

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Toronto Diocesan Council**  
**Annual Report 2021**



**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

# Annual Report 2021

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# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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SPONSOR  
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ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

*President*  
**Hilarion Mitchell**

Dear Sisters in the League:

I am pleased to greet you as we celebrate the achievements of 2021, a year that continued to change not only our lives, but the lives of everyone around the world, as a result of the corona virus pandemic.

Nonetheless, you, the Catholic Women's League, remained strong and resilient as you continued to be active in whatever ways you could. Meetings continued to be held, either virtually, or in a hybrid manner. The word, "ZOOM", continued to be a familiar word in our vocabulary, as we all adapted to this new way of meeting and communicating. This technology kept us connected as we celebrated Mass, virtual meetings, socials, and retreats.

While we were not able to gather in person for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention of the Catholic Women's League, we did host various virtual events to mark the historic occasion, as well as to celebrate an in-person Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral-Basilica with Bishop Kasun, on the Feast of the Holy Rosary (October 7, 2021). Bishop Kasun represented Cardinal Collins (who was in Rome), and he gave an outstanding homily. I was pleased to attend that Mass, along with many former spiritual advisors of the Diocesan Catholic Women's League.

In his homily, Bishop Kasun highlighted the important founding years of the League and the subsequent achievements since then. He mentioned that important role and ministry of women within the Church and how it was particularly witnessed through the years of service provided by the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

I was pleased that His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, extended my term as Spiritual Advisor in order that I might be present for this special anniversary. I was pleased, also, to assist with the Anniversary Committee in its preparations for this historic event. I was truly grateful to be able to celebrate this milestone with all of you, and with our local Church of Toronto.

I was also pleased to be able to celebrate, with you, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my priesthood (September 21, 2021). Your prayers and presence at the Mass was truly appreciated and the gift of the memory book, highlighting so many various events we celebrated together, was a great reminder of our ministry together.

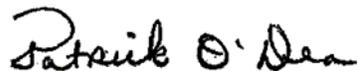
Beyond the diocesan and regional meetings, we also concluded the Year of St. Joseph on December 8, 2021, with special prayers and intentions. St. Joseph has truly been a great intercessor, especially as we remembered the sick, and those who died in the past year. Pope Francis indeed provided us a great saint to be our intercessor during the pandemic.

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

Fr. David Bollo (Durham)  
Fr. Luigi Santi (2019 - 2021) and Fr. Donatello Iocco (2021- ) (Humber Valley)  
Fr. Boniface Perri (North York)  
Fr. Michael Simoes (Peel)  
Fr. Silvio Ejljuga (2019-2021) and Fr. Laurence Léger (2021- ) (Northern)  
Fr. Peter Marr (Scarborough)  
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 very challenging times. It is a unique pleasure, and privilege, to serve you as your spiritual advisor, not only in the past year, but in each of the six years of my term. Please let us keep one another in prayer. Be well and remain hopeful. God bless you always!



Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea,  
Spiritual Advisor  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Toronto Diocesan Council

## **Report of the President**

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*Hilarion Mitchell*

Members: 6380

Regions: 7

Councils: 102

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 14

Fifty-seven presidents from the 97 councils with paid per capita fees in 2021 submitted an annual report in a year dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns and restrictions. This is in comparison to 2020, the first year of the pandemic, when 80 presidents submitted an annual report from 102 councils with paid per capita fees.

All councils had a president and three of the presidents reported they were amalgamated with other councils. Half of the presidents were members for six to 15 years. Thirty presidents had held the position previously. Twenty-three presidents were in the 65-75 age group; 14 in the 55-64 age group; 11 in 75-85 age group; eight in the 45-54 age group and none in the 18-44 age group.

The diocesan newsletter, League magazine, and national communiqués, were the most popular resources to inform the membership of League activities. The national and provincial websites were used to keep members informed. Presidents also listed the Archdiocese of Toronto website and emails as sources of information for their members. The main national priorities for councils were *Care for Our Common Home*, Bill C-7/Medical Assistance/Hospice Facilities; pre-born/UN rights of the child and Canada's support of Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

An overwhelming 91% of presidents reported that their spirituals advisors were supportive with most in contact with them weekly or monthly and that they even attended executive or general meetings. The most popular resources used for meetings were the *Constitution & Bylaws*, council policy and procedure manual and the *Executive Handbook*. Cheques and banking documents were the main official documents council presidents signed. Fifty-seven percent of presidents used the League letterhead for internal documents while about 30% referenced their council's membership in their correspondence.

Roughly about two to seven presidents were fully covered by their council to attend conferences, fundraising events, workshops and paid conventions. Ninety-five percent of presidents reported using the *Executive Handbook* and found it helpful for their team. Sixty-four percent of presidents provided an annual report of council activities to members with two-thirds of them using emails to do so.

Presidents were most satisfied with communication from the regional and diocesan levels, with communication from the diocesan level most relevant. Thirty-four percent of presidents indicated that communication from the national, provincial, diocesan and regional was duplicated. Forty-five percent of councils indicated they usually have sufficient time to act on the communication they received from all levels of the League. Presidents received the most support from the immediate past president, followed by their current executive. The main challenges in their role were unfilled executive positions,

paperwork, keeping members interested, recruiting, feeling overwhelmed, time, tedious policies and procedures. Fourteen presidents indicated that technology and being undertrained were challenges for them.

### **Toronto Diocesan Council 2021 Highlights**

Two hundred and sixty members celebrated the first diocesan virtual New Year's event in hope with a prayer service, musical performances, storytelling, poetry reading, sharing jokes and a slideshow of council photos. Councils in Humber Valley, North York, Peel, Scarborough and Toronto regions started the year in lockdowns due the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which was temporarily lifted in March, and then councils in all seven regions were in lockdown in April until June. This affected the councils' ability for in-person meetings and fundraising during the year. Sixty percent of the 83 councils in an October 2021 survey were holding meetings during the year with 55% meeting virtually, 27% in-person and 18% used a hybrid of both.

The spring regional general meetings were held virtually and combined from seven to three regions, but separate meetings were held in the fall. The first meeting with Cardinal Collins since 2019 was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meetings were held on May 15<sup>th</sup> using partial virtual format with 287 members present. The live streamed Mass from St. Edward the Confessor prior to the AGMs had 400 views. Google forms were used to evaluate the AGMs and other events during the year.

The Toronto Diocesan Council 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> virtually with 370 members and guests in attendance. A Centennial Mass was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. As president, actively participated on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee. Also, provided the welcome greetings at both anniversary events and completed the presentation of parish councils, regional and diocesan events for each decade that was shown at the 100<sup>th</sup> AGM on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Prepared and signed with Msgr. O'Dea the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificates presented to parish councils and spiritual advisors on the parish, regional and past diocesan executives.

Over 160 members attended the *Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity* virtually on September 25<sup>th</sup> with live streamed Mass, workshop on cultural competence and presentation of members in cultural costumes. Many of the virtual events in the year included members and non-members from other provinces. National President Fran Lucas sent a letter to His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins confirming that the Toronto Diocesan Council will be hosting the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention on August 10-13, 2025.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Recruit and encourage younger members to take on leadership roles.
- ❖ Subsidize presidents to attend events such as workshops, conventions, spiritual events, etc.
- ❖ Embrace technology by using virtual, or hybrid to increase efficiencies.
- ❖ Use partial virtual for future annual general meetings and conventions in non-election years and in-person for election years.
- ❖ Encourage members to use websites to address complaints about too much or not always receiving emails from other levels of the League.

## **Report of the Recording Secretary**

*Shaila D'Souza*

Fifty-four of the 102 councils submitted a Joint Secretaries Annual Report for 2021. Eighteen councils had both the recording secretary and corresponding secretary positions. In 13 councils, both positions were held by one person and only 18 just held the recording secretary position. The average length of time in the position was just under three years. Nineteen recording secretaries were elected while 26 were appointed.

Thirty-five of the recording secretaries were one of the signing officers for their council. League resources such as the council's charter, *Handbook for Secretaries* and the *Personal Writing Guide* were available in most councils. Forty-three percent of the executive submitted a written report, 36% sometimes and 21% did not. Fifty-nine percent of councils have motion books.

Some of the challenges councils reported during the year included the COVID-19 pandemic and not being able to meet or infrequent meetings, absence of a recording secretary, difficulty taking minutes during virtual meetings, executive not submitting reports for meetings, not receiving agenda topics, not adhering to the agenda, some members not on email.

The year was much better than 2020 as the executive was more comfortable with Zoom meetings. Another council reported that September represented good news as they were able to meet in-person and combine with Zoom. The support of the President and others was appreciated by one.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Use a template for meeting agendas and minutes and complete and submit the Annual Report survey
- ❖ Encourage all executive to submit written reports before and or during meetings.
- ❖ Ensure that the meeting minutes accurately reflect the action items during the meetings and once adopted have been signed by the recording secretary and the president.
- ❖ Refer to recommendations provided in the 2019 and 2020 TDC Annual Report books posted online.

## **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

*Nancy Fenech*

Fifty-four of the 102 councils submitted a joint Secretaries Annual Report for 2021. Of these councils, 18 had one secretary that handled both recording of the minutes and all correspondence; three had a separate corresponding secretary. 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 (38%) councils have a copy of the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide* from national office. Thirty-eight (72%) councils reported having the *Handbook for Secretaries*.

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 2020 – 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*

In 2021, the Toronto Diocesan Council concluded with a total of 102 councils which made us the second largest council in Ontario. Seventy-two of these councils participated in the 2021 online Treasurer's Annual Report survey. The results of the survey are a great opportunity to share the good deeds our councils performed for God and Canada.

The report is an indication of the commitments and engagement of each and every council through the varied donations made and a reflection of their calendar year's efforts and hard work ensuring donations are equitably allocated. Seventy-two of one hundred and two councils submitted and shared their reports. The chart below includes the donations made to the National Voluntary Funds and a breakdown by standing committees.

