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Dear Members of the CWL:

I recently offered a Mass for high school students at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts in North York, which is the Catholic Secondary School within my parish boundary at St. Edward's Church. I enjoy visiting the students and try to find time after each visit to see if any students wish to ask questions or simply offer any comments.

This past week, a few questions revolved around the theme of prayer. Like many of us, even students struggle to pause each day to focus on their daily prayer life.

Beyond a number of suggestions I offer on how to improve one's spiritual life, I often simply ask the students themselves on what has helped them?

It is not surprising that many young people tend to read a lot. Often they find a prayer even on the website that speaks personally to them, or that compliments their more familiar prayers. In particular, when they are going through some challenging situations, certain prayers speak to them more than others. I, too, often come across a prayer or reflection that speaks to me.

Recently, our parish seminarian, Martin Lugo, found a prayer which he shared with the parish community at Mass this past weekend.

Given the busyness of our lives and the many demands on our time and energy, the discovery of a new prayer is like a surprise gift from God! As such, I share with you the prayer discovered by our seminarian, Martin, and I trust it might be of spiritual enrichment to you. (The author of the following prayer is unknown.)

Prayer

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.
I asked for prosperity and God gave me brawn and brains to work.
I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome.
I asked for patience and God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.
I asked for love and God gave me troubled people to help.
I asked for favors and God gave me opportunities.
I asked for everything so I could enjoy life.
Instead, He gave me life so I could enjoy everything.
I received nothing I wanted, I received everything I needed.

May God Bless you,
Fr. Pat O’Dea
“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:10

Our new 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.

As I write this report, we have just one Regional Fall meeting to attend; it was wonderful to see many of you at the Fall meetings and as always, heart-warming to listen to the council reports to see that all councils have been very busy with their various activities and most of all to know that you are carrying on the “Homeless” project. I cannot express how grateful I am, to hear you all reaching out to the homeless and families in need of help. With this project in its second year, we the members of the CWL, have indeed brought more awareness of the homeless, when I hear that now members are stopping by to greet the homeless on the streets, “ask their name”, “look them in their eyes” as they greet, this way treating them as our neighbour.

As we are nearing year-end, there are a few things on the horizon to be done:

**Annual Reports:** We will be looking forward to receiving your council’s annual report. Council president, please ensure that all your executive members submit their reports, it only takes a few minutes if completed online. This is a great opportunity for national and provincial to know of all the great work you have been doing all year round and to be acknowledged and accounted for. Stay tuned to hear from Hilarion Mitchell, President-Elect and Organization Chair for the deadline dates.

**Elections:** Many councils will soon be holding elections. If you are in charge of setting up the elections, do it the right way. We have a document available on our website under Resources (Reference documents) titled Parish Elections – Key points.

When you are asked to take on an executive role in your council, please discern, and may your prayer be, “I am your servant Lord” and say “Yes”. First Thessalonians 5:21-22 teaches that it is the responsibility of every
Christian to be discerning. Our Lady of Good Counsel will see you through it, because God has so abundantly provided for us, we should determine to give of ourselves abundantly in service to Him, to whom we owe everything.

**Membership growth and Development:** In the last update we received from National, membership in the Toronto Diocese was down by 416 members. I did bring this up in the Regional Meetings and do hope by the year end, all members would have paid and more added. Membership is our blood line, it gives us a strong voice when National meet with the Federal government to voice our opinion when we quote our membership numbers in the organization. Make yourself visible in the parish and in the community in all the great work you have been doing - word-of-mouth is still the best way to recruit. Be visible, speak from the pulpit at Masses so that the parishioners are aware who CWL are. Speak on the achievements that CWL accomplishes and that we do meet annually with the government. We must blow our horns; nobody will do it for us. Remember we are not bragging, just showing our accomplishments.

Mark your calendar for February 23, 2019; Hilarion has planned a wonderful Development Day for us all, see her report for information.

For our next year’s convention in May 2019, our Convention Committee, chaired by Sonia Villanueva and co-conveners Mary Lou Bonnici and Lynette Mendes, has plans underway for an enriching and fun-filled two days. Please mark your calendar and do attend, I do understand those who are working will have to take vacation time; it will be well worth the sacrifice you make. It is through your participation at the convention that you experience sisterhood, get to learn more about the League. All the executive members work hard behind the scene to make it a good experience for all. Watch out for their announcement on the convention.

**Our 100th Anniversary:** Here is the message from our Committee Chair:
We are pleased to let you know that we are planning some exciting things to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2021. The Anniversary Committee has started to plan, provided with some guiding principles from President-Elect Hilarion Mitchell. Our first project is a challenge to all our creative members to suggest a logo for us. Stay tuned for further information in the coming weeks. You can contact Mary Hawkley, Chair of the TDC 100th Anniversary Committee, at mahawkley@sympatico.ca or 905-668-1644.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we have opened a new **Catholic Girl’s League** (CGL) in Peel Region at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish,
Mississauga on 27th October 2018. This was all due to the President and three CWL members on the council, along with the Toronto Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair Philomena Menezes and the Peel Regional Chair Val Egerton. It was a privilege for me to witness it all as the thirteen girls were so eager to join. Their first meeting was on November 10th, and I know that in no time they will increase and multiply their membership as the two CWL mentors have big plans on membership increase.

The parents of the girls were invited by the council at the session to enlighten and inform them on the roles and work that will be carried out by the CGL and to ask questions. They were indeed happy to see the well-organized session.

At the back: rest of the CGL girls, along with the two CWL members in blue (Natalie Meier and Aurora Chavez), along with their Council President Virginia Estevez, Christian Family Life Chair Shelly Scott and Ann D’Souza, Toronto Diocesan President.

On behalf of all the Toronto Diocesan Executive Council, Wishing you and your family, the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.
As I write this newsletter article, I realize that by the time you receive it, Advent will be upon us. Advent, like Lent, is a time of penance and preparation. It is another opportunity to take stock and reflect on where we want to be on our spiritual journey towards our heavenly Father. It’s also a time of joy and anticipation as we wait for the coming of the Lord. I am not necessarily talking about the arrival of a babe in swaddling clothes who has come to save us, but the promised return of the Lord when all will be judged. ARE YOU PREPARED?

