

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
OTTAWA DIOCESAN COUNCIL**



**99<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL REPORT BOOK 2021**

## National Theme for 2019 / 2021



### **Our 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.

### **LEAGUE PRAYER**

We humbly pray you O God our Father,  
to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada,  
bless our beloved country, our homes and families.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds  
and strength to our wills, that we may know and  
fulfill your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others,  
at home and abroad,  
the good things you have given us.

This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the intercession of our patroness,  
our Lady of Good Counsel.

Amen



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### **CWL Prayer for Renewal**

God of new beginnings, ever faithful God, we thank You for your constant care for the women of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. We have sought to serve You in faith by service to your people.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we continue to discern Your call to seek justice and build Your Kingdom on earth each day.

We ask your guidance as we plan the evolution of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength. May each of us open her heart and mind to the League.

We ask this through Jesus, Your beloved Son and Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

AMEN



**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**  
of  
**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

Greetings, Members of the Ottawa Diocesan Council,

Change is what we, as Catholic Women's League members, do so well. We bend and stretch with changing times and attitudes. We learned so many ways of reaching out to each other, our parish family, and the wider community, all the while maintaining physical distancing and wearing our masks. We did this with respect and kindness, mirroring the face of Jesus in all our actions and words.

I am so proud of how you have embraced both the provincial and national themes. You are truly inspirational!

Know that the prayers and best wishes of the almost 35,000 members across Ontario are with you as you gather to conduct the business of your diocesan council for 2022.

You are well represented at the provincial table. Lynn ensures that your diocese has a voice.

Congratulations as you celebrate the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League in your diocese.

May God bless you and Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over you as you continue your humble service in the League, *For God and Canada*, through faith, service, and social justice.

Respectfully,

*Colleen Perry*

Ontario Provincial President





**Ottawa Diocesan Council**  
of  
**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

Warm Greetings Sisters in the League,

In 2021 we, as members of the League, were called to listen with the ears of our hearts to hear God's call to respond creatively to our members as well as share our gifts and talents as we serve our communities during the ongoing pandemic. Councils have continued to embrace the provincial theme of *Loneliness* and the national theme of *Care for our Common Home*.

I am in awe of all the good work councils accomplished this past year. Members adapted to the new technologies moving forward and maintaining open communication with each other in many different ways. How wonderful that the Holy Spirit breathed new life in us so that our relationships with each other became creative and transformative. The reports in this book are a testament of that transformation. I am amazed!

Your love of the League is alive and well! It has revealed what we see in ourselves as who we are, learning to accept ourselves and others when we live in the light of God's loving presence.

Change in the near future is inevitable. The League is changing its structure with the strategic planning but it also needs to change its culture. We cannot have a new structure and continue to operate in the same old way. Change involves an interior conversion otherwise the implementation will not have the desired effect. Continue to be supportive of one another as Our Lady of Good Counsel guides us on our journey.

I thank all of you for your support in the last three and half years I've served as the Ottawa Diocesan President. It has been a positive learning experience and one I will cherish forever!

Love, Peace and Joy,

*Lynn Laviolette*

President, Ottawa Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## **OTTAWA DIOCESAN COUNCIL OFFICERS – 2021**

President	Lynn Lavictoire
Recording Secretary	Michelle Morrow
Corresponding Secretary	Michelle Morrow
Treasurer	Diana Baines
Past President	VACANT

### **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Organization	VACANT
Education & Health	Rosemary Fikis
Christian Family Life	Jennifer Jones & Catherine Gasper
Community Life	Michelle Morrow (acting)
Communications	Lynn Lavictoire (acting)
Resolutions & Legislation	Lynn Lavictoire (acting)
Spiritual Development	Janet Warren
Life Member Liaison	Moira Matthews
Spiritual Advisor	Rev. Fr. Paul J. Gaudet

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## **ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL 75<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS JULY 10-13, 2022 OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

Join us, for Eucharistic celebrations, prayer, fellowship, business sessions, resolutions, and guest speakers!

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL 102<sup>nd</sup> CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS AUGUST 14-17, 2022 KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report  
For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2021**

**President's Report**

**2021**

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Diocese: Ottawa	President: Lynn Lavictoire
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Fr. Paul J. Gaudet	
Parishes Reporting: 13/25	Members: 1191
Life Members: 12	Honorary Life Members: 1

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**Introduced, discussed or acted upon current national priorities**

- Care for our Common Home 54%
- Bill C-7 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) 54%
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 23%

These topics were discussed at meetings but were not acted on.

**Spiritual Advisor's role in councils**

- Presidents stated that their spiritual advisor is supportive 85%
- Councils meet with their spiritual advisors monthly 46%
- One council meets annually with their spiritual advisor 8%

**Resources used to preside at meetings**

- Parish Council *Manual of Policy and Procedure* 62%
- *Constitution & Bylaws* 54%
- *Robert's Rules of Order* 54%
- *Executive Handbook* 46%
- *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* 39%
- *Parliamentary Procedure* 23%

**Events represented by councils**

- Church functions 69%
- Diocesan meetings and conventions 69%
- Special masses 62%
- Retreats 46%
- Conferences 39%
- Fundraising events and dinners 39%
- Workshops 31%
- Sacramental events 15%
- Community events 15%
- Remembrance Day services 8%

**Events councils subsidized and amount**

- Conferences – all expenses were paid 23%
- Workshops – all expenses were paid 8%
- Diocesan convention – all expenses were paid by the diocesan council
- Most events were subsidized 92%

## **Executive Handbook**

- It assisted in the responsibility of overseeing council operations 100%
- Other methods were used, e.g., email, written reports, oral reports, newsletters and words of wisdom in the parish bulletin to summarize the council's activities.

## **Council sub-committees**

- Annual events, such as teas, bazaars, etc. 54%
- Scholarship or bursary 39%
- Fundraising 39%
- Social events 31%
- Funeral receptions 31%
- Visitations 15%
- Donations 15%

## **Issues addressed on behalf of councils**

- Council social events 100%
- Zoom meetings on the environment, outreach and pro-life issues 46%
- Promoting and organizing diocesan and provincial meeting of members 39%

## **Assistance provided to council presidents**

- Past presidents 62%
- Life member 31%
- Diocesan president 31%
- Treasurer 31%
- Current executive 23%
- Secretary 23%

## **Challenges faced when transitioning into the role of president**

- Not having a full slate of officers 69%
- Keeping members interested 54%
- Recruiting 39%
- Time management 39%
- Meeting expectations 23%
- Tedious policies and procedures 23%
- Feeling unsupported by the members 15%
- Adapting to technology 8%

Most presidents were challenged in not being able to meet in person, seeking ways to enable communication, motivating their executive and recruiting new members during the ongoing pandemic.

## **National theme**

- Councils found having a national theme beneficial 69%
- The majority of the councils liked the change of theme with each new national president.

Most council presidents adjusted to the health and safety gathering restrictions and believed they were successful in dealing with the lack of in person meetings.