<b>National Voluntary Fund</b>		<b>% of Total</b>
Coady International Institute	683.00	0.46%
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace	1,591.00	1.08%
Catholic Missions In Canada	3,859.00	2.62%
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	1,083.00	0.74%
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	900.00	0.61%
National Bursary Fund	283.00	0.19%
<b>National Voluntary Fund Sub-total</b>	<b>8,399.00</b>	<b>5.71%</b>

<b>Standing Committees</b>		
Spiritual Development	6,987.00	4.75%
Organization	4,102.00	2.80%
Christian Family Life	14,717.00	10.0%
Community Life	49,049.00	33.35%
Education and Health	17,998.00	12.24%
Communications	2,095.00	1.42%
<b>Standing Committees Sub-total</b>	<b>94,948.00</b>	<b>64.56%</b>

<b>All Donations</b>		
National Voluntary Fund Sub-total	8,399.00	5.71%
Standing Committees Sub-total	94,948.00	64.56%
Parish Donations	43,717.00	29.73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147,064.00</b>	<b>100 %</b>

In 2021, the Toronto Diocesan Council, received donations towards its Voluntary Funds: St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Scholarship Foundation\*. Thank you for the continued support.

Listed below is a breakdown of donations received and disbursements made for the Toronto Diocesan Voluntary Funds for 2021.

<b>Nat'l #</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>St. Michael's Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>Margaret Ann Jacobs Scholarship Fund*</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
T015	Good Shepherd	North York	50	50	100
T009	Holy Cross	Toronto	100	100	200
T025	Our Lady of Lourdes	Toronto	50	50	100
T034	Precious Blood	Scarborough	50	50	100
T123	St. Aidan's	Scarborough	50	50	100
T115	St. Anthony de Padua	Peel	200	-	200
T039	St. Batholomew	Scarborough	100	100	200
T058	St. Boniface	Scarborough	-	50	50
T054	St. Edward the Confessor	North York	100	100	200
T136	St. John XXIII	North York	100	100	200
T068	St. John Evangelist	Durham	25	25	50
T066	St. John Fisher	Peel	100	100	200
T069	St. John Vianney	Northern	33	33	66
T071	St. Joseph Highland Creek	Scarborough	50	50	100
T130	St. Leo the Great	Durham	50	50	100
T113	St. Martin of Tours	Peel	100	100	200
T087	St. Mary of the People	Durham	50	-	50
T083	St. Mary's	Peel	100	200	300
T132	St. Patrick	North York	200	100	300
T144	St. Rose of Lima	Scarborough	50	-	50
T141	Guardian Angels	Peel	50	-	50
	Other Donation			100	100
	<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>\$1608</b>	<b>\$1,408</b>	<b>\$3,016</b>
	Less: Disbursements		-3,000	-2,000	
	<b>Net Donations</b>		<b><u>-1,392</u></b>	<b><u>-592</u></b>	
	#Donors		20	18	

## **Recommendations**

- ❖ Submit membership fees to national in a timely manner as received from members. It is not necessary to wait until all fees are collected.
- ❖ Complete and submit the Treasurer's Annual Report every year and participate in the online survey. This is an engaging way to share the good works of your council with all the levels of the League and equally important in order to put forward suggestions your council may have.
- ❖ Contribute to the Toronto Diocesan Council 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, (CCAS) Foundation Scholarship Fund) to support our youths.
- ❖ Prepare an annual budget to be approved at the council's annual general meeting by the membership. It is important to consistently review the budget monthly with actual expenditures to properly assess the council's current financial situation.

## **Report of the Past President/Historian**

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*Ann D'Souza*

Forty-nine councils submitted their 2021 annual report. Ninety percent of the councils have the past-president position filled in. Forty-one percent fall in the age bracket of 65-74 years and 14 percent fall in the bracket of 45-54 years.

### **Consultant**

Twenty-one percent responded having served as consultant three times in a month and 16% responded less than once a month, 89% declared that their president felt the support of the past president. Fifty-three percent reported taking on duties as requested including meetings, elections, and events such as charity and fund-raising.

Advice sought by councils from diocesan executives: 20% annually, 16% quarterly and 45% reported as rarely; from provincial executives: 4% annually and 43% reported as rarely.

### **Archives and History**

Sixty-six percent responded being responsible for the archives of the council, 11% responded that the council secretary looked after the archives and only 5% appointed someone else to do it. Fifty-three percent responded that their council archives are stored in a cupboard or filing cabinet at church and 16% stored it in their home.

Ninety-two percent knew the whereabouts of their council charter and 8% did not know where it is.

The various methods councils used for storing were: 69% in photo albums, 57% in banker boxes, 55% in filing cabinets, 37% in scrapbooks, 35% on memory sticks, and 8% on DVD's and CD's.

Twenty-five percent of the councils kept the annual report for 5-8 years and 16% kept them for 1-4 years. Sixty six percent of councils kept the Book of Life for an indefinite time, 20% did not keep it, while 8% kept it for 5-8 years.

Sixty-five percent kept the council's past executives' lists for an indefinite period and 14% kept these for 5-8 years. Forty-one percent kept the minutes of executive meetings for an indefinite period and 27% kept them for 5-8 years.

Eighty-four percent of the councils reviewed the archives as needed. Sixty-nine percent maintained a history book.

### **Constitution & Bylaws**

Ninety-six percent of the councils have a copy of the national *Constitution & Bylaws*. Sixteen percent reviewed it every couple of years. Ninety-four percent reported having the *National Manual Policy and Procedure* and 6% did not have one. Fifty-one referred to the manual, 18% referred multiple times in a year and 16% every couple of years.

Fifty-nine percent have their own council *Policy and Procedure Manual*, 41% do not have one. Forty-five percent updated it whenever there was a change in policy, 31% updated every two years and 14% updated it annually.

### **Communications from Levels of the League**

Twenty-one percent are always satisfied receiving communication from national, 17%

when receiving from provincial, 34% from diocesan and 38% from regional. Twenty percent found the communication relevant from national, 17% from provincial and 37% from the diocese. 24% found it clear and concise from national, 22% from provincial and 30% from diocesan. Eleven percent reported receiving duplicate communications from national, provincial, diocesan and/or regional.

### **Diocesan Highlights**

Due to the pandemic, councils found creative ways of keeping in touch, either via telephone or holding meetings virtually via ZOOM. Due to restrictions of the pandemic, some council activities within parishes did not take place. Some members helped senior CWL members by running errands, buying groceries. There were some members who had to be caretakers due to illness of the spouse or in the family. Increase in using technology was seen in members. Spiritual growth was visible in members as many gathered virtually to say the rosary, attend retreats, and invited speakers to their general meetings. Some were able to raise funds to help families in their parish.

Responses on the question: *“Reflecting on your term as president, is there anything you could do to make your successor's experience more enjoyable and fulfilling?”*

Past president reported stepping in, to help in filling roles when either an executive or when a president stepped down. Some reported difficulty in concentrating and implementing discussions during the pandemic when contact is restricted; if held in person, following COVID protocol, and wearing masks sometimes made it difficult to understand what was being said.

Some concerns were raised as younger women wear many hats and found it difficult to balance work and personal life and that it is getting difficult to retain membership. Communication through e-mails and phone calls was very important to stay connected with members. Attending virtually for some members was a challenge.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series was held on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme was *Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together*. The three speakers were from the Toronto, Durham and Hamilton Catholic school boards. They waived their speaker fees so \$1000 was donated to Mikinakoos Children's Fund in Thunder Bay.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Support the implementation and planning strategy. Attend workshops, webinars and keep the members updated at general meeting of the changes taking place and asking them to visit website. Promote a day in the month as “CWL Day” for these activities. Connect/help those who are not tech savvy, as some senior members felt left out during COVID times with no face-face meetings.
- ❖ Mentor members, get them more involved in all the activities of the council, consider their viewpoint. Celebrate service anniversaries, nominate members for awards: like the mentoring, or social justice award. Motivate members, recognize their commitments and dedication. This will go a long way to retain and renew membership.
- ❖ Ensure councils archive materials and have easy accessibility to the history of the League.

## **Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Spiritual Development**

*Kate O'Quinn*

*We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)*

Fifty out of 102 councils submitted a Spiritual Development Report for 2021 and 43/50 reported that spiritual development is a filled position.

### **Spiritual Growth of Members**

Spiritual development chairs helped their councils learn more about our national theme, *Care for Our Common Home* through studying and becoming familiar with *Laudato Si*; tree planting and Mary Gardens and sharing information from Diocesan Development Day. Sixty-eight percent of the councils reported that one third of their meeting was devoted to spiritual development. Liturgies/programs organized for councils this year showed monthly rosaries, novenas and prayer services/reflections to be the most popular. Other liturgical programs included Crowning of Mary, World Day of Prayer; Prayer Service for Year of St. Joseph; 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care; National Indigenous Peoples Day; and spiritual reflections for Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Kateri. The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel was celebrated virtually: live-streamed masses and taped Mass from Loretto Abbey. Councils celebrated CWL National Faith Day virtually through a prayer service received from the diocese. Spiritual advisors sometimes attend meetings thus few councils put them on their meeting agenda.

### **Spiritual Growth of Spiritual Development Chairs**

Spiritual development chairs identified the daily rosary, reading spiritual books and novenas the most popular ways they have developed their personal spirituality. Other ways included bible study, prayer partner, being involved with spiritual life of parish, member of *Word on Fire* and St. Augustine Institute, listening to Bishop Baron reflections and RCIA catechist. Forty-two percent reported they use the available resources on the national website, the most helpful being communiqués and prayers.

### **Study of Catholic Teaching**

Liturgies/programs organized to study and discuss Catholic Teachings included Christian rites and Saint of the Day, spiritual retreats and discussions from St. Augustine's. Most of the councils participated in Pope Francis' request to pray the rosary daily in May to end the pandemic, while few studied Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

### **Role of Women in the Church**

Councils promoted awareness of women in the church and society through discussions on the emerging roles of women in the Vatican and participation in the diocesan presentation *The Unique Role of Women*. The major leadership roles members have undertaken in the church are parish committee chairs (42 %), parish finance committee (36%) and parish pastoral council (32%). Other leadership roles included members on diocesan council/committees, regional pastoral councils, volunteer screening and altar preparation. Six out of 26 spiritual development chairs have joined their parish liturgy committee.

### **Evangelization and Mission Assistance**

Councils participated in the CWL Day of Prayer for Home Missions by reciting special prayers and the rosary. Councils support Catholic Missions In Canada financially, by

magazine subscriptions and clothing donations. Esk-omi Missions and Indigenous Children's Fund are other Canadian missions receiving support from our councils.

### **Lay Ministries**

Chairs participated in parish lay ministries, with the highest areas being Eucharistic minister, lector and decorating. Council member participation in lay ministries showed great involvement as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and hospitality. Council members were also involved in choir/music, decorating, cleaning, and as catechists.