We can only be truly filled with joyful anticipation of the arrival if we have been preparing all along. For me it always comes back to stewardship. What have I been doing with my time, treasure and talents. Am I using them wisely? Do I share them? Do I “play well with others”? All great questions that on the surface look like a no-brainer. In my mind of course, I tell myself I do these things already, but if I were to delve deeper, could I maybe be doing more? Do I only do the things I like or do I focus only on things I am comfortable with? Do I go out of my comfort zone and stretch my limits? Advent is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments, celebrate them and then see if there is room for growth and improvement. Remember our God is a loving God, so it is never too late to improve!

“The Advent of our God with eager prayers we greet, and singing,
haste upon his road His coming reign to meet.
As judge on clouds of light, He soon will come again,
His scattered people to unite, With them in heav’n reign.”
(Verse 1&4 from “The Advent of Our God”)

Catholic Missions In Canada
Support for Catholic Missions In Canada is always needed. They bring the faith to isolated areas in Canada. These areas usually have little to no resources, and so rely heavily on our support. CMIC is one of the League’s National Voluntary Funds, so I encourage you to give them any support you can. You can also visit their website www.cmic.info for information on their fundraising Calendar for 2019.
World Day of Prayer
World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. The movement aims to raise awareness and bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions. This year on Friday, March 1st we will be celebrating the women of Slovenia. The theme will be “Come – Everything is Ready”. Be sure to take part in one of your local services.

Indigenous Mass
Our Indigenous Mass will take place on Sunday, June 23rd 2019. It will be hosted by Scarborough Region and held at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 131 Birchmount Road. It promises to be a very interesting day. Please mark your calendars now so you do not miss this event.

Formation
There are many events and days of reflections to take advantage of in the various regions and in the archdiocese itself. Please go to the TDC website to see what is happening in your regions.

For Advent and Christmas reflections on line I would suggest going to www.mycatholic.life or www.loyolapress.com. Also, if you would like a nice book for yourself or to give as a gift, I would also suggest, “Jesus Calling for Christmas”, a devotional book by Sarah Young, or “100 Days of Grace and Gratitude”, a devotional journal by Shanna Noel.

Please also note there is an advent retreat at St. Augustine’s Seminary on December 15, 2018, facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi entitled “Waiting in Hope”. For more info go to their website www.staugustines.on.ca

ORGANIZATION

Hilarion Mitchell
Sub-Convener: Carole Pitcher 905-792-0588

Exciting times as 2019 marks the start of the new national theme “Care for Our Common Home” and the League Strategic Plan becomes a reality. President-Elect/Organization Chairs need to have a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities. They are to equip themselves with League resources such as the new Strategic Plan booklet and the corresponding scripted presentation, Constitution & Bylaws, National Manual of Policy and Procedure,
Leading the League and the Executive Handbook, which will provide invaluable direction in this position.

**The League Strategic Plan**
The Strategic Plan addresses the new vision for the League after a consultative process that involved the steering committee, consultants and members’ input. The core values of faith, service and social justice were adopted along with the updated Mission Statement. The plan summarizes three goals, each with objectives and a list of critical issues. Paramount within the goals and critical issues is addressing the lack of training of members and their resistance to take on leadership roles. The Strategic Plan will provide opportunities for members to embrace current and emerging training that will move the League into the new envisioned future.

**Development Day 2019**
Development Day will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, Humber Valley. The day starts with Mass celebrated by Father Pat O’Dea. Past National President Margaret Ann Jacobs will speak on the League Strategic Plan (2018–2022) in the morning. All councils regardless of size will have two spots reserved for the early bird deadline of December 15, 2018. Reserved spots will be released if a cheque is not received by the early bird deadline. All other registrations will be accepted after December 16, 2018. The regular deadline will be February 1, 2019 on a first-come basis if spots remain available. 
**Action:** Register early to avoid disappointment as capacity may be reached before the deadline. See registration details on pages 19 & 20.

**Registration Fee:** The cost of hosting Development Day includes the use of the church, hall, organist, speakers, printing, handouts, refreshments, cleaning, etc. which is taken from the registration fee. With cost increases in all areas, the new registration fee will be $15 per person. To offset the increase, councils may choose the following to support their members and executive to attend:

- Subsidize members with full or part of attendance fee
- Support car pools, use of regional buses if provided by the region or a council

**National Development Fund Subsidy Guidelines**
The National Development Fund is available to councils once in a calendar year for hosting leadership development. The reimbursement will be reduced by any registration fees charged and total expenses submitted.
**Action:** See form, 512-National-Development-Fund-Package-2018 on the National website for more details.

**2018 Annual Report Surveys**
The annual reports surveys are available for the executive officers and standing committee chairs to complete. If positions are vacant, another individual is to be assigned to complete. Councils may complete their surveys online or by submitting a paper copy directly to National. No passwords will be required this year to access the online survey. The User ID, which is the council’s code (i.e. T-001), will be required. The council code is on the membership packages that were sent out in October. The Regional Chair or the National office can be contacted if unable to locate council’s code. Councils may log on to the reports as many times until completed. However, changes cannot be made once submitted, so ensure that the report is correct before submitting.

**Action:** The deadline for the paper survey will be December 15, 2018 and for the online, it will be January 15, 2019.

**Membership Drive 2019/Per Capita Fees**
Councils should now be in the midst of their annual membership drive. Emails are to supplement and should not replace the personal touch throughout the year and during membership drives. Face to-face and phone calls are the best way to recruit and retain members. The membership fee set by each council must include the $20 per capita fee that is remitted to National for all levels of the League. The Toronto Diocesan Council receives $4, provincial $3 and national $13. Regional dues are set by each region and are collected locally. The average fee set by councils is around $25. The 2019 membership submission can now be processed through the secure membership site.

**Reminders:**
- See Leading the League for excellent recruitment, orientation and training resources.
- Delayed submissions of memberships payments may cause members and the councils to incur bank charges, stale-dated cheques and will prevent members from receiving their Canadian League magazine.
- Ensure that members’ addresses are correct and properly formatted to prevent delay in delivery of the Canadian League magazine and other mailings.
As we prepare for Advent 2018, the Toronto Diocesan Council needs the help of all past presidents to carry out the preparations for our 98th annual general meeting.

