Diocesan Development Days generated innovative ideas. An interview with a diocesan spiritual advisor helped members to support their own spiritual advisor and priests. *Fun-gineering Our Meetings* reminded members of three components to meetings (faith, business, social time).

How councils were inclusive and encouraged women to join the CWL.

Councils reported that a personal invitation to join is the most successful approach.

One diocesan council reported being pro-active in recruitment for elections, with 90% of members personally contacted and half held presentations prior to elections.

Membership invitation letters were personally handed out to women of the parish. Members made themselves visible and accessible in the parish. CWL weekends were held and the president was invited to address the congregation.

Recommendations (suggestions) relating to office of vice-president.

Small rural parishes with elderly members are facing closures of councils, or twinning, and thereby losing their identity. A suggestion was made to hold a ceremony acknowledging their history to help with a smoother transition to the new council.

The League must consider the time commitment expected of younger women who are working professionals trying to balance work and family life.

Members feel overwhelmed with information being received from all levels of the League and the expectations that are placed upon members.

Provide education for members on how to access websites.

Foster teamwork between the president and vice-president to ensure continuity. Develop succession planning, mentor new leaders, provide training in governance.

Promote spiritual growth through prayer for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

A quarterly letter or email to update members on the League happenings.

Encourage members to establish sub-committees.

Members must be visible and continue to mentor women of all ages.

Councils faced geographic and financial barriers to attending national and provincial conventions but have adapted and collaborated well with pro-active planning.

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: 12/12

Describe tangible ways in which councils utilized technology and social media to reach out to new and existing members.

Secretaries shared how they kept members connected in ways both simple and profound. Email remained the most common tool, but the heart of communication was still relationship—phone calls to check in, Messenger groups sharing prayers and encouragement, Facebook posts celebrated parish life, and Zoom gatherings that bridged long winter distances.

Some councils used projectors, newsletters, or parish websites; others relied on bulletin announcements or a friendly word after Mass. Whether through technology or personal touch, secretaries ensured no member felt forgotten.

And yet, many expressed a longing for more confidence with digital tools. They want to guide members well, and they hope for training that will help them navigate national and provincial resources with ease.

Are secretaries establishing sub-committees to assist with communications activities?

In many councils, secretaries had helpers—women who assisted with phone trees, newsletters, correspondence, or note-taking. In other places, the secretary carried the role alone, supported by the goodwill of her sisters.

Where help was present, joy grew. Where help was missing, secretaries spoke gently of the need for mentorship, clearer expectations, and companions on the journey. Their hope is simple: that no one will feel they must serve alone.

What are secretaries most proud of in their role (include communications)?

When asked what they were most proud of, secretaries did not speak of accomplishments - they spoke of care.

They were proud of:

- Minutes written faithfully and shared promptly
- Council history preserved with reverence
- Members kept informed, included, and encouraged
- Cards sent, prayers offered, visits arranged
- The quiet ministry of listening and being present

Some shared how the role helped them grow—gaining confidence, finding their voice, or discovering gifts they didn't know they had. Their pride is humble, but it shines.

Describe how the 2025 provincial/national themes were implemented by secretaries?

The national theme—*Here I Am, Lord, Send Me*—was not just printed on agendas or letterheads. It was lived.

Secretaries wove the theme into:

- newsletters, minutes, and social media
- prayers at meetings and conventions
- decorations and reflections
- conversations about how God sends each of us

Councils embraced the theme through acts of service: food bank collections, sock drives, support for families in crisis, visits to shut-ins, and prayer chains that wrapped the suffering in love.

Some secretaries shared that the theme helped them say "yes" to leadership or deepened their own spiritual life. In this way, the theme became not just a message, but a movement of the heart.

General recommendations (suggestions) relating to the office of secretary (include communications).

Secretaries offered thoughtful, grace-filled recommendations:

- Provide training and mentorship for new secretaries
- Offer guidance on navigating national and provincial websites
- Use consistent templates for minutes and archives
- Keep contact information updated to ensure smooth communication
- Encourage councils to share the workload through subcommittees
- Standardize survey questions to reduce confusion
- Be mindful of members' time during busy seasons

Above all, they ask that we continue to support one another with patience, clarity, and kindness.

TREASURER'S REPORT**2025**

Provincial Treasurer: Lisa Fillingham

Sub-committee: N/A

Dioceses Reporting: 12 /12

Indicate the total donations to national and provincial voluntary funds:

Catholic Missions In Canada	\$ 34,407.00
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	\$ 9,546.00
Coady International Institute	\$ 4,925.00
Development and Peace – Caritas Canada	\$ 19,518.65
Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>
Total donations to all charities in 2025	\$ 71,996.65

Significant and/or unusual donations reported (Parish-P or Diocesan-D):

Standing Committees:

Faith (D)	\$ 184,562.91
Faith (P)	\$ 1,890.00
Service (D)	\$ 406,570.73
Social Justice (D)	\$ 277,372.89
Social Justice (P)	\$ 5,552.05
Parish and Other Donations (D)	<u>\$ 645,631.33</u>
Total	\$1,521,579.91

Total donations in 2025 **\$1,593,576.56**

Did treasurers prepare an annual budget?

- More treasurers prepared budgets than did not.
- Parish and diocesan councils presented updated financial reports at meetings more than in the past.

What were treasurers most proud of in their role?

- Preparing monthly financial reports
- Adhering to budgets
- Preparing a yearly budget

General recommendations relating to the office of Treasurer.

- Review provincial and national financial policies.
- Prepare a guide or policy to address funds spent that are not in the budget and passed after the fact with a motion
- Councils should budget to provide financial support for parish presidents to attend the provincial convention
- Orientation program through National to learn, review, understand financial policies
- Do a quarterly review of where we are to the prepared budget

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2025

Provincial Past President: Linda Squarzolo

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

Dioceses Reporting: 12 /12

Was the past president, who is primarily an advisor in a consultative capacity:

- Consulted on policy and procedures including elections? YES

The role of the past president remained primarily an advisory and consultative position. Past Presidents were regularly consulted on matters relating to policy and procedure, the Constitution and Bylaws, especially the amendments, election processes, protocol, expense policies and long-standing council traditions.

- Part of (or will soon be on) the elections committee? YES

Where councils prepared for elections, the past president chaired the elections committee. She offered advice about voting processes, including eligibility, nominations and instructed voting. This support helped ensure that elections were conducted fairly and in accordance with national guidelines.

- Approached by the president for advice or assistance? YES

Past presidents provided assistance when asked. Presidents often consulted past presidents on matters of governance, planning new ideas, conflict resolution, and past practices. This collaboration was of benefit to the executive and members.