### **Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours**

Councils did reach out to women of other denominations and faiths through joint prayer services, invitation to meetings, social events and joint speaker, but due to COVID restrictions, numbers were low. 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 (WICC) and World Union of Catholic Women's Organization (WUCWO). Councils promoted awareness or participated in activities with interfaith groups, with Indigenous (12) being highest number, followed by Muslim and Jewish.

### **Summary and Final Thoughts**

Spiritual development chairs reported training received in support of their role at diocesan level included diocesan newsletters, communications, and Development Day; at provincial level the provincial website and national level the national website and retreat. Councils shared new ideas, projects, workshops, with the top two being sitting in a circle to socialize prior to business meeting, spiritual and on-line meetings. Information they received this year to share at meetings that proved useful included presentations on Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and National Indigenous Peoples Day, shared prayer services, diocesan newsletter, communiqués and *Canadian League Magazine*. Shared success stories included using information from Mary Garden presentation to create one on Church grounds, spiritual virtual retreat and Zoom prayer meetings to reach out to members who are shut-ins.

### **Spiritual Programs Specific to Toronto Diocese**

Many diocesan virtual programs were offered and extremely well attended: live-streamed masses for 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> AGMs, Celebrating Our Diversity and our Centennial Mass; Presentations for National Indigenous Peoples Day, First National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. As the diocesan spiritual development chair, wrote prayer services for all diocesan events and presentations as well as for monthly CWL Wednesdays and Remembrance Day and shared with the membership.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Recommended training: spiritual development workshop, mentoring, on-line tutorial; Prayer Service Planning Workshop and training on Catholic Social Teachings.
- ❖ Provide a monthly or yearly calendar of events with topics for reflection. Diocesan chair to organize yearly gatherings of parish council chairs to discuss and share best practices.

## **Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Organization**

*Sue Lubowitz*

Members: 6380

Regions: 7

Councils: 102

Inactive Councils: 1

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 14

Councils in Toronto diocese experienced a completely different year in 2021 due to COVID-19. It changed life and activity in the League because of the impact of safety protocols in one of the hardest hit parts of the country. There were very few opportunities to attend in person meetings. In an effort to ameliorate the situation and provide parish councils with programming, the organization chair improvised and offered monthly virtual CWL Wednesdays to members. Topics included the presentation of workshops and toolkits from national office (*CWL Welcome Program*), on the provincial theme of Loneliness (*Internet or Interact*), as well as *Mary Gardens*, *Updates on the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action*, the *Unique Role of Women*. All were presented with participation from the executive council.

Fifty four councils participated in the national 2021 Organization Annual Report Survey. Of those, 35 (65%) reported that the position was filled. Unfortunately, 19 positions remained vacant. Of those reporting, 13 (37%) were new to the position and 22 (63%) were appointed to the position.

### **Recruit Members and Retain Membership**

The average number of members per council was 62 and the smallest council had 5 members. Sixteen councils reported having over 100 members. The largest council continues to be Sts. Peter and Paul who increased their membership again and now comprises 285 members. Overall, the Toronto Diocesan Council saw a decline of six percent in membership in 2021, due in most part because of the inherent difficulties associated with recruiting members and renewing memberships during the continued COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Members were surveyed on the leadership profile of their council. Councils were predominately urban (91%) and 89% felt that their membership reflected the cultural diversity of the parish and community. Twenty eight councils felt that the age diversity of their parish was not reflected in the membership of the council. Twenty three councils (66%) had heard of the “Embracing Diversity: Tools for Council Use”. Diocesan President Hilarion Mitchell and St. Monica Council member Philiz Goh were part of the working team that produced this kit.

Members were engaged in fundraising events (57%), social events (43%) and spiritual events (43%). Member recognition was most often done by the awarding of service pins (73%) but also with cards (71%). Thirteen councils reported holding a new members ceremony. No Bellelle Guerin pins were awarded but nine Maple Leaf Service pins were awarded to worthy recipients for their service to the League. The “*Welcome Program Toolkit*” was presented virtually by the organization chair in April 2021. Eighty per cent of councils reported hearing of the program and either received information from the

diocesan council (43%) or were invited to the workshop (35%). Eight councils reported implementing the toolkit in their parish.

Forty two (78%) used the online system to process membership renewals. Two councils made the difficult decision to officially disband: St. Anselm and St. Philip Neri. At year end, five councils had not paid their per capita fees but there were 217 “catch up” fees paid in 2021 for 2020.

### **Leadership Development**

The Toronto Diocesan Development Day was held virtually on February 22 with 370 members in attendance nationwide. The theme for the day was “The Future You” based on a TED talk from Pope Francis and the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. The themes of Interdependence, Inclusion and Hope were developed by the committee chairs. Parish Executive Training workshops were held virtually for three regions.

In spring 2021 the “*Executive Orientation*” workshop was introduced to assist parish councils with training their executives. Forty five councils (83%) reported hearing about this workshop and 32% reported receiving information from the diocesan organization chair. Three councils implemented.

### **League Resource Material and Annual Reports**

Councils were evenly split as to awareness of the latest activities of the Strategic Planning Implementation Committee. Twenty five councils set goals for the year that include members input and twenty seven reported having members that played a role at another level of the League. Nineteen councils used guidelines to assist executive members in completing their reports.

### **Life Membership**

Fourteen councils had a Life Member in their council. Honorary Life Member, Margaret Ann Jacobs continues to serve the League in her role as council president at our Lady of Lourdes parish in Northern Region and Life Member Mary Capobianco serves on the provincial council as community life chair. Eight councils recognized life members as a valuable resource and had the opportunity to gain their assistance.

### **2021 Council Anniversaries**

Twenty one councils celebrated milestone anniversaries during 2021 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 April 2022. 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.

10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	St. Ignatius Loyola Council, Peel Region St. John Bosco Council, Toronto Region
40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Good Shepherd Council, North York Region
45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	St. Martin of Tours Council, Peel Region St. Mary Immaculate Council, North York Region
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Nativity of Our Lord Council, Humber Valley Region

55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	St. Patrick Council, Schomberg, North York Region
60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	St. Francis de Sales Council, Durham Region St. John Council, Toronto Region
65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Holy Cross Council, Toronto Region Holy Martyrs of Japan Council, Northern Region St. Bonaventure Council, North York Region St. Edward the Confessor Council, North York Region
70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Our Lady of Lourdes Council, Toronto Region St. Helen Council, Toronto Region St. John the Evangelist Council, Humber Valley Region St. Monica Council, Toronto Region
90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Guardian Angels Council, Northern Region St. Mary Council, Collingwood, Northern Region
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	St. John Chrysostom Council, North York Region St. Mary Council, Barrie, Northern Region

### **Toronto Diocesan 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Toronto Diocesan Council celebrated with a virtual celebration on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Centennial Mass on October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This thanksgiving mass followed past tradition of the Toronto Council in celebrating milestone anniversaries at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. A time capsule will be opened at the 2022 convention. A more extensive report can be found on pages 37 and 38 by 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary chair, Life Member Mary Hawkey.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Continue to use the League's "*Welcome Program*" for new members and to re-assess the information from all other members in order to determine interest, contact information etc. Hold new member ceremonies as a way to continue to engage members.
- ❖ Implement the *Embracing Diversity* toolkit to broaden the base of the membership Include social media as a means to recruit members and to inform members. Implement the *Executive Orientation* toolkit as a presentation to the whole council to generate interest in serving on the executive.
- ❖ Incorporate the use of the online membership portal for membership renewals as part of a review of best practices at the parish level.
- ❖ 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 48 councils. Councils accessed information and resources from CWL websites, Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops website, diocesan and provincial newsletters, *The Catholic Register* and Vatican website.

### **Marriage and Family**

Councils were limited in providing programming and enrichment to support family and healthy marriages. Events that were organized included recognition of the Amoris Laetitia Family year, a marriage prep course, programs for families, Marriage Encounter weekends, a Marriage and Family life prayer group and Consecration to St. Joseph. Three councils celebrated National Family Week and a few held special masses for married couples. Women and children suffering abuse were supported through financial contributions and donations of essential items such as hygiene products, masks and quilts.

### **Sanctity of Life**

Members were active in their promotion and participation in pro-life activities by demonstrating commitment to their pro-life stance in a variety of ways: memberships in a local pro-life organization, involvement in Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, virtual March for Life, pro-life walks and vigils and pro-life masses. Monies were donated to Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, pregnancy and Family Support Services, Birthright and Campaign Life Coalition. Some councils donated items to pregnancy centers and Sisters of Life. Twenty-four councils wrote letters to government to express the CWL position on abortion, euthanasia and the Medical Assistance in Dying act. Councils continue to pray for the protection of life on an ongoing basis.

The Toronto Diocesan Council hosted a virtual presentation titled *Vaccines: Faith and Science Working Together* on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to address members' concerns about ethical COVID-19 vaccines. Dr. Moira McQueen, Director of the Canadian Catholics Bioethics Institute facilitated. Over 460 members from across Canada attended. A summary was prepared on the Summer Jobs Program and Pregnancy Care Centres and Charitable Donation Status and mailed out to update membership and to encourage action.

### **Ministry to Youth**

St. Francis Xavier Council and Sts. Peter and Paul Council in Peel Region and St. Bartholomew Council, Scarborough have a Catholic Girls League (CGL). Summer camps, Sunday School programs, Catholic Christian Outreach, NET Ministries, Edge, Life Teen, a youth conference, were supported through financial donations or by some direct involvement by membership. One council sponsored Silent Children's Mission. Another council encouraged their CGL to support Mary's Meals. Newsletter articles covered NET Ministries, Chaplaincy Connect and National Campus Life Network.

### **Ministry to the Disabled**

Councils reached out to the disabled through prayer, visitation, home communion, cards, transportation, initiating social programs, celebrations and meal sharing. Operation

Eyesight, Viktoria Fun, St. Vincent de Paul, and food banks were supported through financial donations or the provision of essential items.

### **Ministry to Seniors**

Councils connected with seniors mainly through telephone and email contact during the height of the pandemic. Members contacted elected officials to express concern over the vulnerability of seniors and advocated for the need to provide long term care homes with adequate support in terms of staffing, support hours and protective wear. Members carried out mask collections and created lap blankets and quilts. Window-side visits occurred by members due to restrictions on face-to-face visits. Other forms of connection included sending cards, bringing communion, praying with seniors over the telephone, intercessory prayer, providing transportation and dropping off meals and groceries. Councils encouraged seniors to participate in online events and gifted them with memberships. Eight councils initiated social events. Fourteen councils invited newly-retired women to join the League.