**Diocesan Elections**
Each parish council has participation rights in the 2019 election of officers at the Toronto Diocesan level. When each parish council President’s two-year term is over, she is eligible to stand for election at the Diocesan level for three terms of office, or six years. As outlined in my last newsletter, as parishes elect a new president, it is very important to forward the past president’s name for entry into the Diocesan registry. By December, each eligible candidate will receive their discernment packages in the mail. I thank you in advance for humbly and prayerfully considering how you can use your gifts at the diocesan level of the League and let your name stand for elections. Then let us leave it to the Holy Spirit to put you where you are best suited to serve.

**Annual Reports**
Having attended six out of the seven regional visits where council presidents gave account of one or two highlights from this year (2018), the Toronto Diocesan Council recognizes how valuable it is for councils to share their more detailed stories in their annual reports. Past Presidents, please offer assistance to your council for timely completion of annual reports to share with the national and provincial levels of the League.

**Mentoring Awards**
Your nomination forms, as well as the criteria for the 15th Annual Patricia Beattie Mentoring Awards will be included in the Presidents’ packages for 2019 to be given out at Development Day 2019 and they will also be available on-line on the Toronto CWL website in fillable format. What a wonderful opportunity to honour those special women who have been true mentors and counselors to you and others in your council, in the higher levels of the League and in society! Thank you in advance for discussing potential nominees from your council. Please note that you can resubmit nominees who were not successful in prior years. Two awards will be given, one for Category A - The Parish Level and one for Category B - The Auxiliary Level (for those who have continued their journey at other levels of the League - regional, diocesan, provincial or national). An individual
member or a council may submit a nomination and all entries must be received by Sunday, April 21st, 2019.

**2018 Moira Ste. Marie Biennial Memorial Lecture**

The Toronto Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women’s League honored the late Moira Ste. Marie at their third presentation of a lecture held at the University of St Michael’s College. The evening began with a welcoming comment from Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, one of four sponsors of the event. Past National President Margaret Ann Jacobs brought CWL greetings, honored the memory of Moira Ste. Marie and acknowledged the presence of Moira’s husband and two daughters. Toronto CWL President Ann D’Souza introduced the three panelists who addressed the topic *Holistic Health: The Spiritual Dimension*. Nancy Lefebre spoke to Spiritual Care at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, shared how her organization integrated spiritual care into practice and described the Hamilton pilot of their recently developed *H.O.P.E. Model of Care*. Judith Shamian commended CWL for honoring the memory of Moira through the lecture series and emphasized how much research supports the value of spiritual care but in reality it is still not part of mainstream health care. She went on to reinforce the work of the League in describing *strategies to reclaim spiritual care* through actions such as *resolutions, position statements and working collaboratively* with others. Fr. Mark Miller began his presentation by reminding everyone that 50% of Christ’s ministry was healing the sick and went on to describe how parishes in Saskatoon have responded to health care cuts by going to the government and advocating for an innovative approach to Parish Health Ministry in faith communities. He emphasized the value of having a qualified health professional specialized in spiritual care add their skills to existing lay pastoral care already present in parishes. Life Member Mary Hawkley facilitated a lively question and answer period following the presentations and President-Elect Hilarion Mitchell provided appreciation to end the evening. The evening’s event was videotaped so members who were expressing interest but unable to attend can view the event on our Toronto Diocesan website once editing is complete.

“Jesus, the Doctor of all doctors, teaches without words...I have never heard him speak but I know he is inside me. At each and every moment, he guides me to do what I must do.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Andrea Tjioe

With many council elections are taking place at this time of year, my congratulations to the newly-elected Parish executives. Thank you for your “yes” to serve God and Canada. Welcome to all new Corresponding Secretaries. Please update your council’s executive information, including any new Spiritual Advisors. Complete the form provided on the Toronto Diocesan CWL Council website and forward the information to your Regional Chairs ASAP. http://www.cwltoronto.ca/index.php/forms Click on Parish Information sheet.

Regional chairs, please forward your updated “Parish Information Sheet” to me ASAP. It is imperative that we have accurate parish rosters, as this information is used to produce the elections register for the Toronto Diocesan elections every two years. The year 2019 being an election year, it is extremely important to have the register up-to-date, so everyone who is eligible can be contacted.

TREASURER

Donna Capobianco

Year end is upon us! Now is the time to prepare for the review of your accounts for the year ending December 31, 2018. All necessary documents, including bank statements, cash receipts and disbursements records, along with all supporting documentation should be available for examination.

Budget: Review your year-to-date expenses versus your budget. Did your council achieve its goals? In addition to comparing these figures, it will also be prudent to review the planned activities that actually took place this year. This will help to determine whether any changes are required to be made for the coming year and to plan for expenses that should be included in the budget for the New Year. It is always recommended to set aside funds for membership development. It is important to assist members and encourage them to attend CWL events at the different levels of the League. This will help them to see the good works and processes of the League at all different levels, and will also help to contribute to the strength of your council.
Voluntary Funds: It is also an opportunity to review the charities that your council will be supporting for the year. Your continued support is needed for the various established voluntary funds:

- National Voluntary Funds which are sent directly to National. The form can be found on the National website www.cwl.ca.
- Provincial - Bishop Pappin Fund. For more information and form go to www.cwl.on.ca
- The Toronto Diocesan Voluntary Funds - St Michaels Scholarship Fund and Hope for Children Fund. It is through your generosity and support that we can give assistance to young women to further their education. The form can be found on our website: www.cwltoronto.ca Resources>Forms.

In order to have your council listed in the 2018 Annual Report Book, your cheques must be timely received in order that they can be deposited before December 31st 2018.

Reminder: All cheques to any level of the League are to be made payable to “The Catholic Women’s League of Canada”. You can include on the subject line, the name of Charity to which you are donating.

Membership Fees: Councils should ensure that all membership dues are up-to-date. Treasurers should submit membership dues as soon as they are received. This will enable National Office to update their records and credit members with the correct years of service, as well as a timely mailing of the Canadian League Magazine. Although many of you are now collecting dues for 2019, there is still time to remit dues for 2018.

Many councils begin the New Year with membership drives. These drives can also begin prior to year end, in order that all per capita fees can be submitted to National in January, and should be completed by February 28, 2019.