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**Secretary Standing Committee Report 2021**

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Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Michelle Morrow

Sub-chairpersons: None

Parishes Reporting: 9/25

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- Eight (89%) councils reported someone in one or both of the secretary roles.
- One (11%) council reported not having anyone in either role.

**Recording Secretary**

- Nine (100%) councils reported that minutes were taken at meetings.
- Seven (64%) councils assisted the president with the compilation of the annual report.
- Six (67%) recording secretaries were a signing officer.
- Five (56%) knew where the council charter is located.
- Five (56%) maintained a list of the executive with their contact information.
- Four (44%) councils reported having a copy of the *Handbook for Secretaries* from national office.
- Three (33%) acknowledged the existence of a council motion book while four (44%) did not have a motion book.
- Two (22%) received written reports from the executive while five (56%) sometimes received them.
- One (11%) council reported the position is vacant.

**Corresponding Secretary**

- Two (22%) secretaries reported having a copy of the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide* from national office.
- One (11%) council reported the position is vacant.

**Diocesan Recording and Corresponding Secretary Annual Report**

**Recording Secretary**

Minutes were recorded and reports submitted for:

- Diocesan Officers in person or virtual meetings: four (January 9, March 6, April 10, August 28);
- Diocesan Executive meetings: four (January 23, May 1, September 11 and 27, October 23);
- League Development Day: held virtually on February 13 and 27 with over 250 registrants;

- Lenten Morning of Reflection: held virtually on March 13 with 90 attendees;
- Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel: held in person on April 26, also streamlined with over 600 views;
- Iconography Workshop: June 12;
- Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members/Convention: October 2;
- Advent Retreat: held virtually on November 27.

The above noted minutes/reports were on file and available for review or consultation upon request.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Various correspondences were sent and received between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

The above noted correspondences were on file and available for review or consultation upon request.

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
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For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2021**

**Treasurer's Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Diana Baines

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 9/25

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**Annual Report Survey**

Since only 9 of 25 councils completed their reports, this treasurer's report cannot be considered a true picture of the status of the Ottawa Diocesan Council.

- The report was completed by the treasurer of seven (78%) councils and by the secretary-treasurer at two councils (22%).
- Councils reporting used cheque books (100%) bank statements (89%), deposit books (78%), and receipt books (33%) to keep track of receipts and disbursements. Councils used Excel spreadsheets (56%), other computer programs (22%) or manual ledgers (33%) to record transactions to councils.
- The majority of councils charged dues of \$20.00 or \$25.00 yearly.
- All councils (100%) made National Voluntary Funds donations submitted through the national office. All councils (100%) contributed funds to parish activities.
- Councils had three signing officers with two signatures required on cheques.
- Annual budgets were prepared by 78% of councils.
- Financial statements were presented at monthly general meetings by 100% of councils. Reports presented included current balance, monthly debits and credits and upcoming expenses. Council books were examined yearly by only (56%) of councils.

**Questions Concerning Communications**

In most cases, communications questions were responded to by only five or fewer councils.

- Councils were usually 50%, always 25%, sometimes 25% satisfied by communications received from national.
- Councils were usually 50%, always 25%, sometimes 25% satisfied by communications received from the provincial council.
- Councils were usually 40%, always 40%, sometimes 20% satisfied by communications received from the diocesan council.
- Information received by parish councils from national was relevant usually 50%, sometimes 50% of the time.
- Information received by parish councils from provincial was relevant usually 75%, sometimes 25% of the time.

- Information received by parish councils from the diocesan council was relevant always 40%, usually 40%, sometimes 20% of the time.
- Information received by parish councils from national was considered clear and concise usually 50%, always 25 % sometimes 25% of the time.
- Information received by parish councils from the provincial council was considered clear and concise usually 50%, always 25 % sometimes 25% of the time.
- Information received by parish councils from the diocesan council was considered clear and concise usually 40%, always 40 % sometimes 20% of the time.
- Councils received duplicate information from national, provincial, and diocesan councils occasionally 40%, usually 20%, sometimes 20% and never 20%.
- When councils received communications from another level (national, provincial, diocesan) that invited or requested participation, councils had enough time sometimes 40%, occasionally 40%, usually 20% to do so.

Respondents had no additional comments.

## **Financial Statement**

For the period from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021

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**Statement of Review of the Ottawa Archdiocesan CWL Council  
2021 Accounting Records**

At the request of the Ottawa Archdiocesan CWL Council Treasurer, I have examined the financial records for the year ending December 31, 2021, and have found them to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The accounting records are entered using spreadsheets, and are comprised of monthly bank reconciliations, deposits, transfers and paid invoices.

Deposited cheques were properly endorsed or stamped deposit only as required. The bank provides pre-printed cheques. All bank statements, which include Bank deposit slips, ATM deposits and photocopied cheques on both sides, were reconciled on a monthly basis. All void/cancelled cheques were accounted for.

**Review of Transactions**

I have reviewed expense transactions for 2021 and supporting documentation was present for each. Expense receipts including travel were generally reasonable, and original receipts were attached to each claim.

In general, prudent financial and administrative practices are in place and executed as required.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



Maureen Corrigan,  
Financial Manager (retired)  
Government of Canada  
(613) 749-5285

19 March 2022



## **Diocesan Treasurer's Annual Summary Report**

**Donations for the period of  
January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021**

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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Ottawa Diocesan Council  
BUDGET FOR 2022  
Approved at the Executive Meeting on January 22, 2022**

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**BUDGET FOR 2022 (continued)**

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**Past President Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Vacant

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 11/25

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**Serve in a Consultative Capacity**

- Nine (82%) of eleven councils reported this position was filled.
- Eight councils (89%) felt supported and encouraged by the past president's help.
- Seven past presidents (78%) attended scheduled meetings and events.
- Four (44%) have been called upon for advice.
- Three past presidents (27%) have held this position before.
- Nine presidents (64%) felt supported and encouraged by their past president's help.
- Four past presidents (36%) were called upon for advice monthly.
- Four councils (36%) sought advice from their spiritual advisor.
- Three councils (21%) sought advice from the diocesan executive and the provincial executive.
- Two councils (14%) sought advice from life members in the area.
- Some council past presidents were asked to represent their councils at conventions, organize social events, promote the League in their parishes and communities, check websites at all levels of the League for information to share, chair executive and/or general meetings, to fill the role of vacant standing committee chairs and chair the nominations and elections committee.

**Be Responsible for Archives and History**

- Nine councils (82%) knew the location of their council charter.
- Seven past presidents (78%) were responsible for the archives in their councils.
- Five councils (46%) stored their archives in their CWL room, cupboard or filing cabinet at the church. Three councils (27%) stored them in the church hall or in the parish office. One council (9%) appointed a member who stored them in her home.
- Nine councils (82%) kept deceased members' history indefinitely; one council (9%) kept them for one-four years.
- Eight councils (73%) reviewed their archives as needed.
- Eight councils (73%) maintained a history book.
- Eight councils (73%) labelled photo albums and scrapbooks.
- Eight councils (73%) kept records of service pin and award recipients indefinitely; one council (9%) for nine to 10 years.