A summary was prepared on *Home and Community Care Support Services* and forwarded to councils to encourage action.

### **Ministry to Widowed, Separated or Divorced**

There was overwhelming support of widows and widowers through a card ministry, prayer following the death of a spouse, home visits, invitation to online meetings and parish programs, arranging memorial services and funeral luncheons. Two councils purchased copies of the brochure *Annulments Today- Merciful and Just* for members or to be available in the parish.

### **Vocations**

This area continued to be a large thrust of councils. Many councils prepared spiritual bouquets, participated in prayers for vocations both online and individual prayers, intercessory prayers and adopting or supporting seminarians. One council arranged a reception for newly ordained deacons. The Chalice program was carried out. The Ordinandi event was promoted extensively. Parish councils collected a total of 693,430 prayer offerings for the Ordinandi Spiritual Bouquet which was presented virtually to the Ordinandi Class of 2021 by Diocesan President Hilarion Mitchell. Members supported the candidates by viewing the event online. Some members also provided monetary donations to Serra Club or by becoming members of the organization.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Continue to monitor government on Sanctity of Life issues including life-not-yet born, palliative care, the disabled, Long Term Care.
- ❖ Promote Theology of the Body.
- ❖ Actively promote youth programs at the parish level including EDGE, Life Teen, CGL and World Youth Day 2023.
- ❖ Subscribe to the Toronto Diocesan Council newsletter in order to receive timely information on topics pertaining to this committee.

## **Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Communications**

*Mary Tuccitto*

In 2021, 51 councils completed and submitted a Communications Annual Report, 58% of communications chair positions were equally filled by either election or appointment.

### **The Canadian League Magazine**

In the Winter edition the President's Message was the most popular, resonating at 56% (27) with councils, while both in the Spring and Fall editions councils reported the President's Message as the most highly resonating at 42%. (20) The *Caring for Our Common Home* article featured in the Winter edition continues to be a popular read with our councils at 42% (20). This was followed by *Mary's Meals: A Simple Solution to World Hunger* at 40% (19) of councils as the second most popular article in that same Winter Edition. Of responding councils, *Role of Women in the Church: A Personal Reflection* followed at 33% (16). Councils reported *The Canadian League Magazine* as an excellent and invaluable educational resource for members and their families and particularly appreciated member's faith based articles and membership retention.

### **Media for Evangelization**

*Resolution 1978.03 Catholic Press* encouraged members to promote Catholic Newspapers, Periodicals and Magazines and councils did promote *The Catholic Register* 44% (21). Vision TV was viewed by 25% (12) of respondents and 23% (11) subscribed to Salt+Light while 15% (7) availed themselves of the Mass for shut-ins. An incredible 94% (45) of councils shared the League sponsored Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel.

### **Media to Promote the League**

Members have been encouraged to use [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for the most current information at a rate of 85% (41). Other forms of social media such as Facebook and Twitter for CWL information have held steady at 65% (31). Of reporting councils, email at 98% (44) followed by church bulletins at 84% (38) were the highest forms of promoting council events and activities directly to members and the parish community while the telephone call through a telephone committee continues to be a popular and effective tool to connect with members, inviting them to events and sharing news at a rate of 88% (42). This was an increase from 2020.

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

Twenty-seven percent (13) of councils, encouraged members to monitor media for good content but very little discussion or action was taken with respect to offending content.

### **Media Newsletter and Bulletins**

Twenty five councils reported producing a council newsletter. The council president prepared the newsletters at a rate of 44% (11) while 40% (10) were produced by the communications chairs with input from other members. Increasingly, email was the most popular form of distributing council newsletters at a rate of 88% (22) followed by mailing directly to members at 48% (12) while some councils were able to share their newsletters through the parish bulletin and mail slots. The church bulletin remains a popular form of promoting council events and activities. Fifty six percent of councils reported sharing

their activities on parish websites, followed by bulletin inserts, Facebook, On the Spot, and council specific designed promotional brochures, council websites and local newspapers.

### **Media Relations**

Eight councils submitted materials for publication to local media in the interest of promoting the League or their council activities; seven invited them to attend an event and two councils acknowledged and thanked the media after their event was advertised. Sixty seven percent (32) of councils did not advertise the League in local media.

### **Pornography**

Eight councils read newsletter articles on the negative influence pornography has on children and adults and four attended a seminar or conference on the topic. The League's *Pornography Hurts* postcards were mailed to MPs mainly in the months of February and October by two councils. The *Over 18* documentary was promoted by three councils and the film *Red Light Green Light* by four councils. 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*. One council reported sharing a video on human trafficking with a local high school, averting a student falling prey – Faith in Action! Councils shared the strategic plan information with members enthusiastically, at a rate of 71% (34) as printed in *The Canadian League Magazine* and on the national website and twelve councils have also been reciting the strategic plan's Renewal Prayer.

### **Toronto Diocesan Council Communications**

Toronto Diocesan Council was featured in two articles in the special edition of *The Catholic Register Magazine* on the 100<sup>th</sup> National Anniversary on *The Changing Face of The CWL* and *Garden Project Puts Creative Hands to Work*. The Toronto Diocesan Council 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was featured on the Archdiocese of Toronto website on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A congratulatory message on behalf of all members was placed in *The Catholic Register* (September 19<sup>th</sup>) for Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, TDC Spiritual Advisor, on his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. The Centennial Mass on October 7<sup>th</sup> was celebrated at St. Michael Cathedral Basilica and was live streamed with 1700 views. A tree photo collage of the executive, regional chairs and convention and anniversary committees with the year they joined (roots) the League and 2021 (branch out) into the future in recognition of the anniversary was posted on the Toronto Diocesan Council website

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Promote and make use of social media in evangelization and promoting the League. Encourage members to monitor media for good content, taking action on offending items
- ❖ Councils are encouraged to produce a parish council newsletter and website and to 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 Community Life**

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*Ciscily Winkler*

Congratulations to the 41 of 102 councils who submitted their 2021 Community Life Annual Report. This position was filled by twenty-seven councils and remained vacant by fourteen. Of those councils reporting, fourteen were elected and thirteen were appointed.

### **Dignity and Rights of Persons**

Some councils (22) were familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The majority of councils (34) supported those suffering from homelessness and poverty financially (34), with guest speakers (9), workshops (2) and volunteer hours (14). Supports were directed through local charities such as food banks (26), Out of the Cold programs, Meals on Wheels, clothing drives (15), Women's Shelters, and parish associated ministries, gift cards, and items for babies. Those suffering from bullying, domestic violence, human trafficking, and racism were supported financially (19), with guest speakers (12), workshops (4), and volunteer hours (11).

Eighteen councils became aware of the laws in the fight against human trafficking, and fourteen councils shared this information with members. The Public Safety Canada 2018 Human Trafficking Consultation Report, *Building a Safe and Resilient Canada* was read and discussed by six councils. Ten councils participated in the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking (February 8<sup>th</sup>), and eight councils participated in the Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day (February 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Twenty-four councils were aware of the struggles of Indigenous women, and eight councils discussed *Bill C-262 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*.

*Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, An Amendment to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* was reviewed and monitored by four councils, three councils strengthened or established programs for foreign workers, and six councils monitored government's response to the request.

Four councils monitored the Canada Summer Job (CSJ) 2021 application and updated and encouraged members to check for its wordings and to write letters if needed.

### **Social and Economic Justice**

Several councils helped and supported Social and Economic Justice activities. Twenty-nine councils supported organizations for affordable housing initiatives, anti-poverty foundation/campaign; school programs; emergency/drop-in-centres for the homeless, those of domestic violence; employment and skills training; shelters for single parents; restorative justice; violence prevention programs; and The Wish Foundation. Councils were very creative in their supports due to COVID-19 either financially, or by virtual workshops and prayers

Fourteen councils supported organizations that assist Indigenous peoples. Twenty councils celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. Twenty-seven councils recognized the First National Day for Truth and Reconciliation held on September 30.

Twenty-three councils wore orange on September 30, Orange Shirt Day in recognition of the impact recognized as cultural genocide.

Six councils supported the restorative justice program with prayers, and the program: Angel Tree Christmas (Prison Fellowship Canada) which brings children and their incarcerated parent together at Christmas.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) was supported by six councils with a mean sum of \$95.83. Seven councils celebrated the CWL Day of Prayer for Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and the Middle East on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Nine councils became informed about Canada's official immigration and refugee policies, and can explain them to others. Members' understanding of the needs of immigrants and refugees in their community, regarding availability of employment services, English language courses, financial assistance offered for food and rent, countries of origin and their number in the community have been rated fair to very good by twenty-two councils. Thirty councils can explain the difference between a temporary foreign worker, immigrant and refugee. Participated/supported: citizenship ceremonies (3); Remembrance Day (25); poppy campaign (34), wore red on Friday in support of Canadian troops (18).

### **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)**

Fifteen councils were familiar with the 1% League's program for CCODP. Six councils participated in the annual 1% program with a mean of \$121.60 as per five councils.

### **Developing Countries**

Seven councils supported Mary's Meals. Councils became aware of: child labour in developing countries (9), implications of trade laws (4), the economic difficulties of developing countries (8), or criticized structures that put profit before people (5). Some councils supported the following organizations in the developing countries: Chalice (13), Save A Family Plan (7), Operation Christmas Child (6), Holy Childhood Association (4), Habitat for Humanity, Samaritans Purse, Sleeping Children Around the World, World Vision (3 each), Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention group (2), Doctors Without Borders, Canadian Red Cross, Mustard Seed project, Operation Eyesight Universal, and Pennies for the Poor (1 each)

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Promote community life among members. Mentors are available, just ask.
- ❖ Peruse communiqués, newsletters, *The Canadian League Magazine*, and website resources for additional information.
- ❖ Observe needs in your community; address them, maybe with a resolution.
- ❖ Invite a speaker, friends and/or family to attend your CWL meetings. Be involved.

## **Report of the Standing Committee Chair for Education and Health**

*Connie Cristinziano*

Forty-eight of 102 councils submitted Education and Health Standing Committee Reports for 2021, as compared to 68 councils in 2020. There were 15 vacant positions. Although councils were presented with many challenges due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, their resilience and commitment to this standing committee contributed to the reported successes.