Financial Statements: Year end is also the time to prepare your council’s annual year-end financial statement. In compliance with our Constitution and Bylaws and with The Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, the Financial Statement is to be sent to eligible members at least by 21 days prior to the meeting. Members are to be notified of the date and time that this meeting is to take place.

The Financial Statement for 2018 should be presented and voted upon by the general membership, in the beginning of 2019. Further information can
be obtained on our website: www.cwltoronto.ca; click on the Resources tab; scroll down to the reference documents for Treasurer. This also includes the “Treasurer 101” workshop that was held a few years ago.

**Annual reports:** These are available online again this year as of November 1st, 2018. The deadline to submit your reports is December 15, 2018 for paper submissions and January 15, 2019 for online submissions. Please share the news of the good works in which your Council participates. Please advise as soon as possible if you have not received your report. If you have any questions as to which donations to include or under which committee chair position to enter these donations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Elections:** If this is an election year for your council, please ensure that you update the new signing authority. There should be three signing officers: the President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. All cheques should always be signed by two officers. Blank cheques should never be pre-signed.

Communication is an important key to success in any chair position. Please remember, that if you have any questions concerning your position as Treasurer please contact me via email: donjoe63@sympatico.ca

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**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

Sub-Convener: Gwyneth Faustin 416-754-3949

**Philomena Menezes**

**Marriage and Family**

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* of Pope St. Paul VI. To mark this milestone, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement to the Catholic faithful entitled *The Joy of Married Love*. The aim is to inspire and provide encouragement to married couples by highlighting the promise of joy and acknowledging the continuing implications of this Encyclical in today’s society. The PDF format can be accessed at www.cccb.ca.

The World Meeting of Families was held in August 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. The theme was *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*. Families from 116 countries attended and went home with much food for thought. Currently the family unit is being destroyed. Please pray and promote
family life along with family activities in parishes and communities. Here are “10 Takeaways” by Pope Francis for us to reflect on and act which are available for us to use in the parish, school or the home.

1) The church is in a real way, a family among families and senses the need to support families in their efforts to respond faithfully and joyfully to their God-given vocation in society.

2) Families are the glue of Society.

3) Of all the kinds of human fruitfulness, marriage is unique. It is about a love that gives rise to new life.

4) Faith is passed on in everyday speech – of the home, everyday life, life in the family.

5) In our families we need to learn 3 words – sorry, please and thank you.

6) It is very important that children learn as early as possible to make the sign of the cross well.

7) Our families are a treasury of living memory as children become parents and grandparents in turn.

8) A society that does not value grandparents is a society that has no future.

9) Amid the storms and winds that buffet our times, may families be a bulwark of faith and goodness.

10) Share the Gospel of the Family as joy for the world.

Sanctity of Life
Thank you to all those who participated in Life Chain 2018. Members were seen as silent witnesses praying the rosary at the nearest intersections to their churches. What a great way to show our communities that we, the Catholic community are pro-life. Mark your calendars for the next March for Life which takes place in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Alex Schandenberg from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has provided the Toronto Diocesan Council with copies of the DVD *Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death* free of cost. These have been given to your Regional Chairs for distribution to councils for viewing at your convenience. Please avail of this opportunity to educate your members and your parish community.

Petition of One Million 2019: This is a project to collect one million plus signatures to be presented to the federal government in support of pro-life issues across Canada. Every signature that is collected proclaims to all Canadians that every life is precious and must be protected from conception to natural death. Invite your parish communities to be involved. Download and print the signature page from petitionofonemillion.ca/sign-petition and ensure that the disclaimer is followed in order to have the signatures count. Contact Alliance for Life Ontario with any questions at aflo@mgl.ca or (866) 588-2684.
Ministry to Youth
October 3 – 28, 2018, Catholic Bishops from around the world gathered in Rome at the 15th Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. The final document that was issued focused on improving ways to support young Catholics in their call to holiness by welcoming the contributions they make to the church and to help them grow in faith and in deciding the state of life that God wants from them. Pope Francis in his homily at the final Eucharistic celebration encouraged the young people present there to be companions of the church, He told them that the church and the world needs their enthusiasm. For details of the highlights and coverage of the synod go to www.saltandlighttv.org/synod/

Vocations
Does your council support the Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund? This is a good way to support an Ontario Seminarian who is studying anywhere in Canada or elsewhere for a diocese in Ontario and needs financial assistance. This fund is financed solely by donations from the councils of the Catholic Women’s League. Contributions to this fund is a good way to support our future priests. The criteria and forms are found on the Ontario Provincial website.

The 29th Annual Ordinandi Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Pearson Convention Center, 2638 Steeles Ave. East, Brampton, ON L6T 4L7. The cost is $75 per person. The CWL has reserved tables for our members. Tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline date is January 28, 2019. Make your cheques payable to “Serra Foundation of Canada” and please include the names and addresses of the attendees. Cheques may be postdated to January 28, 2019 and should be mailed to: Philomena Menezes, #205-1101 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough ON M1R 2H2. Our members in the Toronto Diocese are very generous with their Spiritual Bouquet for the Ordinandi. Start collecting your numbers now. It is never too early to do this. Last year the goal was to collect two million and we did it. I am confident that with your help we can do this again. The best part is that it is free – there is no cost attached to this commitment. Also the Spiritual Bouquet is not limited to only members. Invite your parishes, schools, youth ministry, Legion of Mary, prayer groups, family members and anyone who is willing to commit to the prayers. The deadline for the Spiritual Bouquet is February 22, 2019. The Spiritual Bouquet should be sent via email to Imelda Santos and myself at imelda.santos@sympatico.ca and 4philomena@gmail.com. If you choose to mail it, the mailing address is Imelda Santos, 64 Porter Street, Bradford, ON L3Z 1E8.
Calling all members of the Catholic Women’s League of the Archdiocese of Toronto

In 2021 we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Toronto Diocesan Council, which in 1921 began to bring together all the parish councils that had recently formed.

To mark this important date, we are planning various opportunities to reflect on and celebrate our first hundred years. As the months roll by, we will keep you informed of the projects and initiatives we are pursuing, but to get us started, we need a logo!