- Seven councils (64%) stored the Book of Life indefinitely.
- Seven councils (46%) used bankers' boxes and memory sticks to store archived information.
- Seven council (64%) kept minutes of general meeting indefinitely; two councils (18%) for one to four years.
- Seven councils (64%) kept minutes of executive meetings indefinitely; one council (9%) for five-eight years.
- Seven councils (64%) kept years of service for members indefinitely and one council (9%) did not keep that information.
- Six councils (55%) kept financial information indefinitely; one council (9%) kept them for nine-ten years.
- Six councils (55%) kept executive members written reports indefinitely; three councils (27%) for one to four years; and two councils for five to ten years.
- Five councils (46%) kept annual reports indefinitely; one council (9%) kept them for nine-ten years.
- Five councils (46%) kept membership renewal data indefinitely; four councils (36%) for five-eight years.

### **Facilitate the Study and Implementation of the *Constitution & Bylaws 2013 (revised)***

- Nine councils (82%) had a copy of the *Constitution & Bylaws* and three councils (27%) reviewed it twice a year.
- Eight councils (73%) had a copy of the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*. Two councils (18%) reviewed it twice a year and one council (9%) reviewed it multiple times a year.
- Seven councils (64%) had their own manual of policy and procedure which gets updated every two years.
- Nine past presidents (82%) sought advice from the diocesan council.
- Three councils (27%) sought advice from their spiritual advisor.
- Three councils (27%) rarely sought the advice from the local bishop.
- Two councils (18%) sought the advice from life members in the area on a monthly basis.
- One council (9%) sought advice from the provincial and from the national executive every month.
- One council (9%) asked for advice from the national office monthly.

### **Diocesan Highlights**

- In December 2018, the diocesan archives were moved to a Dymon Storage facility due to lack of space at the Ottawa Diocesan Centre which is now closed. This expense continued to be in effect in 2021.

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
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**Organization Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Vacant

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 10/25

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**Recruit Members and Maintain Membership**

- Eight councils (80%) administered their member renewals online.
- Seven councils (70%) recruited new members by personal invitation.
- Seven councils (70%) presented service pins, and certificates of merit.
- Six councils (67%) recognized their members with cards or announcements.
- Five councils (50%) encouraged a wide cross-section of members to increase the cultural and age diversity of the community with the following: advertised in the parish bulletin and on bulletin boards; used display tables at parish events, potluck dinners, membership teas and other social events for recruitment; presentations at masses; gave gift memberships; used social media and telephone trees.
- Five councils (50%) reflected cultural diversity of the general community.
- Three councils (38%) have members under the age of 35 which reflects the age diversity of the general community.
- Some of the new members were invited to participate in sub-committees and conducted an orientation session.
- All new members were engaged by council members with conversation, new member kit, invitations, member feedback and mentoring.
- All new members were welcomed at meetings.

**Leadership Development and Resource Material**

- Eight councils (80%) implemented the new *Welcome Program* for new members.
- Eight councils (80%) were aware of the new *Executive Orientation* to assist parish councils with training parish council executives.
- Eight councils (80%) were current on the latest activities of the Strategic Planning Implementation Committee.
- Five councils (63%) set annual goals and plans that included members' input.
- Five councils (63%) heard of the toolkit, *Embracing Diversity: Tools for Council Use*, published to assist parish councils with welcoming new members.
- Three councils (30%) had members of their council that played a role at the diocesan level of the League. There were no other council members involved at the provincial and national levels.

**Annual Reports**

- Eight councils (80%) found the latest version of the annual questionnaire a meaningful way to demonstrate the organization standing committee activity.
- Five organization chairpersons (50%) used guidelines and assisted their executive members in completing their annual reports.

**Life Membership**

Six councils (50%) gained assistance from life members living in the area.

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**Community Life Standing Committee Report 2021**

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Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Michelle Morrow (acting)

Sub-chairpersons: none

Parishes Reporting: 6/25

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**Dignity and Rights of Persons**

- Three of the six councils that reported had Community Life Chairpersons
- Two councils were familiar with the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*
- Regarding support for minority groups:
  - two councils provided a monetary donation to those suffering from homelessness; and
  - four councils donated to those suffering from poverty.
- With regard to Indigenous peoples:
  - three councils were aware of the struggles of Indigenous women
- Three chairpersons became aware of the laws and what has been done in the fight against human trafficking.
- One chairperson shared this information with their council members.

**Social and Economic Justice**

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most councils were unable to provide help and support in this area; council members were encouraged to help, where possible, on an individual basis.
- With regard to caring for those in need:
  - Affordable housing – two supported in prayer
  - Anti-poverty – one supported financially
  - Before, during and after school programs – one supported in prayer
  - Clothing drives – one supported financially, two volunteered
  - Drop-in centres – two supported in prayer
  - Emergency shelters for the homeless – one supported in prayer
  - Emergency shelters for those experiencing domestic abuse – one supported in prayer
  - Employment and skills training – one supported in prayer
  - Food banks – two supported financially
  - Food hampers – two supported financially
  - Resource centres for single parents – one supported in prayer
  - Restorative justice program – one supported in prayer
  - Soup kitchens – one supported financially
  - Violence prevention programs – one supported in prayer
  - Wish Foundation – one supported in prayer.
- Two councils supported organizations geared towards assisting Indigenous

peoples.

- Two councils celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.
- One council recognized the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.
- Councils were not able to do anything with restorative justice programs or prison ministry due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- One council spoke at meetings to promote Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA).

### **Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship**

- With regard to the needs of immigrants and refugees in the community:
  - Availability of employment services - two councils rated their understanding as good, three as fair
  - Availability of English language courses – one council rated their understanding as good, two as fair
  - Financial assistance for food and rent – one council rated their understanding as good, one as fair
  - Countries of origin – one council rated their understanding as good, two as fair
  - Number of immigrants and refugees in community – one council rated their understanding as good, one as fair.
- Six councils indicated they were able to explain the difference between temporary foreign worker, immigrant and refugee.
- Five councils participated in Remembrance Day services and five supported the Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign.
- One council wore red on Fridays in support of our Canadian troops.

### **Developing Countries**

- Three councils were aware of the League's program for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) of donating 1% of the price of luxury items purchased during the year to CCODP.
- Three councils became somewhat aware of the conditions of child labour in developing countries.
- One council became somewhat aware of the implications of trade laws.
- One council became somewhat knowledgeable about the economic difficulties of developing countries.
- One council somewhat criticized the structures that put profits before people.
- Councils supported the following organizations that focus on developing countries: Canadian Red Cross, Chalice, Habitat for Humanity, Pennies for the Poor and Sleeping Children Around the World.

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**Education and Health Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Rosemary Fikis

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 9/25

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**Catholic Education**

**Catholic Schools and Catechesis**

- Four councils (57%) were informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in the Catholic schools in their area.
- Three councils became informed about the quality of Catholic religious instructions in their parish and inquired how they could support the program.
- Three councils (33%) investigated the needs of Catholic schools that could be met by their council. These needs included sacramental, faith development, scholarships and bursaries, tutoring and school supplies.
- One council actively encouraged parents to participate in all areas of their children's Catholic school education and activities.
- One council sewed and provided re-usable masks and also collected winter clothing for their school children.
- One council identified the need for sacramental / faith and the need for scholarships and bursaries.