Did parish/diocesan councils report their history/archives being updated in 2025?

Many members attended the provincial webinar about archives hosted by the provincial past president to learn about preserving their history and safeguarding documents for future generations. Efforts were made to capture their history by documenting events, anniversaries, special occasions. Parish and diocesan councils reported meaningful progress in updating their history and archives in 2025. Records were reviewed and organized, minutes and photographs preserved. In several cases, materials were digitized to ensure long-term accessibility. Committees were formed to address the required tasks.

Describe how the 2025 national/provincial themes were implemented by past presidents.

Councils reported embracing the theme, "Here I am Lord, Send Me". The theme prayer was prayed before meetings and the theme was displayed on communications. Past presidents answered the call by stepping up whenever asked and in the absence of key officers. "Here I am Lord Send Me Joyfully" resonated using the sunflower to brighten surroundings and encourage joy. Many integrated the theme into outreach initiatives. Past presidents lived the national theme by providing mentorship and guidance, strengthening governance and keeping members connected. Their presence ensured stability, continuity, and alignment with national priorities—especially in councils facing illness, aging membership, or leadership gaps.

What were past presidents most proud of in their role?

Parish past presidents were proud to mentor the executive, assisting them in their roles. They served in a consultative capacity, offering guidance based on their knowledge and prior experience. Their roles included: making members more familiar with the constitution, clarifying policy questions, encouraging adherence to procedures and chairing council elections. Past presidents oversaw the committee responsible for updating of the council's policy and procedure manuals. Many also took pride in revitalizing their archives. Past presidents continued to serve in a meaningful and supportive way after completing their term as president.

General recommendations relating to the office of past president.

- Host quarterly zoom meetings with past presidents from all levels of League for information sharing and League training on governance, procedures, elections and policy interpretation.
- Formalize support by creating diocesan/provincial mentorship circles or peer-support groups to strengthen confidence and reduce isolation.
- Encourage structured mentorship opportunities between past presidents and executive members at all levels.
- Promote intentional succession planning to identify and nurture future leaders and potential volunteers, ensuring strong, vibrant councils.
- The past president should always remain positive and encouraging towards all members and mentor members who may be struggling.
- Encourage participation in the R3 to 1, Unity! Task Force presentations to spark increased confidence and excitement in the League.
- Encourage councils to display their archives yearly to allow members and non-members to witness the accomplishments of the League and share items of League history at general meetings
- In the National Manual of Policy and Procedure, the processes for elections at the parish level needs to be simplified; councils found commingling led to ambiguity and confusion.

FAITH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

2025

Provincial Faith Chairperson: Claudette Langdon

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

Dioceses Reporting: 11/12

Describe tangible ways in which councils assisted members in their spiritual growth as women in the life and mission of the church.

2025 was a Year of Jubilee with the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. Members of many councils participated in a pilgrimage to holy sites, shrines, or places of special significance; some locally and others visited one or more of the major papal basilicas in Rome. It was reported that with this Year of Jubilee, there was enriched spiritual growth. Members deepened prayer lives, engaged in Plenary Indulgences and held special spiritual retreats, prayer services, Novenas, Rosaries and rallies, and hosted other faith events.

Many councils had guest speakers on a variety of religious topics and hosted faith filled evenings. Other spiritual highlights included memorial Masses and Services for deceased CWL members, various workshops and webinars, Bible Studies and liturgical celebrations. Mary's Way of the Cross, events for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and advanced ecumenical and interfaith events were also held.

Councils participated:

- 322 in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 108 in World Day of Prayer
- 55 held services during National Life and Family Week.

Prayers Across the Province (an OPC Faith Project), was implemented again this year with the dioceses and their Spiritual Advisors celebrating 156 Masses for members across Ontario. Members continued to deepen spiritual formation and nurture a vibrant prayer life within their councils.

Councils (total # participated) supported or promoted religious vocations through:

410 Councils prayed for priests, consecrated women and other religious vocations
90 Councils partnered with religious communities
58 Councils offered financial assistance to women in formation and supported Sisters
9 Councils reported a variety of fundraisers to support and promote vocations
213 Councils had Lenten charitable activities
721 Councils practiced the corporal and/or spiritual works of mercy
395 Councils Feast days or Catholic observances
758 Councils Mission Support Work and Evangelization
Spiritual Bouquets for priests and consecrated women were offered.

The Ontario Provincial Council provided funds to seminarians through the Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund. Many councils across the province donate to this fund or have their own programs to support seminarians in their diocese.

Councils (total # participated) advocated for the sanctity of life by:

- Promoting pro-life events and encouraged member participation - 83
- Including pro-life prayers and reports in meetings - 15
- Participating in March for Life or similar public pro-life gatherings - 246
- Participating in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care - 59
- Writing letters to government against abortion and/or MAiD - 506
- Participating in pro-life webinars or guest speaker events -12
- Other sanctity of life participation - 98

Describe how the 2025 provincial / national themes were implemented through the Faith standing committee (events, projects or new initiatives).

Both themes were realized through spiritual preparation and missionary action; councils prayed with joy, provided retreats and prayer services.

General recommendations relating to the Faith standing committee.

From Councils

- Continue to focus on opportunities to strengthen the Role of Women in the Church
- Offer sessions for Faith chairpersons that will enhance their role
- Formation of Subcommittee(s) to assist the chairperson
- Promote prayer and spiritual programs within parishes
- Encourage participation in diocesan and national faith initiatives, fostering unity and shared learning among members
- Support faith-based outreach and reflection, helping members live their Catholic values through service, study and community engagement
- Share and encourage use of prayer resources at all levels
- Continue to provide/participate in prayer opportunities online
- Continue "Prayers Across Ontario" for the intentions of CWL members
- Shift from theory to practice with high-impact workshops and speakers who can transform the "how" of evangelization into everyday discipleship
- Encourage councils at all levels to include more time on the agenda for faith

Provincial Faith Chair

- Open communication and collaboration with all levels of Faith Chairs is important
- Having a Faith Sub-Committee is an asset
- Continue to collaborate with all three pillars: Faith, Service and Social Justice

SERVICE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

2025

Provincial Service Chairperson: Sue Lubowitz

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

Dioceses Reporting: 12 /12

Strategies used to raise awareness on issues

Councils across Ontario reported raising awareness and actions on homelessness (74%), health and well-being of seniors (47%), human trafficking (41%) and national focus on mental health (34%).

