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Dear Sisters in the League:

I am pleased to greet you as we celebrate the achievements of 2020, a year that truly changed not only our lives, but the lives of everyone around the world, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sadly, it put on hold the major celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Women's League, in Montreal, as well as changed the manner in which we could conduct both local and diocesan meetings. The word "ZOOM" suddenly became a new word in our vocabulary, as people and organizations had to learn how to adapt to virtual meetings, either by Zoom, or other alternatives.

True to form, the resilience of the Catholic Women's League would prove inspiring. While not the most personal way to meet, the virtual technology nonetheless permitted everyone to stay in touch and became a great source for connecting everyone for prayer, social, and regular meetings, as we continued the ministry of the League.

I was fortunate to be able to secure cameras in our church, to ensure we could celebrate Mass, and to offer you a means of joining each Mass virtually. The prayer, "Act of Spiritual Communion", was also a new prayer that brought spiritual consolation to many.

Beyond the diocesan and regional meetings, we gathered at the end of the year 2020, for a virtual Mass, prayer service, and social gathering to conclude the year 2020, and to welcome, with great hope, promise, and healing, the year 2021. As mentioned, at that Mass, we also welcomed the Year of St. Joseph (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021), proclaimed by Pope Francis, seeking the intercession of St. Joseph, as the world fights back against the pandemic.

We also prayed, at the final Mass of the Year, for all members of the CWL, both living and deceased, with a special mentioning of the names of all who died in 2020. May their souls Rest in Peace.

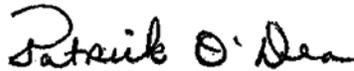
I thank the regional priest spiritual advisors who supported us through the year as well:

Fr. David Bollo, (Durham)
Fr. Luigino (Lui) Santi, C.P.P.S., (Humber Valley)
Fr. Boniface Perri, (North York)
Fr. Michael Simoes, (Peel)
Fr. Dominic Borg, OCD, (Scarborough)
Fr. Silvio Eljuga, (Northern)
Fr. Damian Young-Sam-You, (Toronto)

I also thank the priests of our Archdiocese who serve as Spiritual Advisors for their local parish councils.

In conclusion, I thank each and every one of you for your witness of faith, especially in these difficult days. It is a unique pleasure, and privilege, to serve as your Spiritual Advisor. Please let us keep one another in prayer. Be well and stay safe.

God Bless you always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick O'Dea". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea
Spiritual Advisor, Toronto Diocesan Council

Report of the President

Hilarion Mitchell

Members: 6900

Spiritual Advisor: Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Councils: 103

Regions: 7

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 14

Seventy-four of the 80 reporting councils submitted a 2020 President's Annual Report. Rose of Lima Council, Scarborough Region, was reactivated on March 1st and St. Jerome Council, Peel Region was organized on March 4th. Fifty-two percent of presidents held the position previously, 23% were a member between 6-10 years and 65% were in the 55-74 age group with only one president in the 35-44 age group. Most presidents indicated that they were mentored by the immediate past president (58%). Presidents indicated that their main challenges were keeping members interested (62%) and unfilled executive positions (43%).

The Canadian League Magazine (84%), diocesan newsletter (78%), national website (77%), provincial websites or newsletters (69%) and national communiqués (65%) were the most used resources to provide information to members. The main national priority was *Care for Our Common Home* (85%), the current national theme. It was followed by medical assistance/hospice facilities (61%), pre-born/UN rights of the child (26%), and Canada's support of the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (24%). The main methods used to address them with councils were discussions at meetings (91%) which trailed with newsletters/bulletins/emails (38%) and standing committee chairs (35%). An overwhelming 84% of presidents found the national theme beneficial with average frequency to change them was 2.77 years.

Sixty-seven (91%) of the spiritual advisors were supportive of their councils. Only nine councils indicated that their spiritual advisor did not participate in council events. Contact with the spiritual advisor was evenly tied for rarely (39%) and monthly (38%) intervals. Sixty-nine percent of councils referred to their *Policy and Procedure Manual*, which was followed with the *Executive Handbook* (66%) and the *Constitution & Bylaws* (65%) as the most used resources. An overwhelming 92% of presidents cited cheques were the main banking documents they signed.

Regional meetings (81%) and church events (80%) were the main functions at which the president represented the council. Only 5% had expenses fully paid to attend conferences; 15% were fully covered to attend diocesan conventions, two presidents were fully covered to attend provincial conventions, and none were paid to attend national conventions; 11% were fully funded to attend fundraising dinners/events and 19% to attend workshops. Forty-five councils had a parish council policy and procedure manual, of which ten were developed in 2020. Seventy-one councils reported they had used the *Executive Handbook*. Sixty-one percent of the presidents provided an annual summary to their council through and oral report (32), email (32) and written (24). Sixty-five percent used the League letterhead in correspondence and 32% referenced their membership when using it. Annual events, such as teas, bazaars (65%) were the main council committee, followed by social events (47%).

COVID-19 Pandemic

The pandemic was declared in Ontario on March 17th with government and public health lockdowns. All councils were affected by the first wave lockdown in mid-March to mid-June. In the second wave, councils in Toronto and Peel regions were in lockdown from mid-November which extended beyond the end of December. These lockdowns affected council activities during the year. In a Toronto Diocesan Council survey on hosting meetings during the pandemic, 69 of the 84 councils responding did not have in-person meetings. Forty-nine councils held virtual meetings and 34 of them did not have any meetings during the pandemic. The 99th Annual Convention on April 30th and May 1st was cancelled. It was a year of many firsts which required the diocesan council to pivot from in-person to teleconference, then virtual technology for meetings and events. The diocesan council hosted executive and regional meetings and special events through teleconference and virtually. A hybrid of in-person and virtual attendance was used at the September executive meeting.

The diocesan council provided one-time donations in lieu of the annual in-person attendance to Martyrs' Shrine, the Cardinal's Dinner, Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), and Catholic Family Services of Toronto for Ending Women's Abuse, Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) and the Indigenous Mass and annual Mass offerings. Several councils participated in making masks for organizations and members, held drive-by events (i.e., funerals, birthdays and anniversaries), prayer services, the national tree planting project, and virtual meetings. An ad was placed in *The Catholic Register* June 28th *Thank You to our Pandemic Heroes across Canada* issue. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea celebrated a year-end live streamed Mass with the intention of healing from the effects of the pandemic on members.

National CWL 100th Anniversary

The Toronto Diocesan Council hosted a virtual celebration on June 17th in recognition of the national 100th anniversary. Sixty councils, 230 members, spiritual advisors, honorary Life Members, Life Members and National President Anne-Marie Gorman were in attendance. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and Provincial President Colleen Perry sent in video greetings. Members and family planted 115 trees on September 19th at the Gore Meadows Community Centre grounds in Brampton for the national Tree Planting Project to celebrate our “roots” from the past century to “branch out” into the next century.

Recommendations

- ❖ Recruit and encourage younger members to take on leadership roles as only one president was in the 35-44 age group and none were in the 18-34 age group.
- ❖ Use the open-ended questions to include special events or situations such as the impact on the council of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Ensure that the survey responses reflect the current calendar year and not on past events unless they are continuing.
- ❖ Update council policies to reflect changes (i.e., use of virtual technology) with the current *Constitution & Bylaws*.
- ❖ Fundraise for the parish to install internet access in the hall and meeting spaces for hybrid, in-person and virtual for meetings and events.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Shaila D'Souza

Seventy-seven of the 103 councils submitted a 2020 Recording Secretary Annual Report. The recording secretary was filled by one individual in 29 councils. One individual held the recording secretary and corresponding secretary positions, while in 15 councils, the positions were held by different individuals.

The current recording secretaries were elected in 41 councils and appointed in 24 while 12 indicated the position was vacant. The average length of time that the recording secretary was in the position was 2.67 years. Sixty-eight percent of the recording secretaries were one of the council's signing officers. An overwhelming 75% were aware of the location of their council's charter. Eighty-eight percent of the recording secretaries maintained a list of the executive contact information and 58% had a motions book. Forty-eight percent of the recording secretaries received reports from the executive, 61% had the *Handbook for Secretaries* and 36% had the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide*.

The councils that did not have a recording secretary shared the responsibility with other executive and members. Councils reported that the COVID-19 pandemic was one of their main challenges during the year. Some reported no in-person meetings once the pandemic was declared; others had infrequent meetings or met only as an executive. Emails or virtual meetings were used to communicate with members. One council met in a park.

Since virtual meetings were not included in the *Constitution & Bylaws*, national advised councils that decisions such as motions made virtually had to be ratified at the first in-person meeting. "Carried/defeated" was replaced with "adopted/lost or rejected" in handling motions with the 2020 National Manual of Policy and Procedure update.

We lived 2020 as a year of isolation and social distancing and the rainbow was our CWL activities. We hosted the National 100th Anniversary, numerous events and meetings virtually with a huge participation and appreciation via Zoom. As the coordinator taking registrations, meeting people on the phone and then seeing them virtually was a great pleasure which could not have been possible if we were to meet in person.

Recommendations

- ❖ Encourage the executive to submit their written reports 2-3 days ahead of executive and general meetings.
- ❖ Summarize key points from each report ensuring dates, location, issues action needed or outcome if already passed. Ratify virtual meeting notes/minutes and motions at the next in-person meeting.
- ❖ Use a tape recorder or use the virtual record feature during the meeting. Do advise attendees that the meeting is being recorded.
- ❖ Use the time of infrequent meetings to organize the minutes, motions books, etc.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Nancy Fenech

Seventy-seven of the 103 councils submitted a joint Secretaries Annual Report for 2020. Of these councils, 52 had one secretary that handled both recording of the minutes and all correspondence, four had a separate corresponding secretary and seven councils had neither. Councils that did not have a corresponding secretary shared the correspondence tasks among the president, recording secretary, communications chair, phone committee and/or organization conveners.