**Rites of Christian Initiation**

- Two councils reported that members were personally involved and participated in the Rites of Christian Initiation programs in their parish.

**Literacy and Continuing Education**

- Two councils (22%) had a current list of Catholic universities or colleges in the diocese and the information was provided.
- There were no councils who encouraged members to assist those wanting to improve their literacy skills.

**Scholarships and Bursaries**

- Four councils provided or contributed to a bursary for a high school student.
- Four (44%) councils provided a bursary, scholarship or provided funds.
- Four (44%) councils were familiar with the criteria for applying the National Bursary Fund and three councils contributed to the fund.
- Two councils ordered the revised bursary certificate from national office.
- Two councils have a list of scholarships and bursaries that were available.
- One council provided a bursary to Catholic Christian Outreach.

- One council contributed to a scholarship for elementary aged children.
- One council provided a bursary for a university / college student.
- One council provided funds to a Catholic elementary school for Christian Leadership awards.
- One council promoted the National Bursary Fund and brochure.
- One council contributed \$25.00 to the Coady International Institute.

## **Wellness and Sickness/Disease**

- Councils supported the following national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians: Canadian Cancer Society and Canadian Red Cross.
- Councils were not aware of the program and therefore did not contribute to the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life program.
- Councils were not aware of the Partners for Life Program.
- During National Hospice Palliative Care Week, five councils participated in the "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" by arranging a prayer service in their home; provided members with the "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" kit and encouraged their members to pray for palliative care.
- Members did not use or were not aware of the Palliative Care postcard.
- One council provided information on advance care planning.
- One council provided information on emergency response information kits.
- A Mental Health Resource list was prepared and shared with members.
- A Zoom presentation on Loneliness and Tools for Coping was arranged for their parish council members and parishioners.
- A monthly Book Club was started for one council members via Zoom.

## **Environment**

- Five councils (56%) participated in the *Care for Our Common Home* initiative.
- Due to COVID-19, many councils' environmental plans were put on hold, however, members were committed to eliminating single use water bottles, plastic bags, plastic straws and trying to reduce their garbage. Presentations were made on Zoom on environmental issues including gardening and recycling.
- One council committed to planting a tree to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League and it will be planted at their parish's new location.
- One council celebrated Earth Day by shutting off their lights.

## **Genetics**

- Five councils (71%) rated their knowledge as poor and two councils (29%) rated their knowledge as good in regards to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Three councils wanted more information from the Education & Health Standing Committee Chair specifically related to what is taught in our Catholic schools.

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**Christian Family Life Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Jennifer Jones/Catherine Gasper

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 8/25

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**Marriage and Family**

- All councils (100%) promoted family enrichment programs by donating money to local women's shelters, made referrals to appropriate organizations or offered personal support at the parish level.
- Two councils (25%) supported people who suffered from domestic abuse.
- No councils celebrated or organized events for National Family Week.
- One council (13%) promoted programs and supported happily married couples.
- Events to support marriage and families were limited to prayer and the support of local charities for the donation of personal care items.

**Sanctity of Life**

- Eight councils (100%) prayed regularly for the protection of life.
- Three councils (38%) owned a membership in a local pro-life organization.
- Six councils (75%) attended pro-life masses; three councils (38%) participated in the 40 Days for Life and participated in the virtual March for Life event; one council (13%) participated in the Life Chain; two councils (25%) participated in pro-life walks and pro-life vigils.
- Four councils (50%) donated money and gifts to the following organizations that advocate for the sanctity of life: Campaign Life Coalition, Birthright; Pregnancy and Family Support Services and Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.
- Two councils (25%) ensured every member had a copy of the current pro-life brochure available from national office.
- Two councils (25%) had copies of the current pro-life brochure available in their church vestibule.
- Three councils (38%) wrote letters and informed legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia.
- One council (13%) met with pro-life legislators.

## **Ministry to Youth**

- Two councils (25%) participated in programs for young people in their parish.
- One council (13%) sponsored leadership camps or retreats.
- Youth were also supported with Rosary classes in local elementary schools and bursaries in local high schools.

## **Ministry to the Disabled**

- All councils (100%) reached out to the disabled by visits, phone calls, prayed together, sent cards, provided transportation, brought communion, and gave gifts on special occasions.
- One council (13%) organized and participated in support groups and respite for caregivers.

## **Ministry to Seniors**

- Five councils (63%) called and/or visited; three councils (38%) sent cards of encouragement, gifted them memberships and organized social events; two councils (25%) brought communion, initiated social programs and celebrations, involved them in intercessory prayer and involved them in CWL events. One council (13%) provided transportation.

## **Ministry to Widowed**

- Five councils (63%) called or visited; three councils (38%) sent cards of condolence; and two councils (25%) provided prayers and support after the death of the spouse.

## **Ministry to Separated & Divorced**

- All councils (100%) had copies of the new brochure, "Annulments Today – Merciful and Just," which was available in their church vestibules for people who may need this advice.

## **Vocations**

- Six councils (86%) sent spiritual bouquets.
- Six councils (50%) participated in prayers for vocations.
- One council (14%) encouraged families to invite priests into their home.

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**Communications Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Lynn Lavictoire (acting)

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 10/25

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***The Canadian League Magazine***

- In the winter 2021 edition, five councils (50%) resonated with the President's Message and the National Spiritual Advisor's words of wisdom.
- Five councils (50%) were drawn to the articles on "Caring for Our Common Home," "Action in the Time of COVID-19," "Call to Meeting," "Are You Crazy," and "The Journey Continues: Implementing the Strategic Plan."
- In the spring 2021 edition, five councils (50%) resonated with the "President's Message" and "Implementing the Strategic Plan: A Legacy of Renewal." Four councils enjoyed "The Many Faces of Leadership," "Handy Hints and What is Truth? a Reflection on *Fratelli Tutti*."
- In the fall 2021 edition, six councils (60%) identified with the article Honouring the Gift of Service. Four councils (40%) did not read the fall edition of *The Canadian League* magazine.
- When the magazine was mailed, members found it to be a useful resource for education, advocacy, action, a spiritual resource and a source for new ideas.

**Media: to Promote the League**

- Nine councils (90%) shared with their members the strategic planning information.
- Eight councils (80%) encouraged members to use cwl.ca for current information.
- Eight councils (80%) shared with their members the League sponsored mass on April 26 in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
- Seven councils (70%) promoted faith-oriented programs to their members.
- Seven councils (70%) had a telephone committee to invite members to events.
- Four councils (40%) promoted the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Three councils (30%) informed their members that the first Sunday in June is World Communications Day.
- Three councils (30%) encouraged members to visit Facebook or Twitter.
- Two councils (20%) encouraged members to subscribe to and promote Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines and financially assisted in their mission to evangelize.
- Two councils (20%) urged their council to set aside a budget for publicity.
- One council (10%) used local media to advertise their activities and events.

**Media: Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content**

- Nine councils (90%) shared with their members the strategic planning information.