### **Catholic Schools and Catechesis**

Councils reported they were aware of the quality and availability of Catholic religious instructions in their parish (57%) and schools (64%). Sixteen councils reported actively encouraging parental participation in all areas of school activities; 18 councils identified specific needs in schools.

### **Rites of Christian Initiation**

Twenty three (48%) councils reported being involved in sacramental initiation programs in their parish. Several councils had members facilitating the RCIA program.

### **Literacy and Continuing Education**

Nine councils encouraged members to assist those who wished to improve their literacy skills. The annual Youth Award contests that offer students the opportunity to reflect on the Objects of the League was not held because of pandemic restrictions placed in schools and parishes.

### **Scholarships and Bursaries**

Seventeen councils compiled lists of scholarships and bursaries that were available to members or community and 25 provided bursaries and/or scholarships. Recipients included Catholic women, elementary, high school and university/college students. One council offered a Christian Spirit award to two grade 8 students who demonstrated an exemplary practice of gospel and Catholic values in everyday life. Six councils promoted the National Bursary Fund and six councils contributed to the Coady International Institute.000

The Toronto Diocesan Council offered two scholarships through St. Michael's College University of Toronto and The Catholic Children's Aid Foundation.

### **Wellness and Sickness/Disease**

Three councils acted on resolution *2015.01: Increased Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Services*. Councils shared resources or had a guest speaker on how COVID affected mental health. Seven councils participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign.

Twenty nine councils supported various national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians. One council had two members registered for the Partners for Life Program using the CWL unique Partner ID (CATH011269).

Thirty five councils supported the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care (May 2-6) by a virtual prayer service. Others arranged for 12 members in each council to pray for one hour in their homes or provided members with the resource kit and urged them to focus on palliative care during the week. Seven councils utilized the palliative care postcard and

provided information on advance care planning. One council provided members with information on emergency response information kits.

### **Environment**

Sixty six percent of councils participated in the *Care for our Common Home* initiative. Fifteen councils planted a tree to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League.

Two councils celebrated the United Nations World Water Day (March 21<sup>st</sup>). Two councils used the Catholic Relief Service's *Water for Life Discussion Guide* and 7 participated in activities organized by Earth Day Network on April 22. Forty three councils focused on recycling and reducing waste. Pandemic restrictions limited ways councils could participate or support various environmental initiatives but they did circulate information virtually or through emails.

Knowledge with regards to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes considering the teaching of the Catholic Church was rated by 33 councils: 2 as excellent; 3 as very good; 16 as good; 7 as fair; and 5 as poor. Six councils reported they subscribe to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletters.

The League endeavours "to enhance the role of women in church and society". A virtual presentation was organized through this standing committee chair on *The Unique Role of Women*. The facilitator from the Campus Ministries Office of Catholic Youth Archdiocese of Toronto spoke on women's impact on the family, communities, workplaces, education, church and society and understanding a woman's essential dignity and equality.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Increase focus on bioethics issues. Visit the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute website at <https://www.bioethics.ca/> to receive email notifications of events and their newsletters. Assign individuals that have a passion or expertise in this field to report regularly.
- ❖ Increase awareness of resolutions that pertain to this standing committee. Visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) and/or [www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca). for a complete list of resolutions Review at least one action plan yearly and focus on what section or items of the plan that could be achieved by your council. Consider and identify the need and benefit of initiating a new resolution on issues that pertain to this standing committee.
- ❖ Increase awareness of the Mental Health and Palliative Care Postcard campaign and the Canadian Blood Services' CWL Partners for Life Program.
- ❖ Increase awareness of the National Bursary Fund. Visit the national website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca).

## **Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Legislation**

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*Elizabeth Joseph*

Forty-one councils completed the Legislation Annual Report for 2021. Fifteen councils reported that this standing committee chair was filled. Nine councils had an elected chairperson, and six councils appointed a legislation chairperson.

Ninety- three percent of councils knew the names of their municipal representative; 100% knew the names of their provincial and federal representatives.

Fifty-three percent of councils reported monitoring and studying legislation at the municipal government level, 47% reported monitoring and studying legislation at the provincial government level; and 60% reported monitoring and studying legislation at the federal government levels. Seventy-three percent of councils reported they received mailings from their municipal representative; and 80 % received mailings from their provincial and federal representatives.

Three councils attended public forums by governments at any level. The topics included political rallies held by opposition members during the election campaign, Region of Peel forum on recycling and Brampton Advisory Committee.

Councils rated their knowledge of the issues being discussed by government at all levels, with well informed to somewhat informed being the highest rating at 93% at the municipal level and 100% at provincial and federal levels.

Six councils (40%) accessed Hansard, LegisInfo and other websites. Other websites included CWL national, provincial, diocesan and parish; Coalition Life, Canadian Bioethics Institute, *Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, Coalition for Health Care and Conscience website; Campaign Life website; The deVeber Institute; Toronto Archdiocesan website and Catholic Bioethics Institute; publications suggested by the CWL; and *The Catholic Register*; and Environmental Registry of Ontario <https://ero.ontario.ca/>; CTC Source Protection <https://ctcswp.ca/>; Ontario Health Coalition; <https://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/> *Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy* <https://www.povertyinpeel.ca/>

### **Federal Bills from the 43rd Parliament, 2nd Session**

Thirty- eight councils (93%) shared information on Bill C-7 *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*; 24 councils (58%) shared information on Bill C-233 *Sex-selective Abortion Act* and 33 councils (80%) shared information on *Intimidation of Health Care Professionals Act*.

### **Other Bills monitored by councils**

Five councils monitored and or acted upon other federal bills. The federal bills monitored were: *An Act to Restrict Young Persons Access to Sexually Explicit Material*; *Conversion Therapy: Act to Amend the Broadcasting Act*; *An Act to Amend the Citizenship Act*; *United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples*; *An Act to Amend the Bills of Exchange Act*, the *Interpretation Act and Canadian Labour Code*; *Sex Trafficking Act*; *Canadian Bill of Rights*; *National Fresh Water Strategy* and *National Food Waste*

*Awareness Day.*

### **Provincial Bills**

Five councils monitored provincial bills including *Viewer Discretion Act; Providing More Care, Protecting Seniors and Building More Beds Act; Provision of Information Respecting Down's Syndrome, 2020*; Long Term Care and Seniors Legislation, Commissions and Reports; *Indigenous Rights to Safe Drinking Water Act*; Long -Term Care COVID-19 Commission's recommendations; all Government of Ontario Bills; *Time to Care Act: Long-Term Care Homes Amendment, Minimum Standard of Daily Care*; *Gender Affirming Health Care Advisory Committee Act, 2021*.

Two councils used the Legislation Faith in Action Workshop while ten councils were unaware of the workshop and plan to use the workshop in 2022.

### **Shared Councils' Legislation Activities**

Five councils shared their legislation activities. Legislation activities included: instructed members to use prepared email letters on websites such as Campaign Life. Members were educated on the *Truth and Reconciliation Report*, implemented save water strategies and members conducted a Rain Barrel drive, monitored Covid-19 protocols. Signed petitions were sent to the Ontario Premier and Prime Minister Trudeau on paid sick days in Ontario. The link to the archdiocesan webinar *Voting Like a Catholic* was provided. Councils also participated in the online petition to MPP and Premier 'A Place to Worship'.

### **Challenges experienced as Legislation Chairperson**

Twenty Our councils reported the following challenges: no proper guidelines to get information/education on this position and having to wait for national's instructions to trickle down to parish level. Councils were reminded that they only speak as a private citizen. Council members are not concerned about government legislation, but in their well-being. No meetings were held due to COVID restrictions. Some councils only held meetings to pass motions and make donations to charities. Keeping members informed of various pieces of legislation was also a challenge as was getting members to actually act and participate in this position. Reporting on legislation via zoom can be challenging as it is too detailed. Councils were hopeful that the "Faith in Action" resource would increase member confidence in the role.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Refer to the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook* and the *Resolutions Resource Guide* to assist with writing a resolution.
- ❖ Follow up on action plans of resolutions passed at the provincial and national levels.
- ❖ Watch the news and read printed (newspaper, magazines) and digital (online newspaper, websites) media for resolution topic ideas.

## **Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Resolutions**

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*Andrea Smart*

Thirty of the 102 councils in the Toronto Diocese submitted a 2021 Resolutions Standing Committee Report. The resolutions standing committee chair was filled in 28% of councils by election and appointment. Eight-eight per cent of councils reported that the resolutions standing committee chair is shared with the legislation standing committee. The person completing the annual report was usually a member of the parish council executive.

Preparing resolutions continues to challenge councils due to not having a chairperson, lack of interest and finding a topic. In 2021, the pandemic created an additional challenge for councils as very few were able to meet in person because of public health directives. This meant that for most councils, resolution topics were not a priority. Four per cent of councils expected to complete a resolution for adoption prior to the Toronto diocesan's deadline to receive resolution topics. One council prepared a resolution *Support Fund for the National Council to Help Defray Modernization Costs* for consideration. The resolution was not accepted for presentation at the Toronto Diocesan's 2022 convention. Ten per cent of councils reported considering and studying issues that might become resolutions.

Research of resolutions included revisiting past resolutions and viewing some of the videos under the *To Inspire* tab on the national website. The past resolution acted upon in 2021 was 2019.01 *Canada to Honour Its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*. Issues that ignited most passion were euthanasia, assisted dying and Indigenous issues. Other passionate issues were abortion, ethical vaccines, gender identity, home care, palliative care and pollution (5% each). Twenty-eight per cent of councils became familiar with resolutions requiring action.

Seventy-five per cent of councils indicated that they refer to communiqués from all levels of the League and found them to be very informative, provided direction and guidelines for resolutions. Members were made aware of resolutions adopted by any level of the League through meetings, email or newsletters. Annual reports and oral reports on resolutions were considered helpful and important. It is helpful to be reminded of the work done under resolutions. The reports provide more direction on how to work through them.

Members wrote or emailed their MPs about 2019.01 *Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Christian Family Life* and *Bill C-7 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*. One council's christian family life chair wrote their MP regarding 2019.01 *Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* and received a phone call from him encouraging her to write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Justice David Lametti. After sharing this information with the council, several members wrote to the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice. Strong interest was shown but the council did not track the number of letters sent. Two councils had a total of 30 –

35 members from their councils write and email their MPs regarding Bill C-7 *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*.

The two most popular ways (38% for each) cited by members for their own personal development that outline the resolutions process in the League were attendance at diocesan, provincial or national convention and development days or workshops at diocesan or provincial levels.