Twenty-eight (36%) councils have a copy of the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide* from national office and fifteen reported not having a copy. Forty-six (61%) councils reported having the *Handbook for Secretaries*. Sixty-eight councils (88%) reported maintaining a list of the executive with contacts.

Councils reported many challenges faced with the disruption that COVID-19 caused to council proceedings. Despite this councils were able to maintain contact and inform their members of events. Some councils reported difficulties in being informed as to when to send get well, sympathy or thinking of you cards.

Recommendations

- ❖ Send changes in executive information to the Regional Chair as soon as they occur using the “Parish Information Sheet” found on the CWL Toronto website, under Resources. Include ALL contact information on the form, such as address, phone number, email and the date of the term, e.g., January 2019 – December 2021.
- ❖ All councils should have the *Handbook for Secretaries* (hard copy or electronic).
- ❖ Personalize all letters, greetings, get well and sympathy cards with handwritten notes, and whenever possible have several members sign them before mailing.

Report of the Treasurer

Lolita Perry

Seventy-three councils submitted a Treasurer's Annual Report survey.

Councils track receipts and disbursements through cheque books (71), bank statements (67), and deposit books (55). Forty-six councils (63%) use an Excel spread sheet and another 11 councils (15%) use a computer program to assist in this task. One council reported creating a form for expense requests.

The average council membership fee was \$25 with the maximum being \$30. Fifty-six councils (77%) prepare a budget and 43 (60%) have the council books reviewed.

Councils reported donations to the National Voluntary Funds as well as various other organizations. Actual amounts donated will be included in the print copy of the Annual Report along with the accountant's report. National Voluntary Funds included: Coady International Institute, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Catholic Missions in Canada, Velma's Dream/Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and the National Bursary Fund.

The Toronto Diocesan Voluntary Funds (St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and the Catholic Children's Aid Society Hope for Children Foundation) continued to receive much needed support from councils to help make a difference in the lives of young people in the archdiocese. Funds however, showed a decline over donations received in 2019.

Recommendations

- ❖ Ensure the use of the council's identification number as assigned by the national office. It is located on the "Remittance Form for the Per Capita Fees" that is sent to National (e.g., T001 - name of Parish).
- ❖ Membership fees should be submitted to National in a timely manner as received.
- ❖ Complete and submit the Treasurer's Annual Report online survey.
- ❖ Continue to support the two TDC Voluntary Funds which are: the St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and the Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Scholarship Foundation (formerly known as the Catholic Children's Aid Society Foundation Scholarship Fund).

Note: Financial Statements will be mailed to Council/Parish Voting and Accredited Delegates, Toronto Diocesan Council Executive, Regional Chairs and Life Members. The Financial Statements will also be available in the printed copy of the 2020 Annual Report book.

The printed copy of the 2020 Annual Report book is available for purchase for \$5 for members.

Report of the Past President/Historian

Ann D'Souza

Fifty-eight councils (56%) submitted their 2020 annual report. Eighty-five percent of the councils have the past-president position filled. Forty-one past presidents (39%) fall in the age bracket of 65-74 years and 8% fall in the bracket of 45-54 years. Many shared in the questionnaire “challenges in your council work” and responded that it is a continuous problem to recruit new and younger members, and now with COVID-19 there was a decline in new members joining the League.

Consultant

Twenty-eight percent served as consultants two to three times in a month. Twenty-six percent responded less than one month, 22% on monthly and 10% on a weekly basis. Ninety-four percent declared that their president felt the support of the past president in the following ways: helped whenever there was a need for an extra hand; assisted in virtual events, meetings; mentored and supported the committee chairs when asked.

Due to COVID-19, the interactions and seeking of advice have been less, due to fewer events. When opportunities arose, councils were reminded to refer to the National Constitution & Bylaws and the Policy and Procedure manual and to pay close attention to the League’s Strategic Planning.

Councils sought advice from diocesan executives: 10% annually, 12% quarterly and 60% reported as rarely; from provincial executives: 4% annually and 47% reported as rarely and from national executives: 5% quarterly and 20% reported as annually.

Archives and History

Fifty-nine percent were responsible for the archives of the council and 16% were not. Fifty percent responded that the archives were kept in the church premises either in a cupboard, basement, or filing cabinet and 15% kept it at home. Seventy-one percent of councils used photo albums, 61% banker boxes, 37% memory sticks, 42% scrapbooks, 59% filing cabinets, 10% CDs and 3% DVDs to store their records.

Ninety-two percent knew the whereabouts of the council charter and 8% responded they did not know where it is. Fifty-eight percent of the councils kept the Book of Life for an indefinite time, 25% did not keep one, 10% kept it for 1-4 years. Eighty-three percent of the councils reviewed the archives, and 65% maintained a history book and 73% maintained photo albums.

Constitution & Bylaws

Ninety-five percent of the councils have a copy of the *Constitution & Bylaws*. Forty-seven percent reviewed it to help guide decisions, 12% reviewed it multiple times and 2% reviewed it twice a year. Eighty-seven percent reported having the *National Manual Policy and Procedure* and thirteen percent did not have one. Forty-three percent referred to the manual, 20% referred multiple times in a year and 13% once a year. Fifty-five percent have their own council Policy and Procedure manual, 45% do not have one.

Diocesan Highlights

The answer to the question in the annual report “How did you support implementation on the envisioned future of the League” and “greatest success” in your council”: the report was filled with what their councils did despite COVID-19, which had a great impact on the lives of members, be it either loss of family members or challenges to their emotions and health. It indicated how the members found creative ways to reach out to their CWL sisters, family and friends. They wrote that they have grown spiritually strong and many embraced technologies by learning how to use and stay connected in virtual meetings. There were some councils that did not conduct any meetings.

Many councils reported having virtual retreats, saying the rosaries, became part of a phone tree to call on members who were technically challenged to join virtually. Helping their local parishes by volunteering in “the cleaning committee” when parishes opened to the congregation and running errands for elderly neighbours. Councils reported supporting various charities monetarily as the donations had dropped drastically due to COVID-19 related job loss. Past presidents offered support by participating in the discussions attending virtual meetings and some have given their names to participate in the national workshop in strategic planning committee.

Recommendations

- ❖ Mentor the committee chairs, so that they do not feel overwhelmed with the commitments. Ensure a smooth transition of all records/notes and make oneself available to help when asked.
- ❖ Ensure councils archive material and have easy accessibility to the history of the League stored at the parish. Store material electronically.
- ❖ Fifty-four percent responded to supporting the implementation of the envisioned future of the League and 46% did not. Encourage members to keep themselves up to date by directing them to read the articles updated on the national website and to take part in surveys.
- ❖ Instill in the members a love for the League, its work and to look forward to the future, embracing technology and personally investing in the cause “Future of the League”. What you believe in will show your authenticity and commitment to the League. Be the lead.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Spiritual Development

Kate O'Quinn

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”(Romans 15:13)

Sixty-three out of 103 councils submitted a Spiritual Development Report for 2020. Four of these councils reported that their Spiritual Development position is vacant.

Spiritual Growth of Members

Spiritual Development Chairs helped their councils learn more about our national theme *Care for Our Common Home* through reflections and prayer services; planting of trees, using/referencing *Laudato Si*; encouraging reduction of waste at meetings and home; attending/hosting workshops and leading discussions at general meetings. Seventy-six percent of the councils reported that one-third of their meeting was devoted to spiritual development.

Liturgies/programs organized for councils this year showed reciting of the League Prayer, Mass, scripture reflections, funeral honour guards, World Day of Prayer and saying the rosary to be most popular. Other liturgical programs included seasonal prayers, attending retreats, Stations of the Cross, Crowning of Mary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy, Novenas, and 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel was celebrated virtually this year, with the most popular being live-streamed Masses and watching the taped Mass from Loretto Abbey. Other ways of celebrating included saying the Rosary; sending the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel to members to pray that day; reciting the Prayer to our Lady of Good Counsel and attending zoom tea party. The highest response for attendance of the Spiritual Advisor at meetings was, sometimes, at 39%.

Study of Catholic Teachings

Councils reported that the type of liturgies/programs that were organized to study and discuss Catholic teachings included encouraging enrolment in a video presentation on Explaining the Faith; bible studies; Catechism of the Catholic Church; Lectio Divina and Scripture readings.

Role of Women in the Church

It is to be noted that councils most often studied and promoted awareness of women in the church and society through Scripture, both in the Old and New Testaments. The use of guest speakers was also prevalent, with topics that covered Life of Kateri Tekakwitha; Role of Women in the Bible; Unique Role of Women as Caregivers and Women as Leaders (St. Teresa of Avila, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Mary).

Councils reported that the major leadership role members have undertaken in the church are parish committee chairs, at 56%, followed by 39% being on the parish finance committee and 33% on their parish pastoral council. Other leadership roles included members on diocesan council/committees and regional pastoral councils. Eight councils reported they have joined their parish liturgy committee.

Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Councils participated in the CWL Day of Prayer for Home Missions by organizing the recital of the rosary and giving a special prayer to members to recite. Councils continue to support Catholic Missions in Canada through financial support, magazine subscription and food. Esk-omi Missions, Northern Missions in Ontario and Missionaries of Charity are other missions in Canada receiving support from our councils through food, clothing or financially.

