



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Catholic Women's League of Canada 2019 Newsletter



A Word from our President, Pauline Foley.

We had many achievements at Holy Spirit Parish in the past year. Our "High Tea" event last Spring raised and provided \$3,000 to help the abused women and children at Chrysalis House.

Our annual bazaar in November helped us to achieve some of our goals and helped to cover our administrative and operating budget for the year. For example:

- we provided funds to help assist in the education of our parish seminarian studying for the priesthood.
- we purchased CWL vestments (stoles) for Monsignor Muldoon and Father John.
- we sponsor a young lady who lives in Tanzania, Africa through "Chalice", a Catholic Charity that works in 15 developing countries. This enables her to attend a Catholic school, eat nutritious meals, and receive proper medical care.
- we provide charitable donations every year to the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa.
- we sponsor every year, a bursary to an honour student graduating from Sacred Heart High School.

We are very proud of our work on three Resolutions affecting Indigenous Women. The Resolutions passed our Council, the Diocesan and proceeded all the way to the Provincial level in Toronto this year.

- we participate twice a year in the liturgical service during Lent, "Mary's Way of the Cross," followed by a poverty supper. A free will donation is collected for the homeless.
- we participate in most parish activities such as: The Eucharistic Ministry, lectors, palliative care, monthly hospitality event, counting the collection, and decorating the altar for Easter and Christmas.
- our Prayer Shawl Ministry consists mostly of a group of CWL members who make and deliver shawls that have been blessed by Monsignor Muldoon or Father John, to the sick, the dying, or to those who are having a difficult time in their lives.
- we purchase the confirmation crosses and prayer cards every year for the children making their confirmation.
- we presented two Maple Leaf service pins as a sign of recognition to two outstanding league members.

With the success of our bazaar and generous donations we received in 2018, we were able to provide our parish Ministry with a \$5,000 donation to help them achieve their goal. The future of our parish depends on our youth and what better place to provide our support.

Our Spiritual Development Chair offers a twenty-minute faith experience at our monthly meetings. It often consists of a song or a video followed by a personal reflection and shared prayers and special intentions with each other. Our CWL ladies care about each other. Once a year, each member randomly picks a Secret Sister whom she prays for and remembers on special occasions.

I would like to add that the Holy Spirit CWL is very well supported and appreciated for our work in the parish by Monsignor Muldoon and Father John Orbin. Our CWL is also very thankful to the parishioners who support our fundraising efforts that enable us to provide good works to others who need our help. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write about the achievements of the Catholic Women's League of Holy Spirit Parish. New members are always welcome to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memberships

We will be celebrating our 10th anniversary on November 26, 2019. We have grown from 15 charter members to over 90 members. There are 25 councils in the Ottawa Diocesan, which will be celebrating 96 years as a Council in 2019. We invite all Catholic women 16 years and older to journey with us in a sisterhood of Faith, Fun, and Fulfillment. Come join us!

Mary's Way of the Cross and Poverty Meal – Friday, April 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. A free will donation will be collected for the homeless.

Annual Ottawa Diocesan Convention – Saturday, May 4, 2019 in the Parish Hall.

Annual Holy Spirit CWL Bazaar – Saturday, November 16, 2019.

CWL Executive 2018/19



CWL High Tea – Spring 2018



Members and Guests

Enjoying the CWL High Tea



CWL Photographer

Clarisse Woods



CWL Annual Bazaar

and Tea Room