Success stories for the resolutions standing committee were the education of members on Bill C-6 and Bill C-7 and were encouraged to address these issues by making a phone call or emailing their MPs and MPPs.

### **Recommendations**

- ❖ Refer to the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook* and the *Resolutions Resource Guide* to assist with writing a resolution.
- ❖ Follow up on action plans of resolutions passed at the provincial and national levels.
- ❖ Watch the news and read printed (newspaper, magazines) and digital (online newspaper, websites) resolutions topic ideas.

## **Report of the Newsletter Editor**

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*Lucia Vacca*

Eighty-two of the 102 Toronto diocesan councils had subscriptions in 2021. As of December 2021 there were a total of 745 subscriptions which included the diocesan executives, life members, regional spiritual advisors, regional chairs and council executives, spiritual advisors and members.

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 Pin awards.

Spring    January 30    (March to June - to arrive in the mail by March 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Fall        July 30            (September to November-to arrive in the mail by September 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Winter    October 30        (December to February - to arrive in the mail by December 1<sup>st</sup>)

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 initiative.

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 your newsletter information is accurate and is received timely. 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 newsletter form on the TDC 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 and encourage all members to also subscribe.
- ❖ Consider subsidizing the cost for general members in your council to receive these newsletters.

## **Durham Region**

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**Spiritual Advisor**  
**Chair**  
**Councils: 12**

**Rev. David Bollo**  
**Angie Baglieri**  
**Membership: 877**

Due to the pandemic, many of Durham Region councils' fundraisers came to a halt; however, councils supported TDC fundraising initiatives with the purchase of aprons and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins.

Durham Region Catholic Women's League councils were actively involved in various activities. St. Mary of the People Council collected donations of food in excess of 695 pounds. This equates to approximately 579 meals for Durham neighbours facing food insecurity. St. Francis de Sales Council, organized a drive through membership drive. This method was very well received by their members. St. Isaac Jogues Council continues to have new followers on their Facebook page. They found this is a good source 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 continues to be the focal point as Durham Spiritual Advisor Father Bollo shares his reflections. He notes 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?

A motion was adopted at the Durham Region executive meeting to absorb the per capita fee given to the region from Durham memberships and the consensus was unanimous. The Durham councils will still collect the per capita fees from their members to be used as each council sees fit. Councils communicated to members through virtual gatherings and meetings, phone, email and mailings. Although there was a slight decrease in membership overall within the region, councils welcomed new members in Holy Family, St. John the Evangelist, St. Leo the Great, St. Isaac Jogues, and St. Francis De Sales councils.

Durham Region continues to financially support local charities. Monies were sent to St. Vincent De Paul Society, Gate 3:18 Outreach, Catholic Family Services-Durham Region Hospice, and St. Vincent's Kitchen Oshawa, assisted with sanitizing the church between masses to keep parishioners safe from COVID-19. Councils distributed packages to the homeless filled with hand sanitizer, masks, gloves and personal hygiene products.

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

## **Humber Valley Region**

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**Spiritual Advisor**  
**Chair**  
**Councils: 10**

**Rev. Donatello Iocco**  
**Mary Grossi**  
**Membership:864**

Humber Valley Region participated in all virtual Toronto Diocesan Council endeavours and events like Development Day, World Day of Prayer, CWL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the monthly CWL Wednesdays. Although some councils found it difficult to meet in person in 2021, members were kept informed through weekly emails, phone calls and virtual meetings. Members improved in social media skills and have proven to be great communicators and very supportive of each other. Frequent phone calls to those without emails kept members informed and socially connected.

Members have enjoyed countless opportunities to attend executive and general council meetings, retreats, reflections, rosary recitals, special masses and special celebrations, virtually without leaving the comfort and safety of their home. Seeing each other on Zoom has helped to ease their anxiety. Even though some did not meet in person, councils focused on the aspect of outreach as it related to our CWL themes on *Care for the Common Home* and *Loneliness*.

Various indoor and outdoor initiatives such as tree planting, learning about and creating Marian Gardens, collecting and recycling old electronics; Winter Warmth Drive for the Shelter; Harvest Fest, pre-packaged cookie sales, mask making, card delivery to shut in seniors and sale of Christmas arrangements are a few of the initiatives.

Despite a drop in membership, it is heartening to know that there have been newly signed up members in most of the councils and renewals continue to be received. Most councils were due to have an election in late 2021. St. Margaret Mary and St. John the Evangelist councils have announced a new president with a few changes in the executive; others will be working on an election date later into spring 2022 as restrictions are lifted.

Fr. Donatello Iocco, St. Ambrose parish was welcomed as our new spiritual advisor in November.

All ten councils handed in annual reports; nine out of ten councils subscribe to the TDC Newsletter; and ten out of ten councils have submitted their instructed vote for national. The region has updated its *Policy and Procedure Manual* and has encouraged all councils to follow suit.

Councils have planned many activities for 2022 as they start to feel more comfortable living and sharing their Catholicity outside their social bubble. Slowly moving out of pandemic mode we'll see a lot more action and interaction within our councils as new ideas and revitalized spirits will show us that *We Rise Again* with our new theme *Catholic and Living It!*

## North York Region

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**Spiritual Advisor**

**Chair**

**Councils: 20**

**Rev. Boniface Perri**

**Kay Booker**

**Memberships: 1038**

As the world continued to face the global COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2021, North York Region members exemplified the League core values of faith, service and social justice.

Though councils entered 2021 in lockdowns which lasted into June, they were creative in engaging their members using virtual technology, phoning, and emailing to keep connected. It was an opportunity for reflection, renewal and reconciliation. Councils adopted creative and innovative ways to achieve their goals; many participated in virtual retreats and diocesan events. Opportunities to fundraise were diminished as councils suffered financially and could not meet their charity goals.

Saddened by the isolation of our seniors in long term care homes, during the months of lockdowns, St. Joseph the Worker Council delivered 150 cards and gifts to seniors. St. Mary Immaculate Council created a CWL cookbook. St. Timothy's Council donated a maple tree to their church landscape. COVID angel dolls were made by Good Shepherd Council. Blessed Trinity Council sold geraniums, donated 450 comfy socks and made Christmas cards for residents in two nursing homes. St. Justin Martyr Council sold plants and chocolates. St. Joseph the Worker Council focused on members spirituality with bible study and hosted a virtual retreat on *The Most High is Our Refuge*, presented by Dr. Mary Healy. St. John XXIII Council. Held a Christmas petition/prayer cards parish fundraiser that were sold to parishioners and placed on the church's Christmas tree resulting in \$2,500.00 being raised.

St. Edward the Confessor Council focused on CWL Wednesdays. One member created a private Facebook page that is updated with daily scripture readings and reflections. St. Bonaventure Council hosted a virtual advent retreat facilitated by Friar Emmanuel and followed by a virtual luncheon. Members addressed systemic racism because of the murder of George Floyd in the US. Consequently, the executive decided to examine how systemic racism manifests itself in society. The book *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo was read and discussed followed by examination of the issue of white privilege of which many people in society may not be aware. Sacred Heart Council awarded seven members their 50<sup>th</sup> year pins with a card thanking them for their years of service.

Six councils celebrated anniversaries. St. John Chrysostom Council 100<sup>th</sup>, St. Bonaventure Council 65<sup>th</sup>, St. Edward the Confessor Council 65<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick Council, Schomberg, 55<sup>th</sup>; St. Mary Immaculate Council 45<sup>th</sup> and Good Shepherd Council 40<sup>th</sup>. Regrettably, members of St. Philip Neri Council adopted a motion to disband effective December 31, 2021. As we move into the next century with the new envisioned future of the League, this will allow members to serve their communities and act on issues exemplifying *Catholic and Living It!*

## Northern Region

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**Spiritual Advisor**

**Chair:**

**Councils: 16**

**Rev. Laurence Léger**

**Dianne Hunter**

**Membership: 1173**

The 2021 – 2023 Northern Region executive was formed in June and our new Spiritual Advisor, Father Léger, St. Mary's Parish, Barrie was welcomed. It was an honour to offer congratulations to our very own Margaret Anne Jacobs, CWL Honorary Life Member, past National President, and President of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Elmvale, who has had a diocesan award named after her. Please support the *Margaret Ann Jacobs—Catholic Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship Fund*.

Some Northern Region councils met in person to distribute service pins and vote on national amendments, but most often met virtually keeping in touch through telephone calls, emails, cards, and letters. However, there are areas of Northern Region that do not have enough bandwidth and some members lack internet access, so were unable to connect.

Councils came up with imaginative ways of fundraising. St. Margaret's Council held a *Drive by Food Drive* and a *Baby Shower from a Distance*. St. Andrew's Council created stained glass votives from the glass reclaimed from their old light fixtures and sold homemade pies for fundraisers. St John Vianney Council held a bazaar as did St. Mary's Council, Victoria Harbour, who also raffled off a beautiful handmade quilt.

Spiritual involvement seemed more important than ever. Holy Spirit Council held a Truth and Reconciliation Mass and Advent Reflection evening. Guardian Angels Council donated to and cared for a prayer garden on their church grounds. Northern Region Spiritual Advisor offered an in-person *Advent Evening of Reflection*, shared later on YouTube. The *Novena to the Martyrs for those hurt by Residential Schools* was circulated and St. Mary's Council, Barrie welcomed an Indigenous elder explaining *The 7 Grandfather Teachings of Indigenous People*. Letter writing to pharmaceutical companies was encouraged asking for the cessation of the use of the line of an aborted foetus in their vaccines.

A quote from the President of St. Paul the Apostle Council sums up the experience members felt during this year of pandemic restrictions: "COVID has taught us many lessons: the need to reach out, the need for community and friends, and it has shown us the goodness that exists all around us".

## **Peel Region**

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**Spiritual Advisor**

**Rev. Fr. Michael Simoes**

**Chair**

**Aurora Chavez**

**Councils: 19**

**Membership: 1430**

**Catholic Girls League (2):** St. Francis Xavier and Sts. Peter and Paul

Peel Region councils started the year in lockdown which lasted into June. Nevertheless, councils showed resiliency hosting events virtually and in-person. A motion was adapted to waive the regional fees for 2021.

Most councils held daily, weekly or 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month rosary and stations of the cross. St. Leonard Council held a six-week online workshop on *12 Women of the Bible*. St. Mary's Council purchased eight sets of hardcover books, *Children in our World*, depicting social justice rooted in the gospels.