Lay Ministries

Spiritual Development Chairs personally participated in many parish lay ministries, and council member participation in parish lay ministries had overwhelming numbers, with 90% as Eucharistic Ministers, 92% as Lectors and 76% in Hospitality. Other Lay Ministries council members were highly involved in included choir or music, decorating, cleaning, facilitators and sacristans. Council members also chaired or organized parish lay ministries, with Decorating, Eucharistic Minister and Lector being the top three.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

Councils reported they reached out to women of other denominations and faiths through joint prayer services, invitation to meetings, social events and a shared speaker. These numbers were low, possibly due to lockdown restrictions.

World Day of Prayer was highly promoted by our councils, followed by Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and World Union of Catholic Women's Organization. It is to be noted that only ten of our councils reported promoting/participating in National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Diocesan Spiritual Development Activities: National 100th Anniversary, National Theme *Care for the Common Home*, Provincial Theme *Loneliness* and COVID-19

- Prepared and circulated prayer services for councils to use for the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Toronto National Centenary 2020 Tree Planting Project and Seasons of Creation.
- Assisted in organizing and prepared prayer service for diocesan Celebration of National 100th Anniversary.
- Assisted in organizing and prepared prayer service to St. Joseph, for Diocesan Year End Holy Hour.
- Included Pope Francis' Pandemic Prayer in prayer services.

Recommendations

- ❖ Diocesan Spiritual Development chair offer a training session for council spiritual development chairs.
- ❖ Councils complete a yearly calendar of events with topics for reflection to assist with planning monthly spiritual development.
- ❖ Partnering/Mentoring with spiritual development chair from another council to share ideas/expertise.
- ❖ Councils to use Prayer Service for National Indigenous Peoples Day prepared by the diocesan chair at their June general meetings to promote National Indigenous Day.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Organization

Sue Lubowitz

Members: 6900

Regions: 7

Councils: 103

Inactive Councils: 1

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 14

Seventy-three councils participated in the national 2020 Organization Annual Report Survey submitting all or some of the 12 reports for the executive officers or standing committee chairs. Of those, 52 (78%) reported that the position was filled. Unfortunately, 15 positions remained vacant. Of those reporting, 25 (49%) were new to the position and 30 (58%) were appointed to the position.

Recruit Members and Retain Membership

“The strength of the League is membership”. (League Executive Handbook) The average number of members per council was 67 and the smallest council had 7 members. Sts. Peter and Paul Council, Peel Region had the highest membership with 277 members.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Scarborough Region was reactivated in March and closed the year with 28 members. A new council was organized at St. Jerome Parish, Peel Region in March also with a membership of 18. Twenty-six councils reported that 59% of their new members were under the age of 40. Two associate members were reported. Overall, the Toronto Diocesan Council saw a decline of only five percent in membership in 2020, despite the inherent difficulties associated with recruiting members and renewing memberships during COVID-19.

Councils used several concurrent strategies to recruit and retain members. Personal invitation was the most popular (39%). Rounding out the top five methods were advertising in bulletins/bulletin boards (8%), holding social events (21%), information tables on Sundays (17%) and presentation at masses (15%). One council reported doing a drive through membership drive.

Members were engaged in fundraising events (55%), meetings (32%), social events (71%) and spiritual events (54%). Member recognition was most often done by the awarding of service pins (83%) but also with cards (70%), and special events (48%). Twenty-nine councils (45%) held a new members ceremony. New members were engaged using conversation (79%) and welcomed during meetings (92%). Thirty-four councils (52%) distributed a new member’s kit.

Forty-eight councils (73%) used the online system to process membership renewals. Councils used a combination of renewal methods, membership drives with email (27%) being the most preferred then phone calls (24%).

Leadership Development

Great League Members do not just happen; they must be encouraged, trained and supported. (League Executive Handbook) Various opportunities to support training and growth of members included development days, leadership workshops, retreats and the national speakers series. Most of these were held virtually due to COVID-19. The

Toronto Diocesan Development Day was held on February 22nd at Blessed Trinity Parish with 257 members in attendance. The theme for the day was “Building a New Culture: A Catholic Approach to Faith, Service and Justice”. The day was led by Permanent Deacon, Gary Johnson. Seventy-five percent of councils reported they participated in League development days. Eight members from Toronto Region completed their Leadership and Public Speaking course just as COVID-19 closed facilities.

The annual survey asked for members’ responses to questions on cultural diversity. Councils were asked if their membership reflected the diversity of the parish as well as the general community. As one of the most diverse diocesan councils in the country, forty-two councils (82%) said diversity was reflected in their membership and ten councils (21%) celebrated that by having cultural day celebrations.

League Resource Material and Annual Reports

Councils were asked to reflect on two articles from the past year in The League magazine: Embrace Change By...Being Part of It” and “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”. Councils shared that the biggest positive change was using Zoom virtual meetings to keep in touch with their membership. They also reported that they were still able to do community service projects while safe at home.

Life Membership

Fourteen councils had a Life Member in their council. Margaret Ann Jacobs, Our Lady of Lourdes, Northern Region, Honorary Life Member serves on the national council as Past President & Chairperson of Laws. Mary Capobianco, Humber Region is the Community Life Chair at the Ontario Provincial Council. Nineteen councils reached out to LifeMembers.

2020 Council Anniversaries

Eleven councils celebrated milestone anniversaries during 2020 but due to COVID-19 safe gathering protocols were not able to host any special events. Councils will be presented with their certificates virtually during the Annual General Meeting to be held in May 2021. Anniversary years are based on the charter date and actual paid years of service. Councils that had lapses in membership fees or were disbanded are not credited for unpaid years.

- 5th Anniversary - St. John XXIII, North York Region
- 10th Anniversary - St. Leo the Great, Durham Region
- 25th Anniversary - St. Joseph the Worker, North York Region
- 40th Anniversary - Holy Family, Durham Region
- 50th Anniversary - St. Roch, Humber Valley Region
- 55th Anniversary - St. Ambrose, Humber Valley Region
- 60th Anniversary – St. Francis de Sales, Durham Region
- 60th Anniversary - Transfiguration of Our Lord, Humber Valley Region
- 60th Anniversary - Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Humber Valley Region
- 65th Anniversary - Pius X, Toronto Region

Toronto Diocesan Council 100th Anniversary (2021)

The 100th Anniversary Committee with Mary Hawkley, Life Member as chair continued to plan events but due to COVID-19 safe gathering protocols was unable to hold any events. The sale of the anniversary pin however, continued to garner interest and pins have found their way throughout the province of Ontario and indeed across the country with over \$9,000 fundraised to date. A virtual celebration is planned for June 2021.

Recommendations

- ❖ Use the League's new "Welcome Program" for new members and to re-assess the information from all other members in order to determine interest, contact information etc. Include a Welcome Kit with each new membership.
- ❖ Investigate the use of electronic bank transfers (e-transfers) for collecting membership dues at the parish level.
- ❖ Incorporate the use of the online membership portal for membership renewals as part of a review of best practices at the parish level.
- ❖ Review the budgetary process to ensure that funds are allocated for membership development.
- ❖ Utilize virtual, hybrid and in person member development programs offered by the diocesan, provincial and national councils.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Christian Family Life

Iris McNulty

Annual Reports from Christian Family Life Chairs were received from 59 councils. Forty-three councils had a Standing Committee Chair. Councils accessed online resources such as CWL websites, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, diocesan and provincial newsletters, and *The Catholic Register* in order to obtain information.

Marriage and Family

A limited number of councils sponsored marriage preparation courses and programs to enrich and support happily married couples. A few of them sponsored Encounter Weekends for engaged and married couples. Some members attended a workshop on the topic of Family Life. A few councils recognized National Family Week through the organization of events. Women suffering from domestic abuse received some support from membership in the form of financial donations, provisions of essential items, and supplying of information on community services. The hand signal to signify abuse was incorporated by councils.

Sanctity of Life

Members continue to actively promote and participate in pro-life activities. They were involved in Virtual March for Life, Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, pro-life Masses, pro-life walks, pro-life vigils and praying for the protection of life. Monies were donated to Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Birthright, Campaign Life Coalition, Pregnancy and Family Support Services and local pro-life organizations. Three councils met with pro-life legislators. Twenty-seven councils wrote letters to inform legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia. Some councils made available the pro-life brochure in their church.

Ministry to Youth

Members participated in programs for young people in their parish. St. Aidan, St. Bartholomew, Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Francis Xavier councils each sponsored a Catholic Girls League. Summer camps, youth conferences, leadership camps and/or youth retreats, children's liturgy, World Youth Day, Catholic Christian Outreach, NET Ministries, Girl Guides of Canada were all supported through financial donations or by active involvement by membership.

Ministry to the Disabled

A number of councils reported reaching out to the disabled. This was carried out by praying for them, through visitations or phone calls, by sending cards for special occasions, bringing them communion and by providing transportation. Sixteen councils organized or participated in support groups and respite for caregivers.

Ministry to Seniors

Councils actively supported seniors in their communities. This was accomplished through phone calls, bringing them the Eucharist, inviting them to CWL events, praying with/for them and by providing transportation. Some councils organized social events for seniors and/or shared a meal with them. Seniors were gifted with CWL memberships by their

councils as well as receiving cards of encouragement from them. Nine councils initiated social programs and celebrations for them.

Ministry to Widowed, Separated and Divorced

Several councils reported sending out cards of condolence or calling individuals upon the loss of a spouse, offering prayers and moral support. Some invited widows to attend CWL meetings and events. Other councils arranged memorial services and/or funeral lunches. Four councils sponsored a presentation on the annulment process and one council purchased the brochure available from National for the benefit of their parish community.

Vocations

Active support was provided by many councils in this area. They prepared Spiritual Bouquets, prayed for vocations, adopted or supported a seminarian, hosted luncheons for priests and/or religious. Members assumed membership in the Serra Foundation. Many attended the Ordinandi Dinner. Nine councils invited priests and/or religious to speak on vocations. Two councils supported discernment events for youth. Monies were donated to Serra Club and priestly retirement funds. Some councils provided gifts for clergy and seminarians.