So here is our challenge to all you brilliant, creative members:
Create a logo for the 100th Anniversary of the Toronto Diocesan Council.

It should include:
1. the CWL seal
2. the words “Toronto Diocesan Council”
3. the years “1921-2021”
4. a tagline or a slogan that reflects the past, present and future of the council.

This may be based on, or reflect, the new wording of the Mission Statement presented in the Strategic Plan, which will certainly be in place by 2021. It reads as follows: “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.”

We look forward to receiving your suggestions, soon.

Deadline for submission is Friday, January 4, 2019.

All submissions will be reviewed by the committee and sent to the executive of the Toronto Diocesan Council for final approval. The winning entrant will have her registration paid for the 2019 convention, where she will be recognized as having contributed to our celebrations.

Send entries to Mary Hawkley, Chair of the TDC 100th Anniversary Committee at mahawkley@sympatico.ca. For further information, you can call 1-905-668-1644.

Let’s get the celebrations started!
98th Annual Toronto Diocesan CWL Convention

Thursday, May 2nd and Friday, May 3rd, 2019

Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel
901 Dixon Road, Toronto ON M9W 1J5

All CWL members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend!!

Join your CWL sisters in this two-day convention filled with spirituality, prayer, learning, fun and friendship! Be inspired by our guest speakers and learn what’s new at the Provincial and National Councils and the Catholic Girls League. Support the recipients of our various Council and Youth Awards. Participate in our Resolutions Dialogue and support our vendors.

All convention details, including Registration and Banquet Ticket Order Forms will be included in the President’s Convention Package to be distributed at Development Day on February 23rd 2019. The Toronto Diocesan website at www.cwltoronto.ca will be updated as information becomes available.

Please book your hotel room early to avail of our group rate valid until April 11, 2019. Call 1-800-905-2811 or book online through the link on our website. Special parking rate is $5 a day.

Your 2019 Convention Convener and Sub-Conveners are:

Convener:  Sonia Villanueva  905-567-1971  sasvillanueva@rogers.com
Sub Conveners:  Lynette Mendes  905-755-0270  lynettecwl@gmail.com
               Mary Lou Bonnici  905-890-5908  mlbonnici4@hotmail.com

***Please be reminded that this convention is a scent-free event***
DEVELOPMENT DAY 2019

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada Plans Strategically

DATE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2019
TIME: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
MASS: 9:00 AM

KEYNOTE: League Strategic Plan (2018 – 2022)

LOCATION: Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Catholic Church
739 Brown’s Line, Etobicoke, Humber Valley

COST: $15.00

SEE PROGRAM and REGISTRATION FORM FOR MORE DETAILS.

- Early Bird Registration Deadline: DECEMBER 15, 2018 (two spots reserved per council and accepting these registrations first but MUST be paid by this deadline).
- Spot(s) reserved upon receipt of registration with CHEQUE ONLY. Email or e-transfer registrations will not be accepted. No Refunds but transfers allowed.

Contact: Hilarion Mitchell, 2 Dunn Place, Brampton, ON. L6T 1S1.
Telephone: 905-458-4345 or 416-409-6337  Email: mitchellsmith@rogers.com.

Note: Check with your Regional Chair as buses are being organized by some regions.

Environmental Awareness: Bring reusable drinking cups, mugs, etc.

“Care for Our Common Home”
DEVELOPMENT DAY 2019
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2019

PROGRAM

8:30 am  Registration
9:00 am  Opening Mass
10:00 am  Coffee, Tea, Juice, Assorted Baked Goods & Fresh Fruits
10:30 am  Welcome & Introductions
          Opening Prayer:  League Prayer
10:45 am  The Catholic Women’s League Strategic Plan (2018–2022)
          Margaret Ann Jacobs, National Past President & Chairperson of Laws
12:15 pm  Lunch Break (bring your own lunch)
12:45 pm  Gathering Prayer
          National Theme: “Care for Our Common Home”
1:00 pm  The Humour of God: Sister Francis, Director of Mission & Ministry St. Bernard’s Retirement Residence in North York
2:30 pm  Prayer Service “Care for Our Common Home”
2:45 pm  Evaluations
3:00 pm  Final Blessing

Location: Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Catholic Church
739 Brown’s Line, Etobicoke, Humber Valley
Cost is $15.00 per person

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Send Registration Form by the FEBRUARY 1, 2019 DEADLINE

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DEVELOPMENT DAY 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

Parish Council: ____________________ Region: ____________________
President: ____________________ Treasurer: ____________________
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DATES TO REMEMBER – 2018-2019

February 23  Development Day - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
March 1     World Day of Prayer
March 5     Ordinandi Dinner
March 16    Mary Matthews Public Speaking submissions due
March 16    Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry submissions due
March 16    Jean McCann Youth Service Award submissions due
March 23    Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest
            – St. Edward the Confessor
April 26    Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel
May 2&3     98th TDC Convention
May 31      St. Michael Scholarship submissions due
June 23     Indigenous Day Mass

REGIONAL MEETING DATES - 2019

March 7  Northern Region General Meeting
         Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass 7:00 pm
March 19 Peel Region General Meeting
          St. Mary, Brampton – Mass 7:00 pm
March 21 Humber Valley Region General Meeting
          St. John the Evangelist – Mass 7:00 pm
March 25 North York Region General Meeting
          TBA - Mass 7:00 pm
March 27  Toronto Region General Meeting
          St. John – Mass 7:00 pm
April 1   Scarborough Region General Meeting
          Immaculate Heart of Mary – Mass 7:00 pm
April 4   Durham Region General Meeting
          St. Isaac Jogues – Mass 7:00 pm

Happy Anniversary!