In keeping with the provincial theme of *Loneliness*, St. Anne's Council, adopted a senior in a retirement home. Most councils stayed connected by WhatsApp, the telephone tree, and monthly, quarterly or bi-annual newsletters. St. Ignatius Loyola Council produced their first Christmas newsletter. St. Patrick Council, Mississauga started a Gift of Time to reach out to members needing help picking up groceries/medications or need to be driven to their doctor's appointments. Two sets were donated to four parish elementary schools. Through the Angel Tree program, St. Francis Xavier Council registered with the Prison Ministry to bring joy to the inmates' children. Members delivered the Christmas gift with a note written by their parents. St. Anthony of Padua Council donated \$200, diapers and non-perishable items to a young family with three children, one confined at the Sick Kids Hospital.

Fundraising at St. John Fisher Council raised \$610 selling Purdy's chocolates at Easter and \$2,385 was raised through pledges from Walk-a-Thon at Chinguacousy Park. All proceeds were donated to the church. The Sts. Peter and Paul Council supported their Catholic Girls League in their Mary's Meals Project sponsoring school meals for 42 children.

Jolene Leon, St. Mary Star of the Sea Council, wrote and read a poem during the Toronto Diocesan Council 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary virtual celebrations on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Joseph's Council held an outdoor stations of the cross with a commemorative plaque recognizing the National Centennial Anniversary. St. Martin of Tours Council celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the installation of their spiritual advisor, Rev. Gijo Muthanattu and presented him with a CWL stole. Pins were presented to six members with 45 years of service, one for 35 and five for 30 years of service.

Most councils had decreases in membership. However, St. Jerome Council increased by six members. Sts. Peter and Paul Council had 20 non-renewals but recruited 32 new members because of their Jerusalem dance entry to the Toronto Diocesan Cultural Diversity Event on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout this pandemic, councils remain encouraged by the eagerness of members to stay positive, spiritual, and hopeful.... *We Rise Again!*

## **Scarborough Region**

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**Spiritual Advisor  
Chair**

**Councils: 13**

**Catholic Girls League (1): St. Bartholomew**

**Rev. Peter Marr  
Nenita MacKenzie  
Membership: 698**

Scarborough Region started the year with the Annual Winter Event with Fr. Hansoo Park as the guest speaker. His talk focused on how we thrived and survived the pandemic through spiritual guidance of the Holy Spirit. There were 70 members in attendance. *Parish Executive Training* and *Effective Meeting* workshops were offered to the executives and members. The region celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the installation of Fr. Peter Marr, as the new Regional Spiritual Advisor.

In keeping with the provincial theme of *Loneliness*, councils organized novenas, virtual rosaries and prayer groups. The telephone tree and buddy system were up and running to stay connected with the elderly members and the shut-ins. St. Bartholomew organized a project to support Operation Christmas Child that provides shoeboxes filled with toys, games, personal hygiene items, and school supplies for children in developing countries. Precious Blood organized a Reverse Advent Calendar with 24 non-perishable items in a bag and collected 250 bags that were distributed to the local community. St. Joseph Highland Creek Council members made over 100 pneumonia vests for premature babies in Africa. Councils collected ground coffee tins, toiletry items, non-perishable foods, milk powder and box lunches for the Good Shepherd Mission, Rosalie Hall, Refugee Outreach Center and Kennedy Women's Shelter.

St. Maria Goretti Council organized a prayer service to mark Life Chain to end abortion and promote the sanctity of life. St. Joseph Highland Creek Council members placed 215 orange ribbons at the Plaque of the Unborn in remembrance of the discovery of Indigenous children graves at the residential school in Kamloops BC. St. Rose of Lima Council organized a Cards for Seniors event where members created 328 cheerful cards that were distributed to three nursing homes. Parish spiritual advisor, Msgr. Edgardo Pan gave a special blessing to married couples celebrating their anniversary. A token (candle) and anniversary certificates were given to the couple.

St. Boniface Council organized a Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser where 150 boxes were sold and the proceeds were donated to the church and for the council's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. St. Rose of Lima Council raised \$3,000 during their Mother's Day and Father's Day raffle baskets. St. Bartholomew Council organized a Lenten dessert fundraiser where members baked some of their specialties. St. Aidan Council had a Plant Sale and Garden Basket Raffle fundraiser where enthusiastic gardeners prepared pots with beautiful array of plants for indoors and outdoors.

The regional Mass for Deceased Members was live streamed from Precious Blood Parish in November. Councils celebrated the Christmas season through virtual parties. Some councils supported the Gratitude Card Project that gave thank you cards to frontline workers and spiritual advisors. Councils supported many charities locally and internationally despite the setbacks faced by many councils in the region. We learned to be resilient and patient as we share our God given talents with our sisters in the League.

## **Toronto Region**

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**Spiritual Advisor**  
**Chair**  
**Councils: 12**

**Father Damian Young-Sam-You**  
**Araceli Farinas**  
**Membership: 277**

The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop councils and members from carrying out the League Mission Statement. Though councils were affected by the shutdowns, decline in membership due to the pandemic, members relocating and deaths, they found ways to help support and connect with members. Councils used phone calls, learned the use of Zoom, sent cards, brought groceries and food, dropped by to check on and pray for fellow members.

Toronto Region welcomed two spiritual advisors, Father William Mbugua, Our Lady of Lourdes Council and Father Peter Turrone, Holy Rosary Council. Toronto Region Reflection and Annual Day of Prayer was held virtually with 34 in attendance on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Father Damian spoke on the Care for the *Common Home* and *Loneliness* themes. Father Damian also celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel virtually on April 26<sup>th</sup> where he reflected on Mary as our Mother. Twenty-three members gathered on November 11<sup>th</sup> for the virtual Remembrance Day Prayer Service.

*Parish Executive Training* was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> virtually, attended by 13 members from Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joan of Arc, St. Matthew's and St. Pius X councils.

St. Monica and St. Pius X councils launched their newsletter while St. John Council, re-established their monthly newsletter. St. Monica Council also has a website which is a link to St. Monica's parish website. St. Monica Council tried new things such as a social distance walk. They celebrated milestone anniversaries from 5 to 65 years for 25 women with a High Tea Party. In the spring St. Pius X Council renewed their sponsorship of a Chalice Child in Zambia. In June, they presented their annual Christian Spirit Award to a St. Pius X School Grade 8 graduating female and male student who portrays Christ through their daily actions and interactions with peers. St. John Council members collected menstrual product for marginalized and homeless girls and women. The council continued providing monthly donations of lunch items for the Good Shepherd Centre and held collection of dry goods for seniors' food bank.

Holy Rosary Council had a hybrid celebration for the Toronto Diocesan Council 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 24<sup>th</sup> and was presented with the diocesan anniversary certificate by Hilarion Mitchell, Diocesan President. Our Lady of Lourdes Council celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 18 with an in-person and live stream Mass. St. Alphonsus Council, had their Father's Day Annual Raffle Draw, with all proceeds donated to the parish. Other council members volunteered in the church choir, in the RCIA, First Communion classes preparation, cleaned and sanitized the church for the safety of parishioners.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless us in our mission *Catholic and Living It! We Rise Again.*

## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

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**Chair**

**Mary Hawkley**

In September 2018, the Toronto Diocesan Council approached Mary Hawkley, Life Member to chair a committee to plan celebrations for the Centennial of the Council in 2021. A committee quickly came together comprising: President, Ann D'Souza, President-Elect, Hilarion Mitchell and two executive members: Connie Cristinziano, Community Life Chair of the Toronto Diocesan Council and Mary Tuccitto, Scarborough Regional Chair.

As Patricia Cross, Life Member, had already been asked to create a second volume of the Council's history from 2001-2021, she was invited to join the committee along with Life Member Carole Pitcher. They were charged with creating the second volume of the Council's history to complete the 100-year span begun for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary covering 1921-2001.

Sue Lubowitz, when she became President-Elect, was invited to be part of the committee as she would be President in 2021. Since liturgical programs were needed for celebrations, Kate O'Quinn, Spiritual Development Chair, was also invited to participate in some of the planning. Connie Cristinziano generously agreed to be secretary.

The first item on the agenda, was the agreed need of a logo; something to help members celebrate and remember the Centennial year. A call went out for submissions and a design by Irene Debono of Transfiguration of Our Lord Council, Humber Valley Region was selected. She credited her daughter Alyse Sanborn for helping with a few design details toward the end of the process. The committee took her gift, and had pins made which were very well received by our members throughout the Archdiocese. The sales of these pins were spearheaded by Mary Tuccitto.

The first event planned was a High Tea, to be held May 24, 2020 at the Old Mill in Etobicoke. However, COVID-19 struck and the High Tea had to be cancelled. Unfortunately, there was no opportunity to reschedule it.

There is a List of Presidents' that usually hangs in the Cardinal's Suite at the Pastoral Centre. It was presented to Archbishop Ambrozic on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council, by Moira Ste. Marie. It was borrowed from Cardinal Collins and updated to bear the names of all presidents to date. It was re-presented to him at a virtual meeting he held with the executive in April, 2021 and will be returned to the Cardinal when the Pastoral Centre re-opens.

In 2001, Past President Karen Lawless prepared a Time Capsule which was meant to be opened at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocesan Council. The Capsule was handed off to the next President-Elect, who had it in her care until she finished her Past Presidency. It was passed on in this fashion and thus, Ann D'Souza, completing her term in 2021, would have the honour of opening the capsule and displaying its contents to all members as they attended the convention in 2021. Once again, the 2021 meetings had to be done virtually and so the decision was made to delay the opening of the Time Capsule to 2022, when, hopefully, members could meet in person.

In October of 2020, the committee sent a questionnaire to all parish councils, to determine how each council would celebrate the Diocesan Centennial and how they celebrate their own councils' milestones. Information for the next volume of our history book was also sought. The questions asked were: when their charter was granted, who was their founding president, who were the charter members, what anniversary of their council would happen in 2021, a list of members with 30+ years of membership and awards presented to members, names of spiritual advisors, a description of one outstanding event and photos of significance. About 70% of all councils submitted responses. Ann D'Souza prepared a wonderful visual display to show at the virtual celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

At the combined 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of May 15, 2021, a short report was given on the activities to date.

On June 3, 2021, exactly one hundred years after the formation of the CWL in the Archdiocese of Toronto, 370 members participated in a virtual celebration. Spiritual advisors and guests joined in an evening of prayer and celebration.