Recommendations

- ❖ Address each area under Christian Family Life at least once every two years.
- ❖ Monitor closely the activity of legislators and government at local, municipal and federal levels on LIFE issues and continue to advocate for the protection of all life.
- ❖ Increase support to separated and divorced persons.
- ❖ Actively promote quality and accessible Hospice Palliative Care in communities.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Community Life

Ciscily Winkler

Congratulations to the 64 out of 103 councils who submitted their 2020 Community Life Annual Reports. Twenty of the councils reported vacant Community Life positions. The COVID-19 pandemic with its public health restrictive measures made members become more innovative in their activities to serve others while keeping safe.

Dignity and Rights of Persons

Many councils (35) were familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The majority of councils (53) supported those suffering from homelessness and poverty through financial means, gift cards, guest speakers, workshops and many volunteer hours. Supports were directed through local charities such as Out of the Cold programs, Meals on Wheels, food banks, clothing drives, women's shelters, soup kitchens (pre-COVID-19), parish associated ministries, and items for babies. Those suffering from bullying, domestic violence, human trafficking and racism were supported by some councils, financially (26), guest speaker (30), workshop (10) and volunteer hours (21).

Twenty-eight councils supported those suffering from human trafficking. The Public Safety Canada-2018 Human Trafficking Consultation Report- Building a Safe and Resilient Canada, was read and reviewed by six councils with one council encouraging members to send letters and petitions to government. Ten councils participated in the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking and 28 councils became aware of the laws and what is being done to fight against human trafficking.

Thirty-five councils were aware of the struggles of Indigenous women. Bill-262-United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People was discussed by eight councils.

Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, An Amendment to Immigration and Refugees Protection Act, was reviewed and monitored by seven councils, parish-based outreach program for foreign workers by two councils and government response by ten councils. Thirty-six councils monitored the 2020 application wordings of the extended Canada Summer Job.

Social and Economic Justice

All councils supported Social and Economic Justice activities by assisting those in need with supplies; participation in the work of organization caring for those in need, such as affordable housing initiatives, anti-poverty foundation/campaign; before, during or after school programs; clothing drives; drop-in centres; emergency shelters for those experiencing domestic abuse; employment and skills training; food banks; food hampers; resource centres for single parents. Contributions were made through financial means, prayers and volunteer hours.

Twenty-four councils supported organizations geared to assisting Indigenous peoples and a few (7) were able to celebrate National Indigenous Day on June 21st, through virtual Mass, survey, prayer and rosary. One council participated in Orange Day celebrations on September 30th to promote awareness in Canada about the residential school system.

Ten councils promoted the Catholic Near East Welfare Association through guest speakers, pamphlets distribution, and through financial donations to repair the Pieta Bhavan well-cover project, and also to the support of the Adigrat Diocese in Ethiopia food for children project. Eight councils participated in the CWL Day of Prayer for Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land Middle East on September 21st.

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship

Twelve councils became informed about Canada's official Immigration and Refugees policies. Needs of immigrants and refugees, their availability of employment services, English language courses, financial assistance offered for food and rent, are expressed by councils as fair to good. Thirty-four councils can explain the difference between a temporary worker, immigrant and refugee. Councils participated or supported the following: Citizenship ceremonies (10); Remembrance Day (28); Royal Canadian Legion poppy (29) and Canadian troops (29).

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)

Eight councils participated in the 1% program for CCODP. Many councils did not participate in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic that contributed to fewer membership activities.

Developing Countries

Five councils became aware of the condition of child labour in developing countries, and urged independent studies of codes of conduct, the implications of trades laws and practices in the global economy. Nine councils were knowledgeable about economic difficulties and criticized structures that put profits before people, and they urged government to change structures. Two councils invited guest speakers from developing nations, or other people who have visited or lived in these countries, to meetings. Twenty-five councils participated or made donations to the Canadian Food for Children, a nationally registered charity. Councils also supported international organizations such as Chalice Save a Family, Sleeping Children around the World, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Children Association, Canadian Red Cross, etc.

Recommendations

- ❖ Encourage more active participation from all willing members.
- ❖ Promote the Community Life Standing Committee's position and its activities to all members.
- ❖ Share all communiqués, directives and related Community Life materials with members.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair for Education and Health

Connie Cristinziano

Sixty-eight councils submitted Education and Health Standing Committee Reports for 2020, an increase compared to the sixty-two councils that submitted reports last year. There were 20 vacant positions.

Catholic Schools and Catechesis

Councils reported they were aware of the quality and availability of Catholic religious instructions in their parish (60%); in their schools (52%). Twenty-one councils reported actively encouraging parental participation in all areas of school activities; 34 councils have investigated and identified specific needs in their local schools that could be met by their members and 42 councils were aware of the Family Life programs being taught in their local schools. This is a slight decrease across all categories from last year.

Rites of Christian Initiation

Fifteen percent, or seven councils, reported being involved in sacramental initiation programs in their parish.

Literacy and Continuing Education

Twelve councils encouraged members to assist those who wished to improve their literacy skills.

Youth Awards

Our Catholic youth across the diocese participated in the various Youth Awards Contests offered by the Toronto Diocesan Council. This year due to the pandemic and the restrictions on gatherings, the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest was not completed at the diocesan level.

Congratulations to our Mary Dobell Pro-Life Poetry and Essay Contest winners:

Mary Dobell Intermediate Poetry:

1st place: Charlotte Selda; Poem: Look Away; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Durham Region.

2nd place: Joshua Tang; Poem: No One Is Perfect; Nativity of Our Lord School, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Humber Valley Region.

3rd place: Melanie Dias; Poem: Life Given by God, Taken by Frauds; St. Bonaventure Catholic School, St. John XXIII Parish, North York Region.

Mary Dobell Senior Poetry:

1st place: Campbell Lyons; Poem: A Loving Family; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Durham Region.

2nd place: Kennedy Knight; Poem: Dear Mommy and Daddy; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Durham Region.

Mary Dobell Intermediate Essay:

1st Place: Jordan Bouckley; Topic: The Gospel of Luke and How it Influences Our Lives; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. Leo the Great Parish, Durham Region. 2nd

Place: Caralina Knights; Topic: Visitors of the Earth; Jean Vanier High School, St. Mary's Parish Collingwood, Northern Region.

3rd Place: Linette Borges; Topic: Pro-Life - Female Infanticide; Philip Pocock Catholic School, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Peel Region.

Mary Dobell Senior Essay:

1st Place: Rhea D'Mello; Topic: The Secularization of Human Life - Our Catholic Response; St. Francis Xavier Secondary School, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Peel Region.

2nd Place: Richard Nankuzhy; Topic: Christian Ideal in Family; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Durham Region.

3rd Place: Abby Darbyshire; Topic: The Choice Isn't Yours; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Durham Region.

Jean McCann Service Award Winner: Arianna Veltri-Sampogna; All Saints Catholic Secondary School, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Durham Region.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Thirty-three councils compiled lists of scholarships and bursaries that were available for their members to further their education. Thirty-two councils reported they provided bursaries and/or scholarships or contributed to various bursary funds and scholarships. Seven councils promoted the National Bursary Fund and eleven councils contributed to the Coady International Institute.

Wellness and Sickness/Disease

Seven councils participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign. Thirty-five councils supported various national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians. Three members registered for the Partners for Life Program using the CWL unique Partner ID (CATH011269).

Due to COVID-19, councils were limited in ways of participating in the National Hospice and Palliative Care week May 4-10. Thirty-five councils supported the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care and arranged for 12 members in each council for one hour in their homes, while other councils provided members with the resource kit and urged them to focus on palliative care during the week. Eight councils used the Palliative Care postcard.

Ten councils provided members with information on advance care planning. Five councils provided members with information on emergency response information kits.

Environment

Fifty-one (79%) councils participated in the *Care for Our Common Home* initiative; councils participated in plastic and waste clean-up (10); committed to eliminating plastic bags and use of plastic straws or reduce their garbage (24), and planted a tree to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the League (17).

Six councils celebrated the United National World Water Day on March 22nd. Various initiatives were taken on ways to conserve water and to create awareness not only to members but within their families and communities. Three councils used the Catholic Relief Service's Water for Life Discussion Guide. Six councils took action on resolutions on water: 2004.07 water use in Canada (5) and 2001.04 Water Quality in Canada (1). One council reported participating in activities organized by Earth Day Network on April 22nd.

Councils focused on recycling, reduced the use of Styrofoam cups, eliminated use of plastic water bottles, reduced water used, used composts and green bins for organic waste and reduced paper use.

Genetics

Councils rated their knowledge regarding the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Forty-five councils responded, rating themselves as follows: excellent (2); good (19); fair (13) and as poor (11). Six councils reported they subscribe to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletters to keep informed of current issues in bioethics.

Recommendations

- ❖ Appoint sub-conveners to assist with the various topics under this standing committee. Identify topics that spark interest within your councils, and perhaps make them into projects.

- ❖ Increase focus on the many important health issues: the vulnerability and marginalization of our seniors, mental health, environmental issues and quality of life and the importance of the human connection especially in a time of crisis. Revisit past Education and Health resolutions at www.cwl.ca. Consider initiating a new one.

- ❖ Visit the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute website at <https://www.bioethics.ca/>. Sign up to receive their email notifications of upcoming events and their newsletters.

- ❖ Build a relationship with the Ontario Catholic Trustees Association, school boards and Catholic parent groups to support, promote and maintain the value of our fully funded Catholic Education.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Communications

Mary Tuccitto

Sixty councils submitted a Communications Annual Report for 2020 which is slightly higher than in the previous year. Of reporting councils, 35 Communications Chair positions were filled.