- Six council (60%) shared the strategic planning information from *The Canadian League* magazine and also shared the monthly updates on the national website.

### **Media: Newsletter and Bulletins**

- All councils used email to send out meeting agendas and minutes.
- Five councils (50%) promoted their council's activities and events through the church bulletin, parish websites, newsletters, council designed promotional brochures, council websites, diocesan website and diocesan newsletter.
- Five councils (50%) used the diocesan "CWL Wednesday!" email to promote their fundraisers and events.
- Four councils (40%) produced their own parish council newsletter. The newsletter was prepared by the parish council president or the communications chair. The newsletter was distributed by email and mailed to members who don't have access to a computer.

### **Media: Relations**

- All councils (100%) reported not having worked with their local media for the benefit of the League as a result of the ongoing pandemic.

### **Pornography**

- Four councils (40%) took steps to become aware about the influence that pornography has on children and adults.
- Four councils (40%) read newspaper articles.
- Three councils (30%) acted on Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornography Websites, by contacting their members of parliament. These councils made members aware of the lack of age verification controls on adult websites.
- One council (10%) acted on Resolution 2004.11 Link Between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and the Mechanics of Killing. This council wrote to provincial/territorial government to establish procedures to prohibit the sale and distribution to minors of videos, movies and games that contain graphic imagery which promotes violence and even killing as an acceptable behaviour. The council also ensured that the educational system contains required curricula to provide students with the tools to respond thoughtfully and critically to media content.
- One council (10%) acted on Resolution 2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children. The council encouraged the federal government to continue supporting research and development of tools to protect children against offensive content on the internet.
- One council (10%) attended seminars or conferences on the topic of pornography and reviewed current legislation.
- All councils chose not to participate nor distributed the League's Pornography Hurts postcards in 2021.

Members appreciated their weekly email news or phone calls throughout the pandemic. The biggest challenge was not all communications chair were allowed to inform members of all League activities at their president's request, leaving members uninformed.

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**Resolutions Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Lynn Lavictoire (acting)

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 6/25

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**Research and Preparation of Resolutions and Briefs**

- Four councils (66%) were passionate about euthanasia and assisted dying.
- Two councils (33%) were passionate about Indigenous issues and palliative care.
- Two councils (33%) contacted their federal government representative by letter writing.
- One council (17%) contacted their local government and wrote letters.
- One council (17%) contacted their provincial government representative by email and wrote letters.
- One council (17%) attended workshops that outline the resolutions process in the League for their own personal development.
- One council (17%) was familiar with the resolution that required action as listed on the cwl.ca, e.g., 2017.01 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals.
- None of the councils began research to develop a resolution in 2021.
- Six councils (100%) attended workshops that outlined the resolutions process in the League:
  - at a diocesan, provincial, or national convention
  - at a diocesan or provincial development days or workshops
- Three councils (33%) considered and studied issues that might become resolutions.

**Study and Implementation of Resolutions adopted by other Levels**

- All councils (100%) referred to communiques and annual reports from all levels of the League. These were shared among members during the pandemic that inspired new ideas.
- Three councils (50%) undertook actions that support resolutions adopted at all levels of the League.
- Two councils (33%) became familiar with the resolutions that require action as listed on the national website, cwl.ca.

The biggest challenge in this standing committee was trying to generate interest.

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**Legislation Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Lynn Lavictoire (acting)

Sub-chairperson: none

Parishes Reporting: 4/25

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**Monitor and Study Legislation at All Levels of Government**

- All councils (100%) knew the names of their local, provincial and federal government representatives (municipal, provincial and federal).
- All councils (100%) received mailings from their federal representative.
- All councils (100%) expressed being uninformed.

**Preparation of Briefs and Position Papers Proposed Legislation**

- One council (25%) accessed *Hansard*, the printed record of the proceeding of the federal government.

Knowledge of Federal Bills:

- Three councils (75%) were very aware of Bill C-7 on medical assistance in dying.
- Two councils (50%) were very aware of Bill C-233 on sex-selective abortion.
- Two councils (50%) were very aware of Bill C-268 on intimidation of health care professionals and one council (25%) had some knowledge of it.
- One council wrote letters at all levels of government regarding Bill C-7 An Act to amend the *Criminal Code* (medical assistance in dying).
- Councils were either not interested or not aware of the Faith in Action workshop that was distributed in the fall of 2021.
- In general, councils shared information at meetings, provided links to relevant websites and addressed local needs.

The biggest challenge for this standing committee is that the chair was predominantly empty in the parish councils. The council presidents felt they had to take on this role and kept their council members informed.

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Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report  
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**Spiritual Development**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Chairperson: Janet Warren

Sub-chairpersons: None

Parishes Reporting: 9/26

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- Of nine councils reporting, eight (89%) of the positions were filled.
- Of those filled, 63% were appointed.

**Spiritual Growth of Members**

- Care of Our Common Home: six councils (67%) were not engaged due to COVID-19; three (33%) had discussion, sent out prayers and researched information.
- Four councils (44%) spent one third of their meeting time on spiritual aspects of membership; five (56%) did not. Of these five, four (80%) were not given sufficient time and one (20%) did not have meetings due to COVID-19.
- Liturgies and programs were greatly restricted again this year; however, one council (11%) did have an active program despite restrictions. Five (56%) had none due to COVID-19. Three (33%) sent prayer lists or prayers by email.
- Three councils (33%) did not celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council. Three (33%) participated in the diocesan event which included a remembrance of all members who had died in 2019 and 2020. One council (11%) encouraged members to say a Rosary. One council (11%) had a mass and a crowning of Mary. One council (11%) advised members by email of the feast.
- One council (11%) recognized CWL National Faith Day by personal prayer.
- Regarding the attendance at meetings of the Spiritual Advisor: three (33%) always attended; three (33%) sometimes; and three (33%) never. Six councils (67%) included the Spiritual Advisor on their agenda, while three (33%) did not.
- Regarding the role played by the Spiritual Advisor: seven councils (78%) advised that he was very active; e.g., he was always available for guidance and counsel, he kept the council informed about developments in the diocese, he celebrated devotions such as the Stations of the Cross and had messages for the council.
- Chairpersons reported growing spiritually by: four (44%) said a daily rosary; four (44%) prayed novenas; three (33%) did bible study; three (33%) read spiritual books; two (22%) had prayer partners; two (22%) participated in retreats; two (22%) prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet; and one (11%) prayed the Liturgy of the Hours. None (0%) journaled and five (56%) reported other activities such as watched or attended daily mass, private prayer, consecration to St. Joseph, completed prayer shawls and food bank fundraisers.
- Three councils (33%) found information on the national website.

**Role of Women in the Church**

- Seven councils (78%) did not study Catholic teachings and the role of women in the Church, while two (22%) did. One council (11%) studied the Old Testament women of the Bible and promoted readings and websites to search.

- In response to Pope Francis, six councils (67%) prayed a daily rosary to end COVID-19 and three councils (33%) did not.
- Members undertook the following leadership roles in the parish: five (56%) as parish committee chairpersons; four (44%) on parish pastoral council; three (33%) on diocesan council/committees; two (22%) on parish finance committee; one (11%) as a pastoral associate; and four (44%) in other ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and liturgy committee. Three councils (33%) did not participate on liturgy committees.