This was achieved by supporting local women's shelters with donations as well as gift bags with personal toiletry items. Fresh Start, YWCA, Second Stage Housing, Elisa House, Miriam Centre, St. Vincent de Paul, Good Shepherd Centre, Sandwich Club Missionary, Vita Centre, Bernadette McCann House, Meals on Wheels, Canadian Food For Children, and Shifra Home were some of the organizations supported. Also mentioned were providing school supplies, cleaning supplies, winter coat drives, donations to food banks, care packages to seniors' centers and speakers. Webinars mentioned were "Walking Together with Indigenous Sisters" and "Finding Hope in the Fight Against Human Trafficking". A national webinar held on November 5th and attended by many members covered the topic of Intimate Partner Violence with Dr. Cathy Holtmann (Saint Mary's University) presenting her research.

Other issues that were supported were blood donation drives (12%), intimate partner violence and family violence (18%), support and welcome of refugees and migrants (24%) and other parish concerns (22%).

Here I Am Lord, Send Me; Joyfully

Councils responded and implemented the national and provincial themes by hosting events, planning projects or initiating new initiatives at their level. Members focused on the 'send me' message by offering help at long-term care homes, prayer services, and outreach work supporting community needs. Evangelization and missionary work (62%) and Order of Christian Initiation to Adults (51%) were also work done by councils. Sub-committees were formed to inform home-bound members of council activities.

Specific activities included:

- A donation to CYO Campership Fund to Camp Brebeuf by Hamilton Diocese
- Three dioceses reported that they walked as a team for the 2025 Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser.
- Toronto Diocese reported that a council is active in prison ministry through the Bibles for Prisoners (Canadian Bible Society).

- Peterborough Diocese reported that a council offered financial assistance for a parishioner to travel to Guatemala to assist in the “Houses to Homes” project.
- Multiple dioceses offered bursaries and or scholarships to students.
- Heart-Moosonee Diocese reported that a member continues her mission work in Honduras.

Support and promotion of National Funds

Councils heavily supported Development and Peace (75%) and Catholic Missions in Canada (57%). The remaining national funds (Coady Institute 28% and CNEWA 20%) were supported to a lesser degree. Nine percent of councils supported the Catholic Women’s Leadership Foundation (CWLF).

Five members across the province were recipients of the 2025 CWL Bursary.

12 Hours of Palliative Care toolkit

More than one hundred and fifty comments were received on the use of the toolkit with multiple initiatives initiated which included but not limited to volunteering at a hospice, 12 hours of prayer, stations of the cross, and palliative care workshops. Councils mentioned using resources from the kit. Postcards on palliative care were delivered to the Member of Parliament.

Chairperson’s Activity Report

- Attended all provincial and national meetings as required as well as pertinent webinars; served as a mentor for a participant in CWLF. Prepared communications by quarterly memos, OPC Facebook posts and newsletter.
- Presented the Rosary for the Family during the provincial Lenten week long rosary initiative (March).
- Member of the 2025 National Convention Committee held in Toronto.
- Prepared and hosted a virtual presentation on Artificial Intelligence and its impact on education and medicine.

General recommendations relating to the Service standing committee.

- Continue to encourage support of National Funds and the Catholic Women’s Leadership Foundation.
- Bring increased awareness to the “12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care” toolkit and implementation during National Hospice Palliative Care Week held annually in May.
- Continue to encourage parish community involvement in offering “Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care” from the CCCB.
- Continue to work on ending human trafficking as a follow up to the August 2024 League position paper on human trafficking. As diocesan chairs, use the diocesan annual report to guide the next year’s activities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

2025

Provincial Social Justice Chairperson: Hilarion Mitchell, Life Member

Sub-committees:

- Social and Economic Justice Team: Life Members [Betsy Currier, Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, Colleen Perry]
- Resolutions Reading Team: Life Members [Betsy Currier, Anne Madden, Bernadette Burgess]
- Resolutions Review Team: Colleen Martin, OPC President; Life Members [Karen McDonald, Vice President; Linda Squarzolo, Past President; Sue Lubowitz, Service Chair] and Shaila D'Souza
- Resolutions Government Visitation Team: Colleen Martin, OPC President, Karen McDonald, OPC Vice-President; Linda Squarzolo, OPC Past President; Sue Lubowitz, OPC Service Chair

Dioceses Reporting: 12/12

Describe tangible ways in which councils raised awareness in the areas of Catholic social teaching through discussion, action, or both.

- ***Upheld the life and dignity of the human person***
 - Participated in March for Life in Ottawa, rallied against the expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)
 - Attended the Horizons of Hope (HOH) hybrid sessions held in May hosted from St. John Fisher, Toronto Diocese.
- ***Advocated for the poor and vulnerable and their inclusion in society***
 - Provided support addressing homelessness, food insecurity, and refugees, including food drives, food banks, community dinners, raised funds to build a home for a homeless family.
 - Participated in World Day of the Poor, and the National Day of Remembrance on Violence Against Women.
 - Supported employment and migrant integration.
- ***Advocated for the dignity of work and equal rights of workers***
 - Attended the *Finding Hope in the Fight Against Human Trafficking* national webinar and held IWIN Red Sands Prayer Service.
 - Held a flag raising ceremony on October 6th for Human Trafficking Awareness Week at the City of Vaughan City Hall, Toronto Diocese.
- ***Care for God's creation***
 - Promoted national Earth Day Tool kit, participated in Earth Hour and followed sustainable practices by using paper products or reusable items and discouraging single use plastic drinking bottles and promoted recycling.
 - Participated in local community cleanup in parks and cemeteries.

List actions taken by councils to monitor government legislation (identify level(s) of government).

- Engaged with key bills including Bill C-9 (Combatting Hate Act) and Bill C-218 (Right to Recover Act), supported by letter-writing campaigns while opposing federal budget Recommendations 429 and 430 regarding charitable status.
- Parish/diocesan initiatives to collect/submit petitions to Members of Parliament
- Met with municipal, provincial, and federal officials (notably in St. Catharines) to address homelessness and mental health concerns, exploring collaborative actions councils can take to support community needs.

Councils acted on specific League resolutions (identify what level of the League).

- National resolutions Federal Government to Create a Unified and Centralized Cybercrime Reporting System for Individuals in Canada and 2025.04 Federal Government to Complete the Development of the Office of Palliative Care originating from the Toronto Diocese were adopted at the Provincial 78th Convention/AMM and also adopted at the 105th National Convention/AMM.

Describe how the 2025 national/provincial themes were implemented through the Social Justice standing committee (events, projects or new initiatives).

- Councils lived the call of "*Here I am, Lord, Send Me*" by serving the vulnerable through food, clothing, and care packages, supporting shelters, hospice, and homebound parishioners. They hosted workshops, speakers, and social justice initiatives, raised funds for local and international charities, and fostered fellowship through visits and socials, embodying "*Go Make a Difference*" and spreading the "*Joy of the Gospel*" in their communities.
- Syl(vie) Roach (St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catharines Diocese), the 2025 Social Justice Award recipient, embodied the themes in her community service.