Sts. Peter and Paul, Peel – 15th Anniversary
St. Alphonsus, Toronto – 30th Anniversary
St. Joan of Arc, Toronto – 55th Anniversary
St. Matthew, Toronto – 35th Anniversary
SERVICE AWARDS

65- Year Membership Pins

Durham Region
St. Isaac Jogues: Glandys Avola

Toronto Region
St. Pius X: Marin Demmery

50-Year Membership Pins

Durham Region
Holy Family: Catherine (Kate) Hudson

Toronto Region
St. Pius X: Mary Sutterfield

45-Year Membership Pins

Durham Region
Holy Family: Irene Misiaszek

Humber Valley Region
Transfiguration of Our Lord: Sharon Carboni Catherine Perrier

Scarborough Region
St. Joseph Highland Creek: Vilma D’Souza Anne Rode

35-Year Membership Pins

Durham Region
Holy Family: Barbara McAvoy

Humber Valley
Nativity of Our Lord: Laurette Barcik

Scarborough Region
Precious Blood: Tina Schwering

Toronto Region
St. Matthew: Pina Bruno
St. Pius X: Marthe Fenech

30-Year Membership Pins

Durham Region
Holy Family: Maria Celebre

Humber Valley Region
Transfiguration of Our Lord: Beverley Storseth

Scarborough Region
St. Joseph Highland Creek: Lillian Murrell Barbara Sullivan
Precious Blood: Rina del Fana Filomena Picarrialo

Toronto Region
St. Pius X Madlene Cumbo
25-Year Membership Pins

**Durham Region**
Holy Family:  
Dorothy Deriet  Mary Crooks

**Humber Valley Region**
Nativity of Our Lord:  
Stella Almeida  Donna Capobianco  Marie Cura

**Scarborough Region**
Precious Blood:  
Sophie Manalo  Molly O’Keefe  Dorothy West
St. Joseph Highland Creek:  
Elizabeth Mora

**Toronto Region**
St. Alphonsus:  
Clara Camizares  Gina Carnovale
Margarita Mangano  Orfa Ordin

20-Year Membership Pins

**Durham Region**
Holy Family:  
Donna MacDonald  Gwen Schulte-Albert

**Humber Valley Region**
Nativity of Our Lord:  
Vivian Grandy  Theresa Lavorato

**Scarborough Region**
Precious Blood:  
Celsa Larcina  Magdalena Marquez
St. Joseph Highland Creek:  
Colette O’Donnell

**Toronto Region**
St. Matthew:  
Jessee Fortune
St. Alphonsus:  
Rosa Barbuzzi  Maria Carnovale  Sung Jhung

15-Year Membership Pins

**Durham Region**
Holy Family:  
Stella Kelly  Antonietta Orecchio
St. Isaac Jogues:  
Maggie Pereira

**Humber Valley Region**
Nativity of Our Lord:  
Ancy Braganza  Sonja Coulas  Cassie D’Cunha
Amelia D’Filippo  Lorrie Ann Molton  Anna Maria Wang
Transfiguration of Our Lord:  
Frida Guarino  Nadia Guarino  Tina Guarino

**Scarborough Region**
Precious Blood:  
Josie Garido
St. Joseph Highland Creek:  
Marianne Civello  Giovanna De Acetis
Costanza De Luca  Paola Protain  Fran Savage

**Toronto Region**
St. Pius X:  
Maureen Rogers

10-Year Membership Pins

**Durham Region**
Holy Family:  
Sandy Ciarlariello
St. Isaac Jogues:  
Bernadette Allen  Mary Anderson  Ginette Cooper
Anastasia Maika  Anna Przybylo
Humber Valley Region
Nativity of Our Lord: Murielle Broudreau Sonja Melnyk
Transfiguration of Our Lord: Ginette McCallen Ester Moore Nancy Velenza

Scarborough Region
Precious Blood: Elizabeth Garcia
St. Joseph Highland Creek: Auriel Cordeiro Yolande Fernandes
Ancy Jacob Filomena Tuccitto
Gabriel Van Veen Katie Wicik

Toronto Region
St. Matthew: Agnes Passee

Durham Region
St. Isaac Jogues: Tracy Nolan Maria-Elena Noronha
Jackie Teevan Nadine Vangelisti

Humber Valley Region
Nativity of Our Lord: Frances Caulfield Frances Grbac Anna Garcia
Barbara Mess Stacey Thompson Antoniette Thorel
Rena Ann Whiting Deborah Wingell
Transfiguration of Our Lord: Maria Cristina Marcoccia Teresa Silva

Scarborough Region
Precious Blood: Marion Durte-Monteiro Lalita Menezes Diane Obermueller
St. Joseph Highland Creek: Alicia Bindoo Elizabeth Cogger Hills
Jackie Joachim Kimberli McIntosh
Mary Muffty Emily Pinto Charmain Ross

Toronto Region
St. Pius X: Mary Golding

COMMUNICATIONS

Carla Beckett

It is Autumn and the colours are beautiful as I write this report. While speaking with some council presidents, I have learned that there are those who have never checked out our diocesan website. Go to www.cwltoronto.ca and take a look. There are many resources that could be helpful to you. Presently, there are the poster and agenda for Development Day 2019, as well as everything you will need for the Youth Award contests for 2019. Also, the regions post information for their upcoming events.

Websites
The new National website is up and running at www.cwl.ca. There is so much valuable information on the site including the latest issue of the
Canadian League magazine. It is a whole new look. Also worth mentioning is our Provincial website at www.cwl.on.ca.

Anti-Pornography Campaign
Good News! There is a new Pornography Hurts Postcard available on the National website that reflects the new mandatory age verification for adult pornography. Go to www.cwl.ca to print.

Provincial Project: Warmth and Comfort
Recently I distributed information from Provincial Chair of Communications, Marie-Theresa Lamphier, detailing the homelessness project for this year: Warmth and Comfort, described in detail by our Community Life Chair below. Please take pictures of your collection and/or your delivery and forward to Marie-Theresa, at mtlamphier@gmail.com to post on Facebook. This initiative began on October 1st and carries through until the end of December.

COMMUNITY LIFE

The dilemma of the needy and the homeless is an ongoing crisis. With the cold weather around the corner, our community’s most vulnerable are in harm’s way. There is plenty of opportunity to choose a project during the year, to help our needy. As we continue with our OPC theme on homelessness, take on the challenge!, and support Project “Warmth and Comfort”, by donating socks, for men, women and children, peanut butter and crackers. Distribute them to homeless shelters; drop in centers, clothing banks, safe houses, hospitals and senior homes within your communities. Councils, do not forget to submit your number of collected items and any pictures you may have taken during the project. Get counted in!, together we can make a difference in someone’s lives. Continue to support your local food banks, volunteer at soup kitchens, give generously in order that people can continue to help our poor and homeless.