### **And Evangelization and Mission Assistance**

- Regarding support of Catholic Missions in Canada, two councils (22%) did not report; three councils (33%) sent financial support; four councils (44%) did not support due to COVID-19.
- Other missions that were supported included: Campaign Life, St. Joe's Women's Centre, Christian Catholic Outreach, Youville Centre, Northern Ontario Missions with gift cards, backpacks and school supplies for children in need.

### **Lay Ministries**

- Chairpersons participated: four (44%) in hospitality; four (44%) as lectors; three (33%) in decorating, three (33%) as facilitators; two (22%) in music; one (11%) as a sacristan; and one (11%) as an usher.
- Councils reported that their members participated in ministries: nine (100%) as lectors, seven (78%) decorated, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, seven (78%), sacristan seven (78%), music five (56%), facilitator three (33%), hospitality three (33%), and usher two (22%).
- The following were chaired by a CWL member: choir five (56%), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion three (33%), hospitality three (33%), decorating two (22%), sacristan two (22%), usher two (22%), lector two (22%), and facilitator one (11%).

### **Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours**

- One council (11%) reached out to women of other Christian denominations in prayer, by invitation to a meeting or social event, or as a speaker.
- One council (11%) promoted Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and 5 councils (56%) promoted World Day of Prayer.

### **Training and Communication**

- One (11%) attended the Ottawa Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members. Two (22%) welcomed regular communications from the spiritual development Chairperson from all three levels.
- Training requested: three (33%) requested retreat workshops, two (18%) requested guidance for spiritual development chairperson.
- Regular communications were received from the diocesan council to keep members connected and informed.

One council reported the success of their monthly prayer list. One council shared reflections by a CWL member. One reported on the value of the Diocesan Advent Retreat. One reported on the gift of Bishop Barron's YouTube resources.

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Life Member Liaison Annual Report**  
**For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2021**

**Life Member Liaison Report**

**2021**

Diocese: Ottawa

Life Member Liaison: Moira Matthews

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 12

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Unfortunately, at the time of reporting, our country is still trying to cope with the restrictions that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced upon us. As many of our Life Members are in the most vulnerable age group, we have not been holding our bi-annual in-person meetings. I have been forwarding to members via email and, for two members, via mail, all information that I receive from the Ontario Life Member Liaison and our Diocesan President.

As the circumstances would not permit the in-person presentation of Joanna Sisk's Life Membership Pin and Scroll, and not wanting to delay the presentation any longer, the Diocesan President Lynn Lavictoire, with Joanna's agreement, mailed them to Joanna and followed them up by having a beautiful bouquet of flowers delivered to Joanna. Joanna now has the dubious honour of being the first Life Member in Ottawa to have received her pin and scroll via Canada Post!

Although most of the churches have reopened their doors, it is to limited capacity and many members have not been able to take part in the usual activities that most parishes carry out through the year. Some councils are meeting via Zoom, but, of course, not all members have access to the internet.

In the Fall, the Ottawa Life Members received a gift in the person of Life Member Evelyn Mills Meaney, who had moved here from Quebec thereby swelling our numbers to 12 Life Members.

We continue to lift up each other in prayer; requests come not just from our sisters here in Ottawa, but across the province.

As the Life Member Liaison, I was able to attend the Ottawa Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members in Almonte in October. I have continued to send out birthday cards, get well and sympathy cards as needed.

*"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love sacrifice and courage." Saint Francis of Assisi.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Moira Matthews, OFS

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Ottawa Diocesan Council  
Life Members 2021**

**Honorary Life Member**

Joan Chesser

**Life Members**

Shirley Bernier

Moira Matthews

Kay May

Evelyn Mills Meaney

Edith Mockler

Jane Munro

Colleen Perry

Colleen Shirley

Anida Simurda

Heather Sisk

Joanna Sisk

Sharon St. Jean

**Military Ordinariate Life Member Living in Ottawa**

Marilyn Olsen

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Parish Council Highlights**  
**For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021**

**Annunciation of the Lord**

President Michèle Hundertmark  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Likozar, CC  
143 Members  
1 Life Member: Edith Mockler

We sent our membership Easter cards and an Easter card to send out to another CWL member. In June we had a virtual dinner. Sandwiches and salads were ordered from Scone Witch and delivered to members who participated. Prizes were given out and games were played. All who attended had a lovely time.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

President Joan Lepage  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Dominic Lim  
46 Members

With the COVID-19, our meetings were cancelled. However, we did manage to collect toiletries for the St. Joe's Women's Centre. In the fall we put a call out for socks, mitts, and scarves for the homeless and we managed to collect five garbage bags full and donated them to the Partage Vanier Food Bank – Community Service Centre Vanier.

**Divine Infant**

President Frances Chicot (acting)  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS  
54 Members

This past year has presented some challenges for our CWL council. Executive and general meetings were continued online. Council provided gifts and cards for children who received the sacraments of initiation. We also updated our prayer list and provided a spiritual bouquet and gift card to a departing priest.

**Holy Redeemer**

Presidents Marie Fortier and Corrienne Matthews  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Nwaeze  
24 Members

Due to the pandemic, we did not meet in person. When we could meet, we had a "Meet and Greet." It was quite successful and the ladies who did come out enjoyed an afternoon of friendship. Our new executive was elected in November and at our December social, Fr. Paul installed and blessed the new executive. We had a carol sing along, door prizes and a raffle. Additionally, we collected gifts for St. Mary's Home. We managed to donate \$700.00 in cash, many gift cards and gift bags for mothers and babies.

## **Holy Spirit**

President Marilyn Foot Pollock  
Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Joseph Muldoon  
73 Members

2 Life Members: Shirley Bernier and Evelyn Mills Meaney

Despite continued pandemic challenges, our council met all services and donations for the year. The Prayer Shawl Ministry provided 40 prayer shawls to the Stittsville Food Bank. Our council was awarded 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificates from both the Ontario Provincial and Ottawa Diocesan Councils.

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

President Frances Murphy Pike  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Stephen Liang  
29 members

2 Life Members: Moira Matthews and Anida Simurda

In this time of great restrictions, we were still able to accomplish a lot. We kept in regular contact with our members through cards, phone calls and emails. We also held several successful meetings via Zoom. Our council was able to continue our bursary program. We also were able to participate with our parish and diocese by attending Pastoral Council meetings and several diocesan meetings. We were also able to participate in the Instructed Vote on the *Constitution & Bylaws*.

## **Nigeria Igbo**

President Bernadette Ojiaku  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Nwaeze

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No report.

## **Our Lady of Fatima**

President Jean Anderson  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Lindsay Harrison  
30 members

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We baked sunrise treats for 100 carpenters at a high rise under construction in March. A clothing drive was held in May for the homeless of Tom Brown Arena. Thirty pounds of Corland apples were picked for Britannia Food Pantry in September. A parish clothing drive for the homeless and destitute plus \$500.00, was done for the Shepherds of Good Hope. Christmas gifts and gift cards were donated to needy families at OLF School. We coordinated 100 Christmas pictures from students at OLF School for residents at New Orchard Lodge, titled "Dear Friend." We participated in the Life Chain in October.