General recommendations relating to the Social Justice standing committee.

1. Enhance Social Justice Education: Provide targeted workshops and resources to help members understand what Social Justice means and how it applies to their daily lives.
2. Connect Local Projects to Social Justice Themes: Highlight and demonstrate how current local initiatives already address Social Justice, helping members see the broader impact of their work.
3. Focus on Priority Issues: Encourage councils to select one or two key issues particularly those relevant to their communities to concentrate efforts and create measurable impact.
4. Utilize Resources and Action Plans: Promote the use of national, provincial, and diocesan resources, and encourage councils to review and implement action plans from past resolutions to strengthen continuity and effectiveness.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

2025

Provincial Administrative Assistant: Wilma Vanderzwaag

Activities and Tasks Undertaken

Continually updated Diocesan Councils contact information for their officers.

Booked zoom meetings for the OPC including monthly meetings for elected officers to meet with their diocesan counterparts.

Receive and forward all reports to OPC executive for all meetings.

Submitted monthly articles for the OPC newsletter.

Member of Newsletter and Podcast Committee.

Attended National Convention and prepared report.

Diocesan Representative for the R3 to 1, Unity! Project.

Letters of invitation sent out to Ontario Bishops, local dignitaries and vendors for OPC Convention.

Travelled to London with Provincial President Colleen Martin for a meeting with Diocesan Council members.

Prepared anniversary certificates for councils.

Describe the tangible ways in which the Administrative Assistant touches the lives of members across Ontario.

Answered or guided issues/questions received via emails from parish and diocesan council members.

This position assists in keeping communication flowing between the levels of the CWL. At times, having to forward concerns or issues received to Ontario Provincial President, Colleen Martin, to address.

How has the role of the Provincial Administrative Assistant expanded in your term?

Elected officers of OPC scheduled monthly meetings via zoom with their diocesan counterparts through the Administrative Assistant.

Process for Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund will become part of the duties of this post.

Requesting Mass cards as well as sending sympathy and get-well cards on behalf of the OPC executive has been now included in this position.

What are you most proud of in the position of Administrative Assistant?

Travelling with the OPC President to conflict resolution meetings with members in dioceses. Very proud of how the OPC President was actively involved in trying to resolve issues throughout the province.

This position has the opportunity to assist newly elected diocesan council presidents in their role and support them.

General recommendations relating to the position of Administrative Assistant.

This position requires flexibility as each Ontario Provincial Council President has their own strengths and talents. Some requirements in this position change to assist the president to benefit her the most. As the provincial council adjusts to the new standing chairs, more changes may occur in the upcoming term.

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

Honorary Life Members: 4

Life Members: 123

Deceased Members in 2025

We were saddened by the loss of two life members:

- Elsie Davey (Timmins Diocese) January 2, 2025
- Catherine Lortie (Kingston Diocese) October 28, 2025

Newly Appointed Life Members in 2025

We were pleased to welcome two new life members:

- Helena Lessard (Peterborough Diocese)
- Cathy McKinney (Sault Ste. Marie Diocese)

Life Members Across the Province

- Served on diocesan, provincial and national levels as officers, sub-committee members, parliamentarians and screening officer.
- Supported their councils, diocese and province by their presence, mentorship and teaching skills.
- Facilitated workshops and presentations.
- Took lead roles for the R3 to 1 initiative in each of their dioceses and one took the role for provincial lead.
- Assisted in elections and nomination committees, policy & procedure manual reviews, and archive committees at parish and diocesan levels.
- Promoted and assisted in writing and proof-reading resolutions.
- Participated in various National Strategic Initiatives.
- Attended, hosted and fully participated in diocesan, provincial and national Conventions.
- Supported their parishes as Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, cantors, ushers, lectors and collection counters. Some sit on pastoral committees and are active in other various ways in parish life.
- Prepared diocesan life member liaison newsletters to update members on activities.

- Remained active within their communities volunteering at non-profit organizations, local hospitals, food banks etc. Some volunteered as board members for various charities.
- Supported one another through prayer, offering Masses, phone calls, emails and sending cards.
- Served as sub-chairs on various provincial and national council committees.
- A greater effort was made in several dioceses to prioritize sisterhood by organizing in person events such as luncheons and other events.
- Participated on *Loving Mentors Team* at Ontario Provincial Convention event.
- Some worked as sub committee chairs for 2025 National convention planning committee.

Life Member Liaison's Activities

- Updated the current life member and deceased life member binders.
- Created and updated 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 regular communiques with life member news at the beginning of each month and as required.
- Sent birthday greetings to all life members.
- Created life member photo power point for provincial convention report.
- 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.
- That life members continue to share their talents whenever called upon, so that parish and diocesan councils utilize life member enthusiasm in all aspects of League work.

President: Teresa DiFalco Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Ranjan D'Sa
Members: 5393 Life Members: 8 Honorary Life Members: 1
Councils: 42 of 83 reported Regions: 4

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

In 2025, my Hamilton Diocesan Team and I continued to make a measurable impact by placing Servant Leadership at the heart of our mission, as it embodies our faith. We focused intentionally on mentoring, encouragement, invitation, and practical governance training — equipping parish leaders and emerging members with the tools, clarity, and confidence they needed to lead effectively. Through workshops, regional collaboration, one-on-one support, and consistent accessibility, we provided ongoing formation and growth opportunities rooted in faith, integrity, and service.

The outcomes were tangible. Dormant councils were reactivated, stagnant and/or struggling councils were revitalized, and new leaders stepped forward — often forming full executive teams where vacancies once existed. Members became engaged, of all ages, backgrounds, and those who are normally too shy to lead. Governance practices strengthened, and councils began embracing the League with renewed energy, purpose, following and better understanding our governing documents. By investing in people and building capacity, we fostered sustainable growth and a culture of confident, servant leadership across the diocese.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

The learning platform I implemented continues to provide mentoring and training for all members, especially new members taking on leadership roles. I provided League onboarding leadership training. My Diocesan Team carried out a broad range of activities and initiatives focused on leadership formation, governance excellence, membership growth, and faith formation. We coordinated diocesan and regional meetings that integrated servant leadership training, governance best practices, and practical operational tools for parish executives. Structured regular mentoring sessions were offered to parish presidents and officers, alongside accessible one-on-one guidance to support councils navigating elections, financial stewardship, operations, recruitment, maintenance, revitalization, and problem solving. We also offered diocesan wide faith activities such as prayer services and retreats.

We delivered many regional presentations on servant leadership, membership engagement, election integrity, and executive team development.