The Canadian League magazine

The President's Message consistently resonated highly with councils at a rate of 52% in the Winter Edition, 45% in the Spring Edition and 48% in the Fall Edition. The "Care for Our Common Home" article which was featured in the Winter Edition was also very popular with 48% of our councils. This was followed by "100 Years is Good! 200 Years is Better" which was featured in the Fall Edition. *The Canadian League* magazine continues to be an invaluable resource and an excellent educational tool for members and their families. Of responding councils, the strategic planning information was read and shared by 42% as printed in *The Canadian League* magazine.

Media: for Evangelization

Over half of the respondents (39) financially supported and promoted faith-oriented programs to their members. *The Catholic Register* was the most popular at 38% followed by subscriptions to Salt+Light at 20%. Other periodicals and media promoted as per Resolution 1978.03 Catholic Press which encouraged our mission to evangelize, were Masses for shut-ins, Vision TV and the League-sponsored Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel at an overwhelming 88%.

Media: to Promote the League

Members have been encouraged to use cwl.ca for the most current information at a rate of 95% which is a dramatic increase over last year. Other social media such as Facebook and Twitter for CWL information has also increased at 67%. Advertising council events and activities in local media is used by 33% of reporting councils and the telephone call through a telephone committee remains a popular and effective tool to connect with members inviting them to events and sharing news at a rate of 78% which was unchanged from 2019.

Media: Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content

Of responding councils, 35% encouraged members to monitor media for good content but unfortunately, very little discussion or action was taken on inappropriate content or offending material.

Media: Newsletter and Bulletins

There was an increase over last year of councils who reported producing a council newsletter. It was also reported to be the council president who prepared the newsletters at a rate of 57% and 44% were produced by the communications chairs with input from other members of the executive. Various forms of distribution of council newsletters were used with email as the most popular form at a rate of 83% followed by mailing directly to members at 57% and some councils share their newsletters through the parish bulletin and mail slots. The church bulletin remains the main form of promoting council events

and activities at a rate of 86% with email distribution a close second at 85%. Councils also reported sharing their activities on bulletin boards, parish websites, On the Spot, bulletin inserts, and council specific designed promotional brochures, Facebook, council websites and local newspapers.

Media: Relations

Less than 56% of the responding councils worked with local media to promote the League or their council with 22% inviting local media to attend an event. Fifteen percent submitted material for publication and fewer than that advertised with local media.

Pornography

Of the responding councils, 41% reported reading an article in the newspaper to inform members on the influence pornography has on children and adults. Legislation on pornography and human trafficking was reviewed at a rate of 29% with 19% of councils participating in the League's Pornography Hurts campaign by mailing postcards to their MPs. Three councils (5%) reported promoting the *Over 18* documentary and even less held an information session. No council promoted the film *Red Light Green Light*.

Resolutions reviewed and acted on were Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornography websites, Resolution 2004.11 Link Between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and Mechanics of Killing and Resolution 2002.11 Responsible Internet use For Children. Councils contacted their MPs, brought awareness to their members and send letters asking for more research and standards.

COVID-19 Pandemic and Other Communications

Circulated League and Archdiocese of Toronto updates for councils during the pandemic. Placed an ad in *The Catholic Register* for the June 28th *Thank You to our Pandemic Heroes across Canada* issue. Submitted to national *On the Spot* TDC virtual celebrations for national's 100th anniversary, centenary Tree Planting Project, Rosary Sunday, live-streamed Year End Mass and Prayer to St. Joseph. Produced a photo collage of TDC executive, regional chairs and convention committee in commemoration of the national 100th anniversary. Circulated statements from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Cardinal Collins on racism and discrimination following the worldwide condemnation on the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Recommendations

- ❖ Promote and make use of social media in evangelization and promoting the League and encourage members to monitor media for good content, taking action on inappropriate or offending material by contacting TV stations.
- ❖ Councils are encouraged to produce a council newsletter and website, making these available to all members and the parish community, and to also promote their activities in local media and publications.
- ❖ Download and print the Pornography Hurts Postcards and Mandatory Age Verification Postcards available through the National website and invite speakers, review and study related resolutions.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Resolutions

Andrea Smart

In 2020, 59 of 103 councils completed the Resolutions Annual Survey. Sixty-four percent (14) of councils reported that the Resolutions Standing Committee is filled by election and seventy-seven percent (17) reported sharing this standing committee with the Legislation Standing Committee.

Research and Preparation of Resolutions and Briefs

Two councils prepared resolutions that were accepted for presentation at the 99th annual Toronto Diocesan Convention before it was postponed due to the pandemic. St. Timothy Council, North York Region, prepared “Promoting a Holistic Parish-Based Theology of the Body Lifestyle and Procreation Teachings” and “Canada Adopt a Loneliness Strategy”. The resolution “Canada Adopt a Loneliness Strategy” was updated by St. John Fisher Council, Peel Region to include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 exposed the many issues with the conditions of long-term care homes across Ontario and the country. A council in Durham Region was prepared to write a resolution on the conditions in long-term care homes. Due to the urgent nature of the situation, it was decided to take more immediate action by organizing a parish-wide letter campaign.

The two biggest challenges faced by this committee are no chairperson (53%) and not a lot of interest in resolutions (45%). Other challenges include lack of time to research, repetitive requests for the same action from members; struggle to format resolved clauses and lack of interest in following through.

Nine councils (60%) reported discussing ideas with members and considered writing resolutions.

Study and Implementation of Resolutions Adopted by Other Levels

When contacting government representatives, email was the most reported method. In 2020, 33% contacted their local government representatives, provincial government representatives (39%) and federal government representatives (40%). The majority of councils (82%) refer to communiqués and/or annual reports from other levels of the League.

Some councils (25%) considered and studied issues that might become resolutions. Euthanasia and assisted dying were once again the main issues councils (44%) were passionate about. Other issues were the crisis in long-term care facilities and feminine hygiene products and supply awareness.

Almost half of councils (46%) that completed the annual report became familiar with resolutions requiring action. These resolutions were:

2014.02 Electronic Cigarettes

2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to
Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying

2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health
Service

2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites
2019.02 Canadian Support for United Nations Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Members were made aware of resolutions adopted by any level of the League through meetings, email or newsletters. Through their parish-wide initiative with the support of their pastor, a council mailed 322 signed letters to the Minister of Long-Term Care regarding the crisis in long-term care facilities. Emails of the letter along with the petition were also sent to the Federal Minister of Health, Premier of Ontario, and Provincial Minister of Health, their MP, MPP, NDP Health Critic, and Liberal Health Critic (Provincial). The council held a Zoom meeting with their MP on the long-term care crisis.

Some councils reported no time for this “extra” business as few meetings were held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendations

- ❖ Each council should endeavour to study resolutions passed at any level of the League. They are also asked to follow the action plan that is a part of each resolution. A letter-writing session at a meeting is a good place to start. The use of the League’s *Letter Writing Guide* is strongly suggested as a guide.
- ❖ Each council should have available the pamphlet *Building a Relationship with Your MPP*, the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook*, as well as the *Toronto Diocesan Newsletter*. All are important tools in furthering the work of the Resolutions Committee.
- ❖ Councils are encouraged to have in place a resolutions committee chair. Councils that do not have a resolutions chair are encouraged to identify members who can monitor media, web sites, and *The Canadian League* magazine, Catholic newspapers, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops web sites for current issues that need action.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Legislation

Elizabeth Joseph

Fifty-three councils completed the Legislation Annual Report for 2020. Fourteen councils reported that this Standing Committee Chair was filled.

Ninety-three percent of councils knew the names of their municipal representatives, and 100% knew the names of their provincial and federal representatives. Sixty-four percent of councils reported that they received mailings from their municipal representative, and 71% received mailings from their provincial and federal representatives.

Five councils (36%) attended public forums by governments at any level and brought the information back to their councils. The forum topics included nomination meetings, meeting with MPs, community health and city environmental master plan. Councils rated their knowledge of the issues being discussed by government at all levels, with somewhat to extremely well informed being the highest rating: 100% at federal and provincial levels and 92% at the municipal level.

Federal Bills from 43rd Parliament 1st and 2nd Sessions

Specifically, 45 councils (85%) monitored Bill C-7 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying); 34 councils (64%) monitored Bill C-13 COVID-19 Emergency Response Act; 35 councils (66%) monitored Bill C-14 COVID-19 Response Act 2; 29 councils (55%) monitored Bill C-15 Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act and 19 councils (36%) monitored Bill C-71 An Act to Amend Certain Acts and Regulations in Relations to Firearms.

Ten councils monitored and acted upon other federal bills. The titles of the other federal bills monitored were: C-6 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy); Bill C-7 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying); Bill C-8 Act to amend the Citizenship Act (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's call to action number 94).

Action Plans on National Resolutions

One council educated their members and wrote letters to federal ministers in support of 2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. One council educated members and monitored federal government response to 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, an Amendment to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Provincial Bills

Ten councils monitored provincial bills including Bill 13 Long Term Care Minimum Standards, Time to Care Act 2020; Bill 63 Right to Timely Mental Health for Children Act; Bill 161 A Smarter and Stronger Justice Act; Bill 175 Connecting people to Home and Community Care; Bill 185 Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Communities Act, 2020; Bill 203 More than a Visitor Act, 2020; Bill 229 Erosions from Conservation Authority; Bill 148 Migrant Farm Workers: The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017.

Shared Councils' Legislation Activities

Ten councils shared their Legislation activities. Legislation activities included: monitored and wrote letters to oppose Bill C-7; mailed letters to various ministers requesting the government support, sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; sent letters to the Minister of Long-Term Care voicing concerns and demands for the overhaul of long-term care, during the pandemic. Councils also emailed and sent letters to Premier Ford and MP Merilee Fullerton to express concerns about Ontario's crisis in Long Term Care.