Women abuse
The United Nations reports that one in three women around the world is the victim of physical or sexual violence and that these attacks are often perpetrated by an intimate partner.
In Canada, young women and Indigenous women are at greatest risk. Violence against women is a fact of life for too many Canadians. Women and girls often suffer in silence and isolation. Some of these women could be family or friends or even a fellow CWL member. Education and awareness is the best defense. Women need to speak out and not be afraid or ashamed, they need to know that family and friends are there for them and support in any way necessary. Listen when a friend tells you her story, be supportive, offer help when asked and be a friend.

I recently attended the 9th Annual Mass to End Women Abuse. I listened to a heartbreaking story of a woman who had been in an abusive relationship that not only affected her, but her two young children, and how was she able to change her life by reaching out to Catholic Family Services Foundation of Toronto. Women need to know that they are not alone, that there is help out there. There are several agencies that they can contact for information and help. To name a few:
Catholic Family Services of Toronto: www.cfstoronto.com,

Developing Countries
Those are so many countries around the world that are struggling and do not have the advantages we enjoy in Canada; clean drinking water, decent working conditions, good health care and education. It is important that we continue to support international and national organizations that assist and aid people around the world to live better and healthier lives.

CNEWA (The Catholic Near East Welfare Association) for the past five years has partnered with The Catholic Women’s League of Canada as a National Voluntary Fund of the CWL. Pope Francis has shared his deep concern over the struggles of Christians in the Middle East. He fears that one day their presence may all but disappear. In response to this, in May CNEWA launched a year-long campaign under the banner; “Christians Can’t Survive Without You” to raise awareness of the struggle of Christians living in the Middle East and to raise funds to support the many works of the local churches. Christians face discrimination, harassment, threat of
kidnapping, torture and sometimes even brutal killing because of their faith. They desperately need our help. Continue praying for Christians for the strength to endure conflict and suffering and to not give up hope. For more information on the Middle East programs visit their website: www.cnewa.ca or call 1-866-322-4441.

**Child Poverty**

This is a global problem with far too many children in this world that are dying of hunger and malnutrition, with many more children who are at risk of extreme poverty, malnutrition and disease. We can help to enrich lives, restore hope and dignity to people in developing countries through various agencies and programs; Chalice - International Aid and Development Charity in Canada; through their sponsorship program a child in the developing world, is given a chance to go to school, provided with nourishment, medical and dental care. If your council is not currently sponsoring a child, I strongly encourage your council to sponsor/adopt a child. The rewards are endless. Be sure to visit their website for so many other ways that we can help: www.chalice.ca. Other agencies that you can contact include Child Care International and Christian Children’s Fund.

“If you can’t feed 100 people, just feed one”....Blessed Mother Teresa

Community Life embraces all aspects of living within a community. It is an opportunity for Community Life Standing Committee Chairs and members to be actively involved when dealing with dignity for all, social justice and third world development. Together we can all share in the passion. I am looking forward to reading all your Community Life activities/annual reports.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 1 2-2
Thank you to those of you who attended one of the two Youth Awards information sessions held in September at St. Gertrude’s (Durham region) and at St. Edward the Confessor (North York region) parishes and to the councils at the two parishes who made it possible. There were almost 50 of you who attended and I hope you received useful information and made connections with other parishes who also are involved with this initiative. All the materials in this year’s package are now available on the Toronto Diocesan website so parishes and regions can print additional copies of any document or form as required (i.e., the various contests Rules/Guidelines, judging information and forms, application forms, consent forms, etc.) To access the package, go to the Toronto website - cwltoronto.ca and then under the Resources tab, select Reference Documents. There you will find a listing of all the material for each contest and the St. Michael’s Scholarship Fund. Simply click on the required document or form to open and then print.

The 2019 Toronto Diocesan Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest finals will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, former home parish of Mary Matthews and now home to our diocesan spiritual advisor, Fr. Patrick O’Dea.

CWL Scholarships
The recipients of the St. Michael’s Scholarship and the Catholic Children’s Aid Society (CCAS) - Hope for Children Foundation Scholarship for 2018 have been announced and they are as follows:

- The CWL St. Michael’s Scholarship recipient is Tianna DiMarco, Cardinal Carter High School and parishioner of St. David’s parish in Maple.
- The CWL CCAS - Hope for Children Scholarship recipient is Pauline Umli who is now in her 1st year at Centennial College.

Both Tianna and Pauline will be invited to the 2019 Convention and we look forward to hearing how the scholarships helped with their first year.
Remember to promote the St. Michael’s Scholarship in your high schools and parishes. All the information including the eligibility requirements are included in the Youth Awards Program package.

The representatives from St. Michaels College and the CCAS – Hope for Children Foundation have expressed their gratitude to CWL members for the ongoing support of these scholarships. I ask that you keep these worthy scholarships in mind when next allocating your donation funds. Please mail donations to the Diocesan Treasurer. Donation cheques should be made payable to The Catholic Women’s League (noting the name of the scholarship(s) on the memo line).

**CWL National Bursary Fund**
The CWL National Bursary Fund, established in 1990, is used to provide financial assistance to members who meet the established criteria and who want to pursue studies in adult faith formation and/or youth ministry. The national bursary committee was pleased this year to give funding to nine of the 13 submissions received. Once again, only $3,000 was available to be shared by these nine members. The amounts paid out ranged from $150 to $900 per recipient. Seventeen parish councils across the country donated a total of $1,610 to the bursary fund. Was your council one of them? All councils are asked to donate any amount they can to this much needed and appreciated funding. If you are interested in applying for this bursary, the application can be downloaded from National’s website at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) or obtained by contacting National office. Applications must be submitted to National office no later than May 31st each year.

**The Coady International Institute** has brochures describing in great detail the value of League members’ contributions to this national voluntary fund. This past year, six women benefited from scholarships made possible because of the League’s donation of $27,719.82.

**Protection of the Vulnerable**
On October 4th, the bishops of Canada issued new national guidelines for the protection of minors in Canada, entitled: _Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation_. This document first and foremost, focuses on minors and vulnerable adults, whom Canada’s bishops wish to protect from sexual violence. The document can be found at [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca). Since 1989, the Archdiocese of Toronto has had an extensive safe
environment policy in place, including a procedure for allegations of abuse or misconduct. That document can be found at https://www.archtoronto.org/about-us/safe-environment.