## **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**

President Mary Ellen James  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Robert Masternark and Fr. Anthony Nwaohiri  
60 Members

1 Honorary Life Member: Joan Chesser

2 Life Members: Jane Munro and Heather Sisk

2021 was another year of very little activity outside of supporting our liturgical celebrations within the COVID-19 public health restrictions. We continued to pray for

one another and all our CWL sisters and their families. We are a small rural parish, so the physical distancing restrictions continued to be limiting. We are looking forward to brighter days in 2022 and beyond!

### **Our Lady of the Visitation**

President Kelly Le Geyt

Spiritual Advisor Deacon Patrick McNulty

26 Members

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Our council conducted general meetings every month, several officers' meetings, Zoom meetings and an annual meeting during the year 2021. We conducted liturgies, prayer services, Stations of the Cross and the Rosary by Zoom with the support of our Spiritual Advisor, executive and members. Each standing committee chair provided a written report for each meeting. Many phone calls of encouragement were made during the year to all members. We also donated to our hall's mortgage.

### **Resurrection of Our Lord**

Membership Coordinator Fina Lobo

Spiritual Advisor Fr. Tadeusz Jordan

30 Members

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Members kept in touch by way of the phone, emails or delivery of food and gifts on special occasions. We assisted others with bookings for the vaccine. An attempt was made at creating a Remembrance Garden involving the community that comprised other faiths. The show of support, to share the pain of the past and healing of the present in the discovery of the unmarked graves, was remarkable. Compassionate end of life care has one member enlisted in a virtual course to become a "Death Doula" through an organization called, "End of Life Doula Association of Canada."

### **St. Andrew**

President Linda Lovelace

Spiritual Advisor Fr. Frank Brewer

24 Members

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As we were still in COVID-19, we taught the Rosary (virtually) to the third-grade children (60) at one of our parish schools. We supported the Barrhaven Food Cupboard and our parish with monetary donations. We were proud that we were in contact with our CWL sisters every week on "CWL Wednesday!" We contacted them by email, phone calls and notes.

### **St. Basil**

President Elizabeth Larmond Elliot

Spiritual Advisor Fr. Daryold Winkler

48 Members

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In May, we led a virtual Marian Evening Prayer Service for parishioners. We updated the parish parishioner list by telephoning every person on the list and set up a telephone committee to keep in touch with isolated, elderly parishioners. We were honoured to welcome the diocesan and provincial presidents at a Kateri Native Ministry Mass. This Mass dedicated to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples was

presided by Archbishop Marcel Dampousse. We wrote to the Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care advocating for better long term care living conditions.

### **St. Bernard**

President Joan Gray (acting)  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Eslin Pereira, CMF  
36 Members

1 Life Member: Colleen Perry

Our council is made up of mostly elderly members and since we could not meet in person, we stayed in contact through emails, phone calls, and cards. Sadly, at our last meeting, we voted unanimously in favour to disband on December 31, 2021.

### **St. Catherine of Siena**

President Beverley-Lynn Rowan  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Hezuk Shroff

15 Members

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we didn't meet throughout the year. We did, however, have an Angel Tree for a family of seven at Waupos Farm during the Christmas season.

### **St. Clare**

Presidents Ada Gorrie & Tilly O'Connor  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Bob Poole

No report.

### **St. Faustina**

President Barbara D'Entremont  
Spiritual Advisor Deacon Tom Donohue

29 Members

Despite still not having returned to mass in the church, our council tried to remain involved in our parish community by assisting in any way possible. We have sewn and sold face masks, collected warm clothing for local school children and called parishioners. We assisted with a parish creche viewing event, where we held an outdoor bake sale and served warm beverages.

### **St. Ignatius the Martyr**

President Lilian Martineau  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Saviour Karamvelil, OFM  
28 Members

1 Life Member: Joanna Sisk

We were able to hold only one meeting during 2021 because of the pandemic. Email, phone messages and church bulletin postings helped to keep some members in touch. Council members were also informed of online diocesan, provincial, and national CWL sponsored events. We sponsored a mass for our long-time member, Jackie Sisk, who had passed away. Our council also made a donation to Catholic Missions In Canada during 2021.

**St. Isidore**

President Jennifer Bowler (acting)  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Matthew Keshwah

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No report.

**St. John the Apostle**

President Audrey Wojcik  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Lindsay Harrison  
54 Members

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Our council continued to stay in busy with their fundraising initiatives (Easter and Christmas online auction including a bake sale) raising approximately \$7,260.00. During the pandemic we successfully fundraised and made donations to the Youville Centre, Ottawa Food Bank, Shepherds of Good Hope, The Ottawa Mission, Miriam Centre, and our own church. Sr. Rosemary O'Toole made a presentation and provided our membership with tools to cope with loneliness. Finally, our members continued to pray for the sick within our parish, extended family and we maintained an ongoing connection with each other through email, Zoom and telephone calls.

**St. Leonard**

President Suzie Noaro  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Gerard Plant  
37 Members

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Our members continued to meet virtually, conducted a phone outreach to home-bound parishioners and were successful in fundraising \$4,000.00 which was distributed to ten different charities, chosen because they were aligned with our CWL values. Some CWL members also offered online spiritual programs for youth and adults and led the rosary virtually.

**St. Martin de Porres**

President Sharon St. Jean  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Titus Egbueh  
74 Members

1 Life Member: Sharon St. Jean

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Our council Outreach Committee continued making calls to members to stay in touch. Cards of condolences, thinking of you and get-well cards were sent. Both executive and general meetings were held through Zoom. Our council took part in a collection of gift cards for families in need at parish feeder schools (St. Martin de Porres Angel Tree).

**St. Mary's (Almonte)**

President Cindy Zorgel  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul J. Gaudet  
99 Members

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We hosted the Ottawa Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members in Almonte on October 2, 2021. Christmas was filled with activity. All members received a Christmas card. Fifty-four Christmas gifts were donated to the residents of Country Haven nursing home. Members participated in a Christmas stocking campaign to donate a stocking filled with toiletries and goodies to the Lanark Food Bank for families in need. A large

donation to the St. Vincent de Paul committee was given and used to buy grocery gift cards for those in need. Special mention to Marina Villeneuve who sewed and sold aprons to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul in addition to the council's donation. Our Christmas cooked bake sale raised \$1,330.00 which was donated to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ontario Provincial Convention 2022 planning committee.

### **St. Maurice**

President Maureen Farnand  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Tim Devine  
109 Members

1 Life Member: Colleen Shirley

The executive took on a third year in office and met by Zoom. Our weekly CWL Sunday Bulletin kept everyone up to date on the League, our parish, and the wider community. We prayed the Divine Mercy via Zoom on Fridays during Lent. Easter/spring greeting cards were sent to all our members with a personal message in each card. We had a general meeting by Zoom in November to approve our charitable donations and finalized our executive for 2022-23. With funds still reaming from our successful 2019 fundraisers, we distributed funds to our charities.