They reviewed the document *Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019-2022*. Some councils provided the link for the Archdiocesan webinar: Let Us Fix Bill C-8 (Conversion Therapy) and *Black Lives Matter* video prepared by Salt+Light. Copies of Bills C7 and C8 were forwarded to councils on behalf of the Archdiocese of Toronto for members to contact and inform MPs of opposition to these bills.

Accessed Hansard

Five councils reported accessing Hansard, the printed record of the proceedings of the Federal government.

Recommendations

- ❖ Combine Legislation and Resolution chair positions.
- ❖ Remove Legislation role from the parish level and maintain the role at the regional level.
- ❖ Understand how Catholic Social Teaching influences Legislation.
- ❖ At the beginning of the year, provide key focus areas to target with set directives to be accomplished.

Report of the Newsletter Editor

Lucia Vacca

Eighty-five or 85% of the 103 Toronto Diocesan councils have subscriptions in 2020. As of December 2020, there were a total of 793 subscriptions, which included the Diocesan executives, Life Members, Regional Spiritual Advisors, Regional Chairs and council executives, Spiritual Advisors and members.

The articles prepared by the Toronto Diocesan executive officers and standing committee chairs are on current and upcoming initiatives, events and activities which apply to them based on the *Constitution & Bylaws*, Policy and Procedures from the diocese, communiqués and directives from other levels of the League. The Toronto Diocesan Newsletter raises awareness and promotes the work of the League. It is an extremely useful resource and a must for all council executives, spiritual advisors and members in order to inform and act on a variety of initiatives.

The newsletter is published three times per year in the Spring, Fall and Winter. The following are the deadline dates for submissions from the TDC executives. The newsletter highlights special projects, events, resolutions, council anniversaries and member milestone years of service and Maple Leaf Service Pin awards.

Spring January 30 (March to June - to arrive in the mail by March 1st)

Fall July 30 (September to November) - to arrive in the mail by September 1st)

Winter October 30 (December to February) - to arrive in the mail by December 1st)

Any changes of new executives, addresses, deceased subscribers must be sent immediately in order to keep the data accurate and up-to-date. This will ensure that the newsletter information is accurate and is received in a timely manner. This will also reduce undue costs for undelivered mail.

Recommendations

- ❖ Subscriptions are to be renewed early in January to ensure uninterrupted delivery. Be sure to indicate unit or apartment number. Use the form on the Toronto Diocesan Council website and be sure to include the parish, region and the contact's name and phone number.
- ❖ Budget a subscription of the newsletter for your executive members and encourage all members to subscribe as well. Consider subsidizing the cost for general members in your council to receive these newsletters.

Durham Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 12

Rev. David Bollo
Angie Baglieri
Membership: 924

Durham Region Catholic Women's League councils were actively involved in various activities. Due to the pandemic, many of their fundraisers had come to a halt. Durham councils supported Toronto Diocesan Council fundraising initiatives. Many CWL aprons and 100th Anniversary pins were purchased.

St. Mary of the People Council completed donations of food in the excess of 695 pounds. This provided approximately 579 meals for Durham neighbours facing food insecurity. St. Francis de Sales Council organized a "drive-through" membership drive. They found this was very well received by their members. St. Isaac Jogues Council continued to have new followers on their Facebook page. They found this to be a good way of sharing all communications and upcoming events. Members participated in a letter-writing campaign addressed to the local MPs regarding *Bill C-7* and the *Proposed Expansion to MAID*.

Spiritual growth continued to be the focal point as Father David Bollo, Durham Spiritual Advisor shared his reflections. He noted that many put God on the "Do not call" list and block his name. Like the prophet Isaiah, we are also called at an inconvenient time. But being chosen by God is an awesome responsibility. We do not have to be employed by a church to be of service to God because our work, whatever it might be, is also God's work. He has equipped us with gifts and graces and Jesus only called laypersons to accomplish his works. Each one of us is an integral part of God's plan. When holiness comes calling – what will be your response? Will it be like Isaiah's – "Here I am Lord."

Council presidents adopted a motion at the fall 2020 Durham Region Executive Meeting for a onetime change to waive the regional per capita fee for 2021. Durham councils communicated to members through virtual gatherings/meetings, phone, email and mailings.

Although there was a slight decrease in overall membership within the region, councils welcomed new members. Holy Family, St. John the Evangelist, St. Leo the Great, St. Isaac Jogues, and St. Francis De Sales councils all had increases in memberships. Durham Region continued to financially support local charities including the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Gate 3:18 Outreach, Catholic Family Services, Durham Region Hospice, and St. Vincent's Kitchen, Oshawa. Members assisted in sanitizing the churches between Masses and kept everyone safe from COVID-19 transmission. Councils distributed packages to the homeless. Included in these packages were hand sanitizers, masks, gloves and personal hygiene products. St. Joseph the Worker members participated in the diocesan tree planting for the national 100th anniversary.

May Our Lady of Good Council guide and help us to be rooted in Gospel values. May we always be faithful to each other.

Humber Valley Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 10

Rev. Lui Santi
Mary Grossi
Membership: 916

Humber Valley Region participated in all the Toronto Diocesan Council events: Development Day, World Day of Prayer, and the Humber Valley Region Winter Social, all prior to the COVID-19 shutdown in 2020. Despite not having met in person in 2020, members were kept informed with national, provincial, diocesan or regional CWL information. Members rose to the challenge of technology and proved to be great communicators and very supportive of each other.

Members had countless opportunities to attend executive and general council meetings, retreats, reflections, rosary recitals, special masses and special celebrations virtually. Seeing each other on Zoom helped to ease their anxiety.

Humber Valley Region councils focused on “outreach” as it related to the CWL theme: *Care for Our Common Home*. Their goal was to enhance their “calling” strategies by frequently phoning those without email to inform, chat, and listen. Whether it was their “Stay in Touch”, or “Time to Talk” or “Phone Squad” projects, our members reached out to all members to let them know that they were not alone or forgotten.

St. Padre Pio Council offered its members comfort and support in their weekly Zoom Bereavement Chat. All councils continued to send cards of sympathy, and special occasions milestones with personalized messages to lift spirits. Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Council initiated an Easter card mailing to its members and elderly of the parish, knowing that seniors love and appreciate receiving letters, especially during this extended time of isolation.

Due to the total shutdown in March 2020, councils that had not yet finished their membership drives experienced a decline in membership. Despite challenging times some councils did attract new members. Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, St. Ambrose and St. Padre Pio councils totalled nine new members. Returning from the first lockdown, all ten councils worked hard to secure their renewals for the 2020 membership year.

Despite limited fundraising opportunities this past year, Humber Valley Region did try to engage their communities virtually or in person when permitted. Immaculate Conception Council donations from their Coffee Fund honoured their commitment to their adopted child. St. Margaret Mary Council gathered a very healthy amount of donations for their annual Christmas hampers, helping eight families in dire need and also giving an extra Christmas gift to the local Vaughan Food Bank. Nativity of Our Lord Council had a very successful “Drive-Thru” food drive helping those in desperate need at St. Francis’ Table.

It has been an unusual and demanding year, but Humber Valley Region is hopeful that Our Lady of Good Counsel will continue to guide and mentor us to remain strong while working together as one.

North York Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 20

Rev. Boniface Perri
Marie Barry
Membership: 1133

With the COVID-19 pandemic shutting down activities in churches, North York's membership took a hit with an approximate 20% reduction overall. Councils are working hard to recover from this decrease, focusing on member retention, through virtual meetings, phone committees, prayer groups, sending cards, and running special projects that can be completed while observing physical distancing measures. A number of members are not online, and this makes member engagement more of a challenge for these members. A few councils have found some creative ways to attract new members even while under lockdowns.

Our parish councils have actively embraced the themes of *Care for Our Common Home*, *Homelessness*, and *Loneliness*. They have hosted speakers on these topics to help educate about environmental concerns such as water usage, have held drives for the Good Shepherd Ministries, Out of the Cold Program, Rosalie Hall, women's shelters, and more. They are working to stay connected with their members and communities, to alleviate and prevent loneliness during the pandemic. Some councils were able to hold fundraisers. A member at St. John Chrysostom Council sewed handmade masks which were donated to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and The Newmarket Food Pantry. St. Joseph the Worker Council also made cloth masks that were donated to the local hospital. They also held prayer meetings in the church parking lot with members remaining in the cars. Saint John XXIII planted a Colorado Blue Spruce at the parish for the national 100th anniversary tree planting project.

North York held a regional Retreat and Information Sharing Day on February 8, 2020, with 30 attendees. Sr. Francis Bisland facilitated the morning retreat, speaking on "The Joy of Service". Participants shared information in the afternoon session around a number of topics including member recruiting and retention, fundraising, newsletters, member encouragement and parish engagement.

Four parish councils sent representatives to the regional Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest, and one advanced to the Toronto Diocesan level of this contest. We were proud of all participants, who did a wonderful job and inspired us with their wonderful talks.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless us in our works undertaken for God and Canada.

Northern Region

Spiritual Advisor

Chair:

Councils: 16

Rev. Silvio Eljuga

Anne Marie Martyniuk

Membership: 1226

Northern Region began the year with the enthusiasm a new year brings with activities to match. Councils were busy providing meals for Out of the Cold. Our Lady of Lourdes Council celebrated their feast day with a spiritual reflection followed by a card party and luncheon. They also hosted a St. Patty's Day Dinner with St. Patrick's Council complete with Irish Stew. St. Mary's Council, Victoria Harbour hosted a St. Patrick's Day Tea and St. Margaret's Council hosted a presentation on *Laudato Si* that was well attended.