LEGISLATION

Kate O’Quinn

Sub-Conveners: Joan Barnes
Diana Petre

I was blessed to attend the 98th National Convention in Winnipeg in August. This was my first National Convention but definitely not my last!! A very warm welcome is extended to our new National Legislation Chair Betty Colaneri, from Ontario. Thank you to Nancy Simms, our outgoing Chair.

As Legislation Chairs, it is our responsibility to monitor and study legislation at all levels of government. We need to know the local, provincial and federal government representatives and ask to be put on their mailing list to receive information. If possible, we should attend public forums sponsored by government and report back to our councils. We need to keep informed about resolutions and briefs being presented to government and obtain copies of bills relevant to a resolution being followed. Working closely with Resolutions Chairs to review previous resolutions and draft new ones is strongly encouraged.

One of the resolutions adopted at National Convention under the Legislation standing committee is: 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying. It is encouraged that we act on this resolution. To see the resolution and action plans go to https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018.03-final.pdf

Our Provincial delegation hopes to meet with Premier Ford this Fall. They will be highlighting the concerns of members … in letters and petitions sent, phone calls and visits to MPPs, and of our resolutions.

As Legislation Chairs, we are always encouraging our members to write letters. See Guide for Writing Letters on CWL webpage - http://www.cwl.ca Go to Resources. Click on Personal Letter Writing Guide and print it.
Ways to Access Legislation Information:

- *Hansard* - a printed record of the proceedings of government, which may be viewed on the parliamentary website.
- House of Commons reconvened September 17, 2018. Information can be found at [www.parl.gc.ca/housechamberbusiness/chambercalendar](http://www.parl.gc.ca/housechamberbusiness/chambercalendar)

Legislation is important!! We need to monitor laws, bills and proposed legislation. We need to be informed and always be prepared to defend our Christian values. We have to encourage our councils to get involved and to write letters – as often as it takes!!

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Tracy MacInnis**

Sub-Convener: Laurie van den Hurk

As I stare out of my office window, to yet another gray October morning, I look for inspiration to share with you all. A few events pertaining to the Resolutions Standing Committee will have come and gone by the time you read this article in December, namely, the October 31st deadline for resolutions submissions and the Resolution Workshop on November 3rd. Using my crystal ball, the power of the internet and email, I know there will be at least three resolutions submitted to the Toronto Diocesan Council for consideration to be included for discussion and vote at the Annual Convention in May 2019. At the Resolutions Workshop, participants became members of a resolutions review committee and learned firsthand the importance of researching a topic and formatting the document properly. “The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance.” - Nathaniel Branden.

**2018 National Resolutions**

Three resolutions made it to the National Convention floor this past August in Winnipeg. The following are resolutions that were adopted and are now posted on the National website:

- 2018.01 Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program (Community Life) – urges the federal government to remove the attestation for all future Canada Summer Jobs – gifted by B.C. and Yukon Provincial Council.
• 2018.02 Setting a Standard for Products Marketed as Flushable (Education & Health) – urges the federal government to establish a national standard of testing and labelling of products marked as “flushable” and that provincial councils become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory and to work on it as deemed necessary/prudent – gifted by Manitoba Provincial Council.

• 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care, Free from Medical Assistance in Dying (Legislation) – urge the federal government to legislate the designation of hospice/palliative care services in facilities to exclude medical assistance in dying and that provincial councils become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory and to work on it as deemed necessary/prudent – gifted by B.C. and Yukon Provincial Council.

In the centre of the current Canadian League magazine you will find these resolutions along with their action plans. Now is the time to familiarize yourself and your council with these resolutions and start discussing their action plans. Resolutions are good talking points at every meeting. Why not consider putting together a committee to put resolutions action plans into motion?

2018 Resolutions Annual Report Submissions

Once again this year, your annual reports will be submitted online. The annual reports have been available on the secure site, survey.cwl.ca, since November 1st and will remain open until January 15, 2019. I would like to encourage councils to submit their 2018 resolutions annual reports before the deadline, because, quite frankly, who wants to be working on an annual report over Christmas? Historically, resolutions submissions have been low partly because this standing committee is often vacant in councils. I would like to appeal to all councils to complete the resolutions annual report even if they do not have a resolutions chair. And please, don’t be embarrassed if you feel technologically challenged. I’m sure there is someone on your council you can reach out to who has the expertise to help.

In past annual reports, a common thread for this standing committee was the inability of councils to recruit a member to take on this position due to fear and lack of understanding resolutions. I would like to make it absolutely clear you are not alone and there is nothing to be afraid of. Your diocesan and provincial councils are always willing to assist with workshops throughout the year to help everyone better understand what is expected and where to start. Just ask.
**2019 Resolutions Topics**
The resolutions topics that have been submitted for consideration at the 2019 TDC Convention in May will be presented to the diocesan executive for review and approval at the pre-convention resolutions meetings. The draft 2019 resolutions will be finalized by mid-January. Parish councils will receive their 2019 draft resolutions in their convention packages on Development Day. Please read, discuss and vote on the draft resolutions at your executive and general meetings in advance of the convention and forward any concerns to my attention.

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**NEWSLETTER**

Sub-Convener: Patricia Cross

If your council is having elections, please assist the new executives in subscribing to this newsletter for 2019. The subscription forms can be found on the last page of this issue and in our website at www.cwlto toronto.ca under Resources Newsletter. The cost is $12.00 for three issues per year. Subscriptions must be submitted before January 30th 2019.

Encourage all your members to subscribe for their knowledge building of the responsibilities under each standing committee chair and the League. If you have any questions or you know of any changes of address for those who have subscribed, contact me at newsletter@cwlto toronto.ca.

Congratulations to the many members who are listed in this issue celebrating their service milestones and anniversaries of councils. If your council would like to publish the names of recipients for Service Awards for inclusion in the next edition of the Spring 2019 newsletter, please send them in before January 30, 2019.

The information in this newsletter is a great source intended to guide each Standing Committee Chair in their areas of responsibilities, raise awareness of the directives and inform you of planned events during the year for your participation.
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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host, by the power of God
cast into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen