

## **Toronto Region**

### **St. John's Council**

St. John's Council continued to connect members in various way while still not able to meet in person. During a 28 day 'cycle' in June, members collect menstruation products for marginalized and homeless girls and women. The Period Purse is a non-profit group that "strives to achieve menstrual equity and reduce the stigma surrounding periods". This photo shows some of the donations members dropped off at the front porch of their communications chair who then delivered all to a set location for The Period Purse group. These donations brought dignity in the most hygienic way possible for struggling girls and women.

The council continued providing monthly donations of lunch items for the Good Shepherd Centre and held a very successful collection of dry goods for a senior's food bank. Their monthly e-newsletters keep members informed but are also used to connect them in more personal ways while apart, by asking members to share favourite hymns, prayers, saints, songs, etc... with an explanation as to why it is a favourite; each month has a different share theme. They are also praying the Rosary via Zoom every Friday evening.

St. John's council turned 70 this year and members are looking forward to celebrating this milestone when they are once again able to gather in person.



### **Our Lady of Lourdes Council**

Our Lady of Lourdes Council celebrated its milestone 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 18, 2021 (1951-2021) The Council's Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Sullivan, celebrated a virtual Eucharistic Liturgy at 7.00 P.M. on June 18, 2021, with 65 members and guests in attendance respecting COV-19 restriction. Organist, Mario Portararo and soloist, Pablo Yu provided the music. Past Toronto Region chairs, Jovita Muller and Claudette Wilson each received roses as well as the senior members of the council and all attendees received "doggie bags" on their way out.