Working with the national and provincial themes of *Care for Our Common Home* and *Loneliness*, councils had speakers on mental health from Waypoint (St. Margaret's Council) and recycling from the city of Barrie. (Holy Spirit Council). More events were being planned but then everything shut down and churches closed.

Councils took a deep breath and reached out. They revamped their telephone lists to reach out to everyone feeling the isolation. Groceries were delivered and errands run. Newsletters were emailed, rosaries prayed in concert, cards mailed. Prayer shawls continued to be created and gifted to anyone dealing with loss, isolation, or pain, all in the name of sisterhood.

St. Columbkille Council purchased a small booklet of healing prayers that were distributed in the early days of the pandemic which members deeply appreciated.

Some councils in the region found it difficult to keep in touch with unreliable internet. St. Mary's Council, Collingwood found a way. They recognized it was a time to go slow. Members were encouraged to pull out old photos and catalogue them – "we are the last generation with photos." Members were also encouraged to write a family history.

Beyond COVID-19, some smaller councils were already dealing with smaller numbers, aging members, and wondering if their church would remain open. Sacred Heart Council, forged forward as women with determination, hope and faith. Their meetings have a different look now. They begin in a sharing circle and sing gospel type songs; have a spiritual program, then socialize before going to the table for business. This format makes them feel closer to each other, like family.

As Ontario opened, members volunteered in their church, helped at food banks, and worked with St. Vincent De Paul and women's crisis centers. Some fundraisers were made possible. St. Andrew's Council held their annual Christmas auction. St. Joseph Council, Base Borden, sold their popular Christmas urns. Both Barrie councils, St. John Vianney and St. Mary, participated in Lux Vitae, a night Christmas marketplace. Their parking lots were transformed with candlelit pathways, a manger with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, young people singing, crafts made by CWL members, hotdogs, and hot chocolate.

Our Lady of Good Counsel will always be at our side as we count on her intercessions.

Peel Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 19

Rev. Fr. Michael Simoes
Aurora Chavez
Membership: 1564

From 18 to 19 councils in Peel, amazing! Congratulations to St. Jerome Council, newly organized on March 4th with 21 members in 2020, their charter year. Guided by faith, service and social justice, Sts. Peter and Paul Council successfully recruited 38 new members, and Guardian Angels Council added eight new members.

The arrival of COVID-19 posed an unprecedented challenge to the councils: isolation, uncertainty, lockdowns, and the shutdown of all parish activities. Nevertheless, councils remained steadfast and persevered. God worked through the wonders of technology, and social platforms made it possible to provide updates, pray together (including the Prayer for Palliative Care), and offer moral support. Members continued using group email and the telephone tree. A “buddy system” was started by one council, so members without computers could remain informed. A weekly, bi-weekly and monthly newsletter went out to all members, and the CWL page on the parish website was updated.

Guardian Angels Council enrolled their 33 members to The Monastery of Mount Carmel Society of the Little Flower and sent a Mass birthday card to each member. St. Jerome Council held their first drive-through food drive benefitting the St. Louise Food Bank, raising over \$700 and over 1000 lbs. of food. Over the Christmas holidays, a successful gift card drive raised over \$6000, for 22 families in need of assistance and donated some of the proceeds to their parish St. Vincent de Paul.

In keeping with the national theme, *Care for Our Common Home* and the ongoing pandemic, St. John Fisher Council sold over 450 reusable blue masks with the CWL logo. They raised over \$1,500 which was donated to the Knights Table, Birthright Brampton and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John Fisher. The masks were sold across Ontario and other provinces including British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec. St. Francis Xavier Council planted three cedar trees, a lovely backdrop to the Blessed Mother’s grotto as part of the diocesan tree planting project to celebrate the national 100th anniversary.

After two lockdowns in 2020 members resumed their volunteer activities at Sunday Masses such as assisting and handling reservations, distributing masks and sanitizer, cleaning the church and sanitizing pews. To help with the extra cost of PPE at their churches councils started a virtual Christmas market. Sts Peter and Paul Council raised over \$8,000 at theirs. All funds were donated to the church.

Congratulations to Mary Quinlan, Life Member on receiving her 65-year League service pin. Councils celebrated the National 100th Anniversary by joining the virtual diocesan sponsored celebration and the Tree Planting Project. St. Martin of Tours Council made a video of the 100th Anniversary CWL Prayer Service and shared it with all members Peel Region ended the year with a virtual Advent retreat titled "Come, Lord, Come" attended by 70 members. We look forward to 2021, praying fervently for a return to in-person meetings.

Scarborough Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 13

Rev. Dominic Borg OCD
Nenita MacKenzie
Membership: 752

Before the pandemic struck and paralyzed the world, Scarborough Region welcomed newly reactivated St. Rose of Lima Council on March 1st. The Scarborough winter event in January was well attended. The guest speaker was our Regional Spiritual Advisor Father Dominic Borg, OCD who spoke on Hunger for the Word of God. He was also the guest speaker during our Lenten retreat in March. He moved to Zephyr, Ontario to be the Chaplain for the Sisters of the Order of Discalced Carmelites. We collected Spiritual Bouquets as offerings for his support and dedication to the League. Twenty-five members attended the Parish Executive Training in February.

Father Peter Marr, Pastor at St. Boniface Parish, was welcomed as the new Regional Spiritual Advisor. Father Mark Robson is the new Pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

Though we were on lockdown, councils supported the provincial theme “*Loneliness*” by keeping in touch with the elderly members through a buddy system, assisting in grocery shopping, organizing virtual Rosary and Prayer groups. Councils organized a “Comfort Committee” comprised of four members who visited, met and prayed with those who were isolated. One council sponsored a senior through Chalice program. Councils collected ground coffee tins, toiletry items, non-perishable goods and box lunches to be donated to the Good Shepherd Mission, Refugee Center and Kennedy Women Shelter. One council joined with the Knights of Columbus to support the Out of the Cold Program. Councils donated monetary funds towards the CNEWA Project: Pieta Bhavan in support for a drinking water well in Kerala India. Councils continued to make sleeping mats made from milk bags and pneumonia vests for Haitian babies. Lap quilts and prayer shawls were distributed to members who were not well and had just been discharged from the hospital. As a community outreach program, one council donated \$700 towards Juliette’s Place, a women and children’s shelter.

In keeping with the National theme “*Care for Our Common Home*” and prior to the pandemic, councils had moved to using projector screens for meetings rather than paper handouts. Also, to reduce waste, councils opted to use reusable utensils like dinnerware and flatware. Miranda Pinto, St. Barnabas Council, was awarded the 2020 Ontario Provincial Council Social Justice Award for her work with immigrants and refugees.

Councils celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel with a virtual Mass, supported the virtual March for Life in May and Life Chain Sunday in October. The Regional Mass for deceased members was live streamed from Precious Blood Parish in November. Councils celebrated the Christmas season through virtual Christmas parties. Most councils planted shrubs and trees to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada. Councils supported many charities at home and abroad despite the difficulties faced by many councils in the region.

All these activities, achievements and accomplishments unite us as Sisters in Faith.

Toronto Region

**Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 13**

**Father Damian Young-Sam-You
Araceli Farinas
Membership: 385**

The COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020 affected all of us. It was unexpected but members from Toronto Region were able to continue their work. Toronto Region is blessed to welcome new Spiritual Advisors, Father Godofredo R. Claudio of Holy Cross Council, Father Bob Langone of St. Joan of Arc Council and Father Michael Matyk of St. Alphonsus Council.

On January 25th, at St. Monica Council, the Annual Toronto Region Reflection and Day of Prayer with the theme *Care for Our Common Home – Loneliness* was held. Toronto Region Spiritual Advisor Father Damian Young-Sam-You did the Mass celebrations, followed by reflections which nourished everyone spiritually. A Leadership and Public Speaking Course was held. The members developed their leadership skills, public speaking, parliamentary procedures and much more. In the end, eight received their certificates on March 14th. We were lucky and blessed to be finished just in time, as lockdown protocols were then imposed.

During the lockdown, Father Damian sent a prayer, which was passed along to CWL members. Prayers were offered for all those who were sick and for those members who passed away. Toronto Region lost seven members this year not related to the pandemic. At this difficult time members showed their care and love for one another by reaching out to members, especially those who are vulnerable and unable to go out and get their necessities. Technology keeps us all connected through phone calls, emails and virtual chats.

We are proud of all the councils in Toronto Region as they did amazing work in coping with the pandemic. In March, Holy Rosary Council hosted a dance in celebration of International Women's Day. St. Monica's Council Spiritual Development Chair organized a Lenten Retreat and led the Stations of the Cross in the church and on a second time through the Zoom platform. Holy Cross Council distributed prayer cards to fathers of their congregation in celebration of Father's Day in June. St. Matthew's Council gave out 30th and 35th years of service pins. St. Pius X Council member Linda Unger made 85 face masks and donated them to a hospital and made another 25 for family and friends. The council also donated \$250 to CNEWA project Pieta Bhavan (Drinking Well), India. St. John's Council established an annual Father John Newton Pax Award in honour of their retired spiritual advisor. The award will be provided to one student in each of their parish schools who exemplifies a love of peace and peacekeeping. Our Lady of Lourdes Council was active in participating and joining the League activities within the parish, region and Toronto Diocesan Council.

Congratulations to councils who celebrated their anniversaries - St. Alphonsus Council 30th, St. Matthew's Council, 35th and St. Joan of Arc Council, 55th.

As churches reopened, members volunteered their time to help in all they can do to keep their parish community safe from COVID-19.