New initiatives included leadership development workshops designed to cultivate emerging leaders, structured pathways for mentoring members, including younger members, enhanced communication supports, and governance, to ensure clarity and consistency across councils. We also implemented revitalization strategies that supported the reactivation of dormant councils and strengthened existing ones through full executive formation, strategic planning guidance, League operations, and ongoing diocesan accessibility.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

Initiatives that make us most proud in 2025 were those centered on reactivating dormant councils, revitalizing stagnant ones, and mentoring a new generation of servant leaders. We intentionally focused on invitation, encouragement, and structured governance support — walking alongside struggling councils that were struggling and helping them rebuild with confidence and clarity. We also emphasized the importance of working as a team and creating a welcoming, respectful, transparent, and inclusive environment. Through hands-on mentoring, leadership formation sessions, and practical governance tools, we supported development of full executive teams and restored stability where vacancies and uncertainty once existed. We are especially proud of the culture shift that continued to follow across our diocese since mid 2024. Women who once hesitated to step forward embraced leadership through patient encouragement and formation rooted in servant leadership. Councils rediscovered purpose, members of all ages and backgrounds became engaged, including younger members, and governance practices strengthened. Seeing councils regain energy, grow in unity, and confidently embrace the mission of the League has been the most meaningful outcome of our work. I also mentor, champion and support our 30 + member Catholic Girls League.

President's recommendations.

The office of president at any level of the League requires proven leadership capacity, sound judgment, and the ability to make reasoned decisions – including difficult ones – in accordance with governance principles and the best interests of the membership. A president must lead with clarity, not emotion, and be supported by a unified diocesan executive that understands and respects its defined roles. An experienced president is also integral to succession planning, team development, and mentoring, and remains a valuable governance resource in the role of Past President, ensuring continuity and institutional stability. It is important to implement any structural models, such as R3 to 1, with full transparency and thoughtful consideration of the diocesan president's mandate and the purpose of the diocesan executive. Absent clarity, consultation, and inclusivity, such initiatives risk undermining diocesan leadership structures and creating confusion among members. Structural reform ought to strengthen—not dilute—established governance responsibilities.

President: Nancy Pye
Members: 217
Councils: 5 of 6 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Hervé Sauvé
Life Members: 6

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

Activities that made an impact were many, but in small ways:

- Participated actively in liturgical Parish life; daily, weekly masses, special prayer services, celebrations and retreats, eucharistic ministers and lectors
- Held activities to raise money for parish councils and churches: bazaar, selling carnations on Mothers' Day.
- Promoted national theme, "Here I am Lord, Send me" throughout the year at executive meetings and Diocesan Convention. Members found that a national theme was a source of encouragement and inspiration.
- Projects to help community members: visiting the shut-ins and the sick, donating food and clothing to needy, delivering cards to the elderly on different occasions.
- Supported fellow members through phone calls and visits when advice and suggestions could be shared.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

There are two initiatives that a member has promoted for several years:

- 1) Sisters in Christ:** travelling up to Moosonee to reach out to the women there (and also doing crafts with them), with the hope of perhaps one day having a CWL council there.
- 2) Bucket of Hope:** Yearly trips to Honduras, bringing clothing, glasses, other items, and visiting with many groups there.

President's recommendations.

It is really important to have a smooth transition for new presidents. This has been discussed, but it is always good to continue emphasizing this.

President: Maureen Vincentine	Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Stéphane Pouliot
Members: 2003	Life Members: 11
Councils: 31 of 41 reported	Honorary Life Members: 1

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

Firstly, council members were given many opportunities to grow in faith themselves. Our spiritual retreat in September, "*Rejoice In The Lord Always*", was well attended (100 members) and was much appreciated. Our Advent Reflection, "*Longing for Light in the Darkness*", was also well attended. This was facilitated over Zoom.

Our councils made an impact within their parishes by being involved in Liturgies, by attending missions and prayer services, and by visiting the sick and homebound. Many arranged speakers for their council members and members of the parish.

Our councils made an impact in their communities with the many financial donations to food banks, shelters, Christmas programs, mental health programs, and more. A few councils reported that their members attended an Indigenous gathering as part of Truth and Reconciliation. Members participated in the *Coldest Night of the Year* activities and volunteered at various outreach programs. Members were very willing volunteers within their communities. They collectively and individually donated time, money, and clothes, especially warm mitts, hats, and coats. Most councils have favourite community programs that they support, such as Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul, Morningstar Mission.

Our diocesan council arranged a workshop in February 2025 on the topic of Human Trafficking. A member of the RCMP and a member of Victim Services facilitated the session. As our diocese is along the 401 corridor incidents of human trafficking are going right by our communities. We learned a great deal. The speaker was invited to present to members of a parish community.

Councils reported they had discussions at meetings on the issues of homelessness and mental health. One council reported having guest speakers. One council spoke of making phone calls to someone suffering from poor mental health.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

The *R3 to 1, Unity!* presentation was part of our Fall presidents' meeting. Life Member Bernadette Burgess addressed presidents and others in attendance. We reached out to parishes not represented at the presidents' meeting and held two additional presentations. We have not yet reached a few councils.

We are doing a review of our Policy and Procedures.

During the first half of 2025, the diocesan council continued its focus on mentorship. Father Stephane presented a reflection on mentorship as it appears in scripture. We focused on this as a key element of good leadership, in parish councils, diocesan council and in every level of the League. We spoke about how we sometimes are the mentor and, under different circumstances, we are the one being mentored. In the latter part of 2025, we focused on recognizing our own talents, gifts, perhaps charisms. We talked about recognizing and acknowledging these in others. Spiritual advisor addressed gifts and charisms at our officers' retreat and Fall presidents' meeting. We are more aware of our gifts and recognizing them in others. We must own our gifts, nurture and use them as God intends! Being together, as women of faith, is always rewarding, even if it is via Zoom (as the Advent reflection was).

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

Councils were encouraged to send members to provincial/national conventions and 19 ladies attended provincial convention and several attended national. They commented on the hospitality (meeting other members), enjoyed listening to new speakers and became enthused about the work of the League.

Majority of councils are aware and are using the national initiative *Brightspace*. Members received national communiques. Many councils weren't aware of the National president's letters re: Gaza. It is important for councils to be aware of what national is doing.

We are proud of the growth of our diocesan council mentoring each other, recognizing the gifts each brings, working as a team. It becomes especially important for the chairs to work closely together.

President's recommendations.

Communication from national to parish and back is developing nicely. Chairs working as a team is essential. Sharing information and duties must be reinforced for all officers to work well together at every level. It is mostly the responsibility of the president (at any level) to see that this happens.

President: Denise Lalonde Morris
Members: 7400
Councils: 69 of 83 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Paul Kim
Life Members: 12
Regions: 7

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

Our first goal as the executive for the London Diocesan Council was to build a strong and viable team. We are lucky to have one of the only women invited to the Synod as a member of our London Diocesan CWL. Linda Staudt put us on the right foot to embrace the *Conversation of the Spirit*. At all of our meetings, workshops, and convention planning, our members knew their opinion was as valuable as anyone else.

It was also a goal to be visible and available to all sisters in our councils. At any type of gathering, we made it a point to sit among our fellow sisters and encourage everyone to ask for help and not to be afraid to ask questions. In the past year, our executive meetings were held in places we did not normally visit in order to show our regions that everyone is valuable.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

The next task was to update our Policy and Procedure Manual, the Guidelines for Hosting Conventions, and to produce guidelines for Diocesan Development Days and Annual Retreats. We have stressed that these are living documents and they can be changed. We renamed our Regional Days to Diocesan Development Days and have seen an increase in attendance by choosing topics that are relevant to our membership.

One of the biggest challenges was our website. It had to be updated, modernized and made user friendly. Our diocese is blessed with very knowledgeable people and once a team was brought together, our new and improved site was up and running. Each region was asked to contribute to the development of the website and they came through. Another thing we did to improve communication was to purchase a Zoom license. This has proved invaluable and a cost saving but it does not replace person to person meetings.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

In 2025 we hosted two conventions: Ontario Provincial Convention and the London Diocesan Convention. Members also attended the National Convention where some offered their time to help out where it was needed.

After listening to presentations by Bishop Lobsinger at the National Convention, Bishop Campeau at the Provincial Convention and Spiritual Advisor Father Paul Kim at our Diocesan Convention, we recognized the need to take care of our priests. At our Diocesan Development Days, our goal was to inform members about the need to learn about your local priests. With our Diocese being divided into 'Parish Families' our sense of community has been shaken. Many parish councils did not realize how their lives would improve by communicating with their priests. It will not solve all issues, but it is a step in the right direction.

Increasing, retaining and regaining membership will always be important. Changing the minds of members about when we collect our membership dues is difficult to overcome. We promote encouraging ladies to join at anytime of the year. Seasonal posters, Blue Sundays, welcoming opportunities and a positive attitude are encouraged across our diocese. Educating our spiritual advisors is a major part of this process since we have many priests from out of country. We have also recognized the importance of our seminarians learning about the League. It is much easier for them to adjust to a parish if they have someone extending a hand in welcoming them. It is important that all priests know we are there for them and not a hindrance.

President's recommendations.

A president is only as good as her team. The president must remember that she is not in the position to order people around. The role of the president is to teach those around her how to accomplish the tasks they need to do.

A president should keep her vice-president in the loop so that she will be prepared for what the path ahead will bring.

President: Mary Ellen James
Members: 1612
Councils: 20 of 32 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Steven Gaudet
Honorary Life Members: 1
Life Members: 21

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

Parish councils from the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese continued to demonstrate a commitment to leadership rooted in faith, service, and social justice.

Councils embraced the national theme, "Here I Am Lord, Send Me" through retreats, guest speakers, workshops, and consistent prayer at meetings. Many integrated the theme into outreach initiatives including food drives, hospice volunteering, and parish-based charitable programs.

We hosted our Advent Retreat with very good attendance from across the diocese with collaboration from all three of our chairs, Faith, Service and Social Justice, with the theme of, "Hope for the Homeless".

Membership remains a priority. The greatest challenge identified is attracting new members, followed by engaging younger members and a lack of willing leaders.

Encouragingly, most councils recruit through personal contact and utilize the Welcome Program to encourage members to access the national website for resources. This is being done in each parish and at the diocesan level through the R3 to 1, Unity! initiative and Life Member Jeannie Coleman's leadership.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

Councils continued to provide financial assistance for delegates attending conventions, although cost and distance remain barriers. We are working together to host our third annual Diocesan Convention at a convention centre with the participation of our Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu and Fr. Steven Gaudet, our diocesan spiritual advisor.

The dedication of our parish presidents and the unwavering support of our Life Members, ensures that our diocesan council remains vibrant, responsive, and mission focused. Together, we continue to lead with faith and courage.

President's recommendations.

1. Enhance membership engagement by attracting and recruiting new members, retaining current members, and encouraging members to renew their membership and rejoin our Catholic Women's League.
2. Promote spiritual growth through continued prayers for our priests and vocations to religious life, supporting parish programs, and participation in diocesan retreats and events including our diocesan convention.
3. Expand social justice and community outreach by addressing local needs including membership of CWL in leadership at the Cornwall Service Club and supporting national advocacy initiatives.

Focusing on these areas will serve to strengthen our councils, to unite our members, and to reflect the Catholic Women's League's commitment to faith, service, and social justice.

Members continue to pray for and work toward unifying our amalgamated Diocesan Council of Ottawa-Cornwall.

President: Annette Chaplin

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Moses Nwosu

Members: 1158

Life Members: 9

Councils: 23 of 24 reported

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

At our annual convention held in May and our Fall meeting held in September, we encouraged people to visit the homebound and elderly, and encourage them to join the Blessed Catherine Starflower Prayer Program, as encouraged by our Bishop. This prayer program gives a person the opportunity to join over 300 people in the diocese to regularly pray for their diocese and church, with suggested prayers. They are given a medal, and a booklet with the prayers and readings that teach them about redemptive suffering, and the value of prayer. This gives our sick and homebound a better appreciation for how valuable their life is, even when they physically can no longer contribute to their family and church. Our parish councils distributed over 100 Blessed Catherine prayer booklets and medals.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

- Blessed Catherine Starflower Prayer Program
- R3 to 1, Unity! initiative at Cathedral Parish
- Diocesan Day of Reflection in Témiscaming, Quebec
- In-person Fall Meeting and Annual Convention
- Spring meeting held via Zoom
- Received new Spiritual Advisor and presented a spiritual bouquet to our retiring Spiritual Advisor
- Encouraged members to write letters to their Members of Parliament about Bills relating to M.A.I.D. and freedom of speech. One parish council wrote an excellent letter which we then sent to all the parish presidents, along with a contact list of all the MPs that represent our diocese.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

- Our Day of Reflection tied in with the Blessed Catherine Starflower Prayer Program, and with improving mental health through prayer.
- At Cathedral Parish, an R3 to 1, Unity! presentation resulted in 10 new members joining the Cathedral Catholic Women's League. Several invitations were received to make R3 to 1, Unity! presentations at parish councils in March and April.
- Blessed Catherine Starflower Prayer Program has several hundred members in the diocese and now more have been introduced to the program by the CWL.

President: Wendy Tedford
Members: 1173
Councils: 12 of 22 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Roy Villas
Life Members: 9

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

The diocesan council began with only a president elected and a past president. We were able to fill most positions and participate in events throughout the diocese.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

Jubilee events were attended throughout the diocese to create a visible presence for League members.

The 200th Anniversary of the Peter Robinson Settlers celebrations throughout mostly the lower half of the diocesan parishes were a tremendous success, and members were involved and attended.

Information from the *R3 to 1, Unity!* initiative was shared.

Conventions at all levels were attended and information was shared. Several parish council celebrations were happily attended.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

The attendance throughout the diocese at events to support, socialize and show we care about all members.

President's recommendations.

To realize that each parish council must function as their community requires, not necessarily what other councils are doing.

Both the national and provincial councils provide guidelines and support and are most willing to assist with any questions and concerns that arise.

President: Patricia Clizia
Members: 1808
Councils: 22 of 30 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Jeffery Shannon
Life Members: 12
Regions: 3

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

All members of the diocesan executive fully embraced their leadership roles while participating actively in provincial committees and outreach activities with their parish counterparts across the diocese.

A new format for the annual diocesan convention was piloted focusing on member and leadership development. The second day included the annual meeting of members business session. Delegates provided high satisfaction ratings on all components of the new format from evaluation surveys.

A full program day of workshops and guest speakers was offered with support received from the National Development Fund. Diocesan officers and chairpersons prepared and hosted mini workshops, using the strategic planning resources, and engaged delegates in a creative and impactful way. The Reconciliation Tapestry was presented by Jackie Hookimaw-Witt and Norbert Witt, accompanied by indigenous drumming led by Mary O'Donnell. Salt & Light Media filmed the presentation to be included in a documentary.

Sr. Susan Scott engaged delegates in a dialogue on Ecumenical and Interfaith Collaboration. Guest presenter, Monic Ayotte, delivered a keynote address on the topic of leading with grace exploring emotional intelligence and leadership in women's groups. Members of the first Catholic Girls League established in the diocese were sponsored to attend the convention workshop day and delivered a presentation on their journey to establishing a council, and the impact of their encounters as young women of faith.

Resolution 2025.01 Expand legislation to protect politicians against acts of violence and incivility was adopted at the annual convention and gifted to the Ontario council for presentation at the 78th annual provincial convention.

As an extension of the initial Unity Outreach visits and feedback gathered, new initiatives were launched to meet the expressed desire of members for more spiritual development and connectedness, and to learn more about how to enhance and complement gatherings and meetings with local resources and guest speakers to enhance participation and recruitment outcomes.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

Faith encounters were hosted in each region. Members participated in activities themed on Pilgrims of Hope in the Year of Jubilee. An afternoon of spiritual development was hosted, led by the three regional spiritual advisors (as members of the regional committee, and the diocesan faith committee).

Members participated in guided prayer labyrinth activities, fabricated and decorated personal prayer, intention folders, and explored contemplative prayer and prayer through movement.

A valued relationship with The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie continues to positively impact member engagement in the three regions, with spiritual guidance and leadership provided by a Sister of St. Joseph, or Associate members. Leaders in the League in our diocese are members of the congregation, as a religious sister or as an associate member; a wonderful synergy of sharing, faith, service and unity.

Regional Development Days were developed and hosted by a diocesan committee comprised of the vice president and three regional chairpersons. With the generous support of a grant received from the provincial council, members learned more about the pillars of the League, engaged in a League Marketplace of information and resources in a trade show model, and connected with local community agencies and organizations for resources and potential guest speakers to complement council meetings and gatherings. The program for the day included Mass, lunch and opportunities for members to connect with others from across the region to share ideas.

It is valued that members of the provincial council were consistently engaged, available and responsive. The support provided through guidance and mentorship had a positive impact. The provincial president attended a member gathering or event in each of the three regions of the diocese spanning more than 450 kilometers; a tremendous commitment.

President's recommendations.

An operations manual with tasks and guidelines including a calendar of duties and activities, insurance and risk management, instructed votes and other items, would be beneficial for the office of president. Timely and relevant membership data would assist the president in highlighting potential issues, or identifying strengths so as to support membership outcomes. A buddy system for council presidents across the diocese to offer opportunities to engage with presidents of different regions would further enhance team building and connectedness among council presidents.

President: Deedee Alexandre
Members: 1793
Councils: 18 of 28 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Richard Kowolchuk
Life Members: 8
Regions: 4

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

St. Catharines Diocesan Council made a significant impact in 2025 with the parishes and the political community, while embracing the National theme: Here I am, Lord, Send Me. Housing insecurity and mental health was the focus of this council's two-year tenure with particular development in 2025.

The first half of the year, the 11-person steering committee, which included the three diocesan chairs, focused on two primary facets: communicating with parishes about these incentives and then meeting with mayors, MPP's, and MP's. Concerning the parishes, they were provided with information regarding social programs in their region in order to contribute their council's time, talent, and treasures. In addition, each of the four regions, received \$300.00 to donate to an agreed-upon social service that addressed the needs of either mental health or housing insecurity.

Steering committee members met with mayors, MPP's, and MP's so that the politicians would be aware that the CWL St. Catharines Diocese was addressing housing insecurity and mental health. Most meetings were very fruitful with the politicians who provided encouragement and information. There was definite acknowledgement and recognition of the number of CWL members in the diocese.

On May 31, the culminating event, organized by the steering committee, occurred--the Speakers' Forum with three speakers who had first-hand knowledge and experience working with people suffering from housing insecurity and mental health. Approximately, 130 people attended this function. By all accounts, it was a success.

The theme of the steering committee was, "Where will my sister lay her head?" and the mandate was to act, educate, and inspire. What had started as a steering committee to address housing insecurity and mental health actually morphed into what would become two resolutions: one destined for the provincial level and the other for the national level. Both resolutions were presented, voted on, and carried at two different parishes.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

In addition to diocesan initiatives such as Lenten Retreats, the AMM, League Development Days, "Happy New Year / Meet and Greet", and the Advent Retreats, the definite highlight of 2025 was the composing of the resolutions. The synergy between the steering committee and the resolutions committee was fantastic. All four regions were represented on these committees and so there was a true crossing of parish cultures. Both of these resolutions are certainly something that the CWL members can be very proud of.

President's recommendations.

There are a few general recommendations relating to the office of president. What did work was having a strong Diocesan Council willing to share their time, talent, and treasures. Having said that it is important for the National level to understand that more ideas and initiatives, that may appear random, do not bode well on the front line.