### **St. Patrick (Fallowfield)**

President Cathy Gasper and Susan Burnett  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Shepherd  
64 Members

1 Life Member: Kay May

We collected money and gift cards at the beginning of the school year and at Christmas to help the less fortunate in our surroundings. We joined forces with the Knights of Columbus to run a successful take-out Harvest Dinner. We initiated a prayer list that changes monthly. We supported our parish and each other by prayer, meeting by Zoom and in person. We assisted with ushering at Christmas and supported and encouraged participation in parish activities.

### **The Good Shepherd**

President Doreen Dumont  
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Virgil Amirthakumar  
50 Members

Zoom meetings were held from time to time. We held a fundraiser (a car wash in conjunction with Halo) and used the funds generated to purchase a laptop computer for the church and clothing for the youngest children at Good Shepherd School. We continued with masses for the deceased and cards for special occasions.

## **Ottawa Diocesan Council Members' Awards 2021**

### **Maple Leaf Award**

St. Faustina

Claire McNeely

### **65 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Patrick, Fallowfield

Eileen Latour  
Luella Brennan

### **60 Year Service Pin**

St. Mary's, Almonte

Kathleen Carroll,  
Jean Kidziun

St. Maurice

Mariette Byron

### **55 Year Service Pin**

St. Basil  
St. Patrick, Fallowfield

Mary Pilcher  
Eileen Monaghan

### **45 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joan Lepage

### **40 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Spirit  
St. Faustina  
St. Mary's, Almonte

Annette Liberty  
Shirley Bernier  
Ardith Harris  
Patricia Killeen

### **35 Year Service Pin**

St. Faustina

Paulette Beaudette,  
Bernadette Johnson

St. Martin de Porres  
St. Patrick, Fallowfield

Vera Kielbeck  
Elizabeth Herde

### **30 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Deborah Harris,  
Noreen Roney,  
Tamarah Kane

St. Faustina  
St. Mary's, Almonte

Joan Boag, Joan Hawley  
Mary Lou Labrie

### **25 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Janine Harrigan
St. Martin de Porres	Janet Pokoj, Linda Bowie
St. Mary's, Almonte	Jo Ann Boissoneault, Aline King, Carolyn Paquette

### **20 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sandra Carleton
Holy Spirit	Marilyn Foote Pollock, Janet Nikkel
St. Mary's, Almonte	Charlotte Costello, Laraine Farquhar, Louise Henry, Susan Martin, Cynthia Stewart, Cindy Zorgel
St. Patrick, Fallowfield	Mary Jane McAuley

### **15 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Diane Dunn, Lori Scott, Gloria Piol, Yola Delacuesta-Beloy
St. Basil	Elizabeth Bala Lorraine Seguin-Shields Yvonne Wuhr
St. Faustina	Betty Fehr
St Martin de Porres	Lisa Hall, Claire Harris, Barbara Morneau, Charlene Nixon, Janet Prevost, Edith Barkley
St. Mary's, Almonte	Nora Flynn, Maureen Gareau, Cathy Giles, Ann Jones
St. Patrick, Fallowfield	Alice Prince

### **10 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Nora Arriola, Lydia Blondin, Nora Cerda, Mila Isla, Elsa Tejero
Holy Spirit	Joyce Blackburn, Louise Beggs, Julie Beingessner, Teresa Cardeal, Teresa Derouin,

St. Martin de Porres  
St. Mary's, Almonte  
  
St. Patrick, Fallowfield

Barbara Denis,  
Donella Gabriele,  
Claire Moore,  
Glenna Mossmon,  
Shyla Rodercks  
Cathy Starr, Jo Houle  
Carole Bourdon,  
Maureen, McGahey  
Carmel Baker,  
Helen Bergeron,  
Toni Bernard,  
Maureen Cooke,  
Eileen Country, Mary Forest,  
Judy Phelan, Maureen Speer,  
Pat West

### **5 Year Service Pin**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Spirit

St. Faustina  
St. Mary's, Almonte  
St. Patrick, Fallowfield

Yujung Landry,  
Rebecca Laframboise  
Sandra Cybulski,  
Joanne Heukshorst-Hatch,  
Rosemary Foley-Jacobson,  
Clarisse Woods  
Audrey Lemieux  
Margaret Legris  
Kathleen Kelly

### **Ottawa Diocesan Certificates of Merit**

Annunciation of the Lord  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
St. Catherine of Siena  
St. Patrick, Fallowfield

Dureen Coade  
Jane Munro  
Jean Wade, Joanne Toonen  
Kay May

### **Parish Council Certificates of Merit**

St. Maurice

Mary Sheridan,  
Natasha D'Souza,  
Mary Frances McKenna

### **Bursaries**

National Bursary Fund

Sarah Cleyn

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Ottawa Diocesan Council  
Deceased Members 2021**

**Annunciation of the Lord**

Janette Ladouceur  
Juliette Cyr

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Lorraine Tingley

**Divine Infant**

Angela Lavictoire

**Holy Redeemer**

Nancy Szkurhan  
Sheila Feres

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Kathy Bourgeois

**Our Lady of the Miraculous**

Simone Sullivan  
Annie Bouwhuis

**St. Bernard**

Rita Kamar

**St. Catherine of Siena**

Jean Wade

**St. Faustina**

Elfriede Sigouin  
Edith Nolan

**St. Ignatius the Martyr**

Jackie Sisk

**St. Isidore**

Ann Senay  
Jeannine Labombarbe

**St. John the Apostle**

Sheila Berrea  
Pearl Synek  
Sadie Stephen  
Joan Perry

**St. Leonard**

Gerri Layman

**St. Mary (Almonte)**

Els Geuer  
Marie Dunn

**St. Maurice**

Joan Yeldon  
Judy York  
Mary Mayda  
Joan Surette  
Ann McCallum  
Annie Bernard

**St. Patrick (Fallowfield)**

Marilyn Jodoin  
Mary (Jacqueline) McKenna

**The Good Shepherd**

Mary Niero

**May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in His peace.  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, *Pray for us.***

## **APPRECIATION**

Early planning and organizing for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members/Convention began with the pandemic challenges. At the September Executive Meeting it was decided that the diocesan officers would host the event at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. Reverend Father Vincent Pereira has welcomed the event which will follow all COVID-19 protocols.

Planning ahead was difficult and sadly, it was decided there would be no banquet again this year. However, in March, things began to open up and the officers knew that our 99<sup>th</sup> Ottawa Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members would be an enjoyable event while maintain a safe environment for all our members attending.

I am grateful to the officers for their contributions and dedication to make this meeting of members successful.

# **THANK YOU!**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Ottawa Diocesan Council:      President Lynn Lavictoire  
Secretary Michelle Morrow  
Treasurer Diana Baines  
Christian Family Life Chair Catherine Gasper  
Education and Health Chair Rosemary Fikis  
Spiritual Development Chair Janet Warren

**Our Lady of Good Counsel,  
*Pray for us.***