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

	2020	2019R	2018R
Total Membership	6900	7247	7335
Total Councils	103	101	98

R Revised Membership Numbers for the current year

* Re-Activated

** New

National					
Account#	Durham Region (12)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-008	Holy Cross	Oshawa	51	51	53
T-001	Holy Family	Whitby	94	108	109
T-014	Immaculate Conception	Port Perry	83	91	99
T-135	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Uxbridge	28	25	21
T-055	St. Francis de Sales	Ajax	37	42	50
T-112	St. Gertrude	Oshawa	71	81	83
T-061	St. Gregory the Great	Oshawa	57	64	81
T-075	St. Isaac Jogues	Pickering	91	87	90
T-068	St. John the Evangelist	Whitby	106	95	84
T-030	St. Joseph the Worker	Oshawa	145	142	151
T-130	St. Leo the Great	Brooklin	40	48	48
T-087	St. Mary of the People	Oshawa	121	121	138
	Totals		924	965	1008

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

National					
Account#	Humber Valley (10)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-122	Immaculate Conception	Woodbridge	91	108	101
T-022	Nativity of Our Lord	Etobicoke	116	125	126
T-026	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal	Alderwood	85	84	83
T-036	St. Ambrose	Toronto	65	64	69
T-059	St. Gregory	Etobicoke	87	92	89
T-031	St. John the Evangelist	Weston	47	49	40
T-078	St. Margaret Mary	Woodbridge	191	195	195
T-121	St. Padre Pio	Woodbridge	57	50	54
T-101	St. Roch	North York	94	97	99
T-110	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Weston	83	85	76
	Totals		916	949	932

National					
Account#	North York Region (20)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-003	Blessed Trinity	North York	86	96	106
T-015	Good Shepherd	Thornhill	56	48	50
T-119	Immaculate Conception/ Our Lady of the Lake	Sutton/Keswick	26	35	27
T-049	Our Lady of Grace	Aurora	36	31	37
T-013	Our Lady of the Annunciation	Richmond Hill	26	30	26
T-032	Sacred Heart	King City	90	92	88
T-143	St. Bernard de Clairvaux	North York	7	6	---
T-047	St. Bonaventure	Don Mills	89	120	127
T-054	St. Edward the Confessor	Willowdale	68	75	78
T-060	St. John Chrysostom	Newmarket	97	94	88
T-136	St. John XXIII	North York	35	37	32
T-052	St. Joseph the Worker	Thornhill	36	37	38
T-063	St. Justin Martyr	Unionville	47	46	43
T-091	St. Luke	Thornhill	28	35	29
T-117	St. Mary	Nobleton	44	43	43
T-004	St. Mary Immaculate	Richmond Hill	112	116	124
T-132	St. Patrick	Markham	79	94	95
T-125	St. Patrick	Schomberg	27	30	31
T-131	St. Philip Neri	Toronto	83	80	87
T-108	St. Timothy	North York	61	84	84
	Totals		1133	1229	1223

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

National Account#	Northern Region (16)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-005	Guardian Angels	Orillia	119	141	157
T-011	Holy Martyrs of Japan	Bradford	143	147	148
T-127	Holy Spirit	Barrie	59	66	65
T-024	Our Lady of Lourdes	Elmvale	57	58	55
T-033	Sacred Heart	Port McNicoll	19	28	29
T-037	St. Andrew	Brechin	20	20	18
T-053	St. Columbkille	Uptergrove	35	36	39
T-046	St. James	Colgan	39	44	46
T-069	St. John Vianney	Barrie	124	115	129
T-077	St. Margaret	Midland	59	64	59
T-082	St. Mary	Barrie	192	175	145
T-084	St. Mary	Collingwood	75	74	74
T-111	St. Mary	Victoria Harbour	48	51	55
T-093	St. Patrick	Phelpston	52	51	54
T-086	St. Patrick/St. Noel	Stayner	69	77	82
T-076	St. Paul the Apostle	Alliston	116	115	121
	Totals		1226	1262	1276

National Account#	Peel Region (19)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-141	Guardian Angels	Brampton	33	25	27
T-126	St. Anne	Brampton	101	102	79
T-115	St. Anthony of Padua	Bramalea	44	40	42
T-118	St. Francis Xavier	Mississauga	177	183	177
T-065	St. Ignatius Loyola	Mississauga	48	46	48
T-145	St. Jerome**	Brampton	18	--	--
T-066	St. John Fisher	Bramalea	135	142	155
T-140	St. John the Evangelist	Caledon	28	12	23
T-072	St. Joseph, Streetsville	Mississauga	81	77	83
T-035	St. Leonard	Brampton	95	95	103
T-120	St. Marguerite d'Youville	Brampton	69	76	80
T-113	St. Martin of Tours	Mississauga	98	105	95
T-083	St. Mary	Brampton	104	135	132
T-057	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Mississauga	89	98	96
T-092	St. Patrick	Mississauga	98	108	102
T-114	St. Patrick, Wildfield	Brampton	24	46	65
T-107	St. Timothy	Orangeville	29	32	42
T-128	Sts. Martha and Mary	Mississauga	16	23	21
T-124	Sts. Peter and Paul	Mississauga	277	239	225
	Totals		1564	1583	1595

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

National					
Account#	Scarborough Region (13)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-013	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	North York	40	55	60
T-020	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Scarborough	13	23	30
T-142	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine	Scarborough	7	27	--
T-034	Precious Blood	Scarborough	111	110	106
T-123	St. Aidan	Scarborough	69	67	66
T-043	St. Barnabas	Scarborough	70	84	84
T-039	St. Bartholomew	Scarborough	55	59	62
T-058	St. Boniface	Scarborough	8	14	17
T-050	St. Dunstan	Scarborough	30	38	45
T-071	St. Joseph Highland Creek	Scarborough	206	211	210
T-006	St. Lawrence Martyr**	Scarborough	8	--	--
T-079	St. Maria Goretti	Scarborough	107	109	105
T-144	St. Rose of Lima*	Scarborough	28	--	--
	Totals		752	797	785

National					
Account#	Toronto Region (13)	City/Town	2020	2019R	2018R
T-009	Holy Cross	Toronto	26	28	31
T-129	Holy Rosary	Toronto	25	28	33
T-018	Our Lady Help of Christians	Toronto	--	27	28
T-025	Our Lady of Lourdes	Toronto	38	54	61
T-012	St. Alphonsus	Toronto	28	43	45
T-062	St. Helen	Toronto	8	8	10
T-064	St. Joan of Arc	Toronto	50	56	68
T-027	St. John	Toronto	67	69	76
T-134	St. John Bosco	Toronto	19	22	20
T-051	St. Matthew	Toronto	14	17	12
T-089	St. Monica	Toronto	63	69	90
T-139	St. Thomas Aquinas	Toronto	11	8	13
T-099	St. Pius X	Toronto	36	33	29
	Totals		385	462	516

Council Presidents and Spiritual Advisors as of Dec. 31, 2020*

***As reported by Council Presidents and Regional Chairs**

Durham Region

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Immaculate Conception	Mary Lou Elliott	Rev. Keith Wallace
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St. Gertrude	Linda Butler	Rev. Paul Magyar
St. Gregory	Joanne Bone	Rev. Robert O’Brien
St. Isaac Jogues	Marie James	Rev. Tom Kluger
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St. Leo the Great	Andrea Losier	Rev. Charles Forget
St. Mary of the People	Rita Jakym	Rev. David Bollo

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<u>Council</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Spiritual Advisor</u>
Immaculate Conception	Pia Civichino	Rev. Eugene Chianain
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St. Padre Pio	Debbie Fisher	Rev. Msgr. Gregory Ace
St. Roch	Rose Stange	Rev. Luigino Santi
Transfiguration of Our Lord	Carol McErlain	Rev. George Parayil

North York Region

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Blessed Trinity	Kay Booker	Rev. Edward Murphy
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Our Lady of Grace	Lori Thompson	Rev. Francis McDevitt
Our Lady of the Annunciation	Jennifer Beaupre	Rev. Peter Lackmanec
Sacred Heart	Beverly Flanagan	Rev. John Arulthas

North York Region Cont'd

Council

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St. Edward the Confessor
St. John Chrysostom
St. John XXIII
St. Joseph the Worker

St. Justin Martyr
St. Luke
St. Mary, Nobleton
St. Mary Immaculate
St. Patrick, Markham
St. Patrick, Schomberg
St. Philip Neri
St. Timothy

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Rev. Pawel Zborowski
Rev. Dominic Barber
Rev. Ignacio Pinedo
Br. Joseph Sagayaraj
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Northern Region

Council

Guardian Angels, Orillia
Holy Martyrs of Japan
Holy Spirit
Our Lady of Lourdes
Sacred Heart
St. Andrew
St. Columbkille
St. James
St. John Vianney
St. Margaret
St. Mary, Barrie
St. Mary, Collingwood
St. Mary, Victoria Harbour

St. Patrick, Phelpston
St. Patrick/St. Noel
St. Paul the Apostle

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Council

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St. John Fisher

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Peel Region Cont'd

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St. John the Evangelist
St. Joseph
St. Leonard
St. Marguerite D'Youville
St. Martin of Tours
St. Mary
St. Mary Star of the Sea
St. Patrick, Mississauga
St. Patrick, Wildfield
St. Timothy
Sts. Martha and Mary
Sts. Peter and Paul

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Scarborough Region

Council

Annunciation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Precious Blood
St. Aidan
St. Barnabas
St. Bartholomew
St. Boniface
St. Dunstan
St. Joseph, Highland Creek
St. Lawrence Martyr
St. Maria Goretti
St. Rose of Lima

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Toronto Region

Council

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Holy Rosary
Our Lady Help of
Christians
Our Lady of Lourdes
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St. Helen
St. Joan of Arc
St. John
St. John Bosco
St. Matthew
St. Monica
St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Pius X

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