Not everyone is as invested in the CWL, however, like those who are at elevated levels. By and large, women who are active members of the CWL want to be of service on a faith-filled journey that includes social justice for everyone, whether it be eradicating homelessness, human trafficking, pornography, etc. While it is important to provide opportunities for growth, no one wants to be overwhelmed and/or intimidated. After all is said and done, everyone, regardless of CWL level, is doing the best that she can.

The national survey requires significant changes and a committee should be struck for that purpose and include representation from diocesan presidents and parish councils.

President: Cathy Carlino

Spiritual Advisor: Father Terry Sawchuk

Members: 1744

Life Members: 9

Councils: 11 of 23 reported

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

One important contribution was ensuring that information from the provincial level was shared promptly and clearly with every parish council. By serving as a consistent communication bridge, we kept parishes informed about national, provincial, diocesan developments and also provided clarification, answering questions and helping councils navigate challenges. Despite geographical distance, we maintained regular contact and no parish felt isolated. Our work in 2025 focused on connection, transparency, and support—ensuring every parish remained informed, empowered, and united in our diocesan mission.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

We actively supported diocesan pilgrimages, which were spiritually enriching and generated renewed parish engagement and new initiatives. We also successfully coordinated a well-attended League Development Day that fostered renewal, reconnection, and strengthened fellowship. In addition, we promoted parish events through direct email and our diocesan Facebook page, broadening outreach and increasing participation across the diocese.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

We were especially proud of how parishes united to support provincial convention. Despite challenges, each contributed in its own way through sacrificial giving, fundraisers, creative low-cost efforts. What mattered most wasn't the amount raised but a spirit of generosity, unity, shared commitment. Convention became a powerful sign of who we are as a diocesan family.

President's recommendations.

Effective leadership requires sustainable structures and shared responsibility. Monthly Zoom meetings strengthen communication. Distribution of responsibilities reduces burnout. Establish an administrative subcommittee, appoint local administrative support, if feasible. Strong leadership is not about carrying responsibility alone. Maintain regular communication, share workload to serve more effectively, strengthening the council beyond any single term.

President: Audrey Shelton
Members: 343
Councils: 6 of 6 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Lemire
Life Members: 4

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

As a Diocesan Council we focused on The Jubilee Year of Hope through a Prayer in Motion Challenge:

"On the Journey of Hope" we were called to care for ourselves, body, mind and spirit. The Challenge was to walk 20 minutes each day (or do chair exercises, yoga etc.), and pray the rosary during that time. After "... and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus," we added a special intention. Each week, for 8 weeks, we were given a different intention to pray for. The number of rosaries said throughout the diocese was recorded.

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

The National theme was used at retreats, in workshops and by guest speakers. Winter wear was collected and distributed to schools and for the homeless through the local library. A monthly luncheon was provided for those in need. Hygiene products were also made available at area schools.

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

The provision of winter hats, mitts, socks and scarves has been a very worthwhile project as the basket at the library emptied quickly, and the school asked for more items. Also feeding people once a month by a parish council is very worthwhile.

President: Kate O'Quinn Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Liborio Amaral
Members: 5959 Life Members: 12 Honorary Life Members: 1
Councils: 74 of 93 reported Regions: 7

How our diocesan council made an impact in 2025.

One diocesan focus in 2025 was to continue to be visible to our members (a priority as a result of the feedback from the national Unity Outreach initiative). This was achieved with every executive member being fully supportive and excited to be involved at the parish level. Through in-person visits, workshops, zoom presentations focusing on League development and executive training, our executive was visible to all our members across the diocese. This year, we requested members of the diocesan executive host a meeting with their counterparts at the parish level. These zoom meetings were extremely well attended and appreciated. A third way we were visible as an executive was through All-Regions zoom Meetings, one held in the Fall and one in the Spring. All executive members gave a report/update. These meetings saw 120-140 members in attendance.

As an executive, we made it clear to the membership that we were here to help, and we made ourselves available as needed. A quote from the annual survey sums up the success of our 'visibility' focus: *We are particularly grateful for the support and active outreach of the TDC this year. We know each of the executive on a first name basis, thanks to the many webinars they have presented over the year. Well done!*

List activities, projects, new initiatives, and regional presentations.

The following were undertaken at the diocesan and regional levels:

- Workshop on Preparing a Parish Policy and Procedure Manual
- In-person and zoom presentations involving executive training
- Regional Advent and Lenten Retreats
- Regional Chairs assisted with workshops/executive training in their region
- All-Regions zoom meetings in Fall/Spring, reports by diocesan executive
- Regional Fall and Spring Meetings
- Engaging Members Workshop
- Workshop on Conflict Resolution
- In-person visits to councils to assist with internal conflict
- Introduction to R3 to 1! Unity Task Force presentation
- Attending Council Anniversary celebrations

- Assistance with membership drives
- Reactivating councils
- Workshops on Spiritual Gifts
- Workshops on The Joy of Leadership and Roles of the Executive
- Workshop on Mentoring in the League
- Presentation to recognize National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Workshop on Parish Elections

These activities, projects, new initiatives made us most proud.

An exciting new initiative emerged through collaboration between the Social Justice and Service Chairs leading to formation of the Outreach Committee designed to support approximately 10-12 members who are homebound, ill, feeling isolated or grieving the loss of a loved one. Each eligible member was paired with a dedicated buddy, ensuring consistent emotional support. Through phone calls, thoughtful greeting cards, personalized gifts and face-to-face visits, the committee fostered meaningful and compassionate connections. This initiative was warmly received, with participants providing positive feedback on the difference it has made in their lives.

We were recognized and nominated by the Attorney General's Office of the Government of Ontario for a second year for our work on Human Trafficking Awareness. CWL members visited Vaughan City Hall to request a flag raising for Human Trafficking Awareness week. Vaughan City Hall declared the 2nd week of October as Human Trafficking Awareness Week AND City Hall will be lit blue every February 22nd for National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The president of this council did a presentation at the 104th Annual Toronto Diocesan Convention in April 2025, on this project!

A third initiative was continuation of the President's Update, now named *Around Our Diocese*, which is shared with the membership every two months. This initiative encouraged councils to share their great works by sending a paragraph of the event with photos, and also inspired councils to submit their works and ideas to provincial's *Beyond the Bakesale* and national's *Spotlight*.

President's recommendations.

- Continue to encourage executive to be visible to parish council members. This emphasizes that one of our roles is to assist councils.
- Continue to offer League Development for our members.
- Presidents are encouraged to mentor their vice-president.
- Always treat members with kindness and respect. As president, you are a role model.
- Incoming president encouraged to continue *Around Our Diocese* initiative to encourage councils to share great works/events year-round.

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