*Certificates of Congratulations* were presented by both the National and the Provincial President. The Diocesan Council sent *Certificates of Congratulations* to all councils and *Certificates of Thanks* to all spiritual advisors.

The committee planned a mass to end the celebrations of 2021. October 7, 2021, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was chosen and we were blessed to have Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of the Central Region of the Archdiocese to preside at the Centennial Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The evening began with the recitation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, led by Kate O'Quinn, Spiritual Development Chair, and Regional Chairs: Marie Barry, Aurora Chavez, Nenita Mackenzie and Mary Grossi and Past President, Ann D'Souza.

All parish and regional spiritual advisors, past and present, and many past diocesan spiritual advisors were invited to concelebrate with the Bishop. Fr. Edwin Galea, Fr. Damian Ali and Fr. Robert O'Brien, all Past Diocesan Spiritual Advisors, joined Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Patrick O'Dea with the Bishop to celebrate the Eucharist.

While capacity rules for the COVID protocols severely limited the number of members attending to about 80, the live streaming of the rosary and the mass resulted in 1828 visits to the website. It was an inspirational evening with the Bishop, in his homily, declaring that the CWL "dignifies" the Church. Members were made to feel proud of their contributions and were grateful to both the Bishop and Msgr. O'Dea for their generous comments.

It is intended that the Time Capsule will be opened for members at the Annual General Meeting in April, 2022.

## Summary of Per Capita Fees

### Paid by Parish Councils

	2021	2020R	2019R
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>6380</b>	<b>7000</b>	<b>7252</b>
<b>Total Councils</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>101</b>

R Revised Membership Numbers for the current year

\* Re-Activated

\*\* New

National			2021	2020R	2019R
Account#	Durham Region (12)	City/Town			
T-008	Holy Cross	Oshawa	46	51	51
T-001	Holy Family	Whitby	92	97	108
T-014	Immaculate Conception	Port Perry	74	83	91
T-135	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Uxbridge	28	28	25
T-055	St. Francis de Sales	Ajax	38	43	45
T-112	St. Gertrude	Oshawa	70	71	81
T-061	St. Gregory the Great	Oshawa	44	57	64
T-075	St. Isaac Jogues	Pickering	92	91	87
T-068	St. John the Evangelist	Whitby	100	106	95
T-030	St. Joseph the Worker	Oshawa	132	153	142
T-130	St. Leo the Great	Brooklin	45	41	48
T-087	St. Mary of the People	Oshawa	116	121	131
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>877</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>968</b>

## Summary of Per Capita Fees

### Paid by Parish Councils

<b>National</b>					
<b>Account#</b>	<b>Humber Valley (10)</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020R</b>	<b>2019R</b>
T-122	Immaculate Conception	Woodbridge	87	91	108
T-022	Nativity of Our Lord	Etobicoke	110	116	125
T-026	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal	Alderwood	83	86	84
T-036	St. Ambrose	Toronto	64	65	64
T-059	St. Gregory	Etobicoke	85	87	92
T-031	St. John the Evangelist	Weston	40	47	49
T-078	St. Margaret Mary	Woodbridge	198	191	195
T-121	St. Padre Pio	Woodbridge	48	57	50
T-101	St. Roch	North York	91	94	97
T-110	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Weston	58	83	85
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>864</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>949</b>
<b>National</b>					
<b>Account#</b>	<b>North York Region (20)</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020R</b>	<b>2019R</b>
T-003	Blessed Trinity	North York	47	86	96
T-015	Good Shepherd	Thornhill	54	56	48
T-119	Immaculate Conception/ Our Lady of the Lake	Sutton/Keswick	35	26	35
T-049	Our Lady of Grace	Aurora	43	36	31
T-013	Our Lady of the Annunciation	Richmond Hill	8	26	30
T-032	Sacred Heart	King City	90	90	92
T-143	St. Bernard de Clairvaux	North York	5	7	6
T-047	St. Bonaventure	Don Mills	81	103	120
T-054	St. Edward the Confessor	Willowdale	64	77	75
T-060	St. John Chrysostom	Newmarket	92	97	94
T-136	St. John XXIII	North York	39	35	37
T-052	St. Joseph the Worker	Thornhill	31	36	37
T-063	St. Justin Martyr	Unionville	53	47	46
T-091	St. Luke	Thornhill	32	28	35
T-117	St. Mary	Nobleton	34	44	43
T-004	St. Mary Immaculate	Richmond Hill	116	112	116
T-132	St. Patrick	Markham	75	79	94
T-125	St. Patrick	Schomberg	23	27	30
T-131	St. Philip Neri	Toronto	67	83	80
T-108	St. Timothy	North York	49	67	84
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>1038</b>	<b>1159</b>	<b>1224</b>

## Summary of Per Capita Fees

### Paid by Parish Councils

<b>National Account#</b>	<b>Northern Region (16)</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020R</b>	<b>2019R</b>
T-005	Guardian Angels	Orillia	146	119	141
T-011	Holy Martyrs of Japan	Bradford	137	143	147
T-127	Holy Spirit	Barrie	56	59	66
T-024	Our Lady of Lourdes	Elmvale	54	57	58
T-033	Sacred Heart	Port McNicoll	18	19	28
T-037	St. Andrew	Brechin	20	20	20
T-053	St. Columbkille	Uptergrove	35	35	36
T-046	St. James	Colgan	35	42	44
T-069	St. John Vianney	Barrie	109	125	115
T-077	St. Margaret	Midland	61	60	64
T-082	St. Mary	Barrie	195	192	175
T-084	St. Mary	Collingwood	47	75	74
T-111	St. Mary	Victoria Harbour	47	48	51
T-093	St. Patrick	Phelpston	50	52	51
T-086	St. Patrick/St. Noel	Stayner	6959	71	77
T-076	St. Paul the Apostle	Alliston	104	116	115
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>1173</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>1262</b>

<b>National Account#</b>	<b>Peel Region (19)</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020R</b>	<b>2019R</b>
T-141	Guardian Angels	Brampton	32	33	25
T-126	St. Anne	Brampton	88	101	102
T-115	St. Anthony of Padua	Bramalea	32	44	40
T-118	St. Francis Xavier	Mississauga	169	177	183
T-065	St. Ignatius Loyola	Mississauga	47	48	46
T-145	St. Jerome	Brampton	24	18	--
T-066	St. John Fisher	Bramalea	129	136	142
T-140	St. John the Evangelist	Caledon	--	28	12
T-072	St. Joseph, Streetsville	Mississauga	72	82	77
T-035	St. Leonard	Brampton	94	96	97
T-120	St. Marguerite d'Youville	Brampton	64	69	76
T-113	St. Martin of Tours	Mississauga	85	101	105
T-083	St. Mary	Brampton	78	109	134
T-057	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Mississauga	88	91	98
T-092	St. Patrick	Mississauga	91	98	108
T-114	St. Patrick, Wildfield	Brampton	24	36	46
T-107	St. Timothy	Orangeville	28	33	32
T-128	Sts. Martha and Mary	Mississauga	--	16	23
T-124	Sts. Peter and Paul	Mississauga	285	277	239
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>1430</b>	<b>1589</b>	<b>1585</b>

## Summary of Per Capita Fees

### Paid by Parish Councils

<b>National</b>					
<b>Account#</b>	<b>Scarborough Region (13)</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020R</b>	<b>2019R</b>
T-013	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	North York	22	40	55
T-020	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Scarborough	8	13	23
T-142	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine	Scarborough	10	12	27
T-034	Precious Blood	Scarborough	96	111	110
T-123	St. Aidan	Scarborough	73	69	67
T-043	St. Barnabas	Scarborough	64	73	84
T-039	St. Bartholomew	Scarborough	53	55	59
T-058	St. Boniface	Scarborough	16	8	14
T-050	St. Dunstan	Scarborough	30	35	38
T-071	St. Joseph Highland Creek	Scarborough	197	206	211
T-006	St. Lawrence Martyr**	Scarborough	--	8	--
T-079	St. Maria Goretti	Scarborough	101	107	109
T-144	St. Rose of Lima*	Scarborough	28	28	--
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>698</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>797</b>

<b>National</b>					
<b>Account#</b>	<b>Toronto Region (13)</b>	<b>City/Town</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020R</b>	<b>2019R</b>
T-009	Holy Cross	Toronto	25	26	28
T-129	Holy Rosary	Toronto	26	25	28
T-018	Our Lady Help of Christians	Toronto	--	--	27
T-025	Our Lady of Lourdes	Toronto	39	47	54
T-012	St. Alphonsus	Toronto	21	28	43
T-062	St. Helen	Toronto	7	8	8
T-064	St. Joan of Arc	Toronto	--	50	56
T-027	St. John	Toronto	43	67	69
T-134	St. John Bosco	Toronto	--	19	22
T-051	St. Matthew	Toronto	11	14	17
T-089	St. Monica	Toronto	59	64	69
T-099	St. Pius X	Toronto	35	36	33
T-139	St. Thomas Aquinas	Toronto	11	11	8
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>277</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>462</b>

## **Council Presidents and Spiritual Advisors as of Dec. 31, 2021\***

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

### **Durham Region**

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Holy Cross	Kim Beatty	Rev. Keith Callaghan
Holy Family	Evette D’Cunha	Rev. Lazlo Nagy
Immaculate Conception	Mary Lou Elliott	Rev. Marco Testa
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St. Francis de Sales	Monique Forster	Rev. Joseph Singh
St. Gertrude	Linda Butler	Rev. Paul Magyar
St. Gregory	Joanne Bone	Rev. Marijan Sisko
St. Isaac Jogues	Marie James	Rev. Fr. Marc-Andre Campbell
St. John the Evangelist	Lynne Childerhouse	Rev. F. Fernandez Siles
St. Joseph the Worker	Diana Petre	Rev. Eric Mah
St. Leo the Great	Andrea Losier	Rev. Mounir El-Rassi
St. Mary of the People	Rita Jakym	Rev. David Bollo

### **Humber Valley Region**

<b><u>Council</u></b>	<b><u>President</u></b>	<b><u>Spiritual Advisor</u></b>
Immaculate Conception	Pia Civichino	Rev. Eugene Chianain
Nativity of Our Lord	Stacey Thompson	Rev. Michael Machacek
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Rose Nesich	Rev. Valentin Batic
St. Ambrose	Margaret Gombita	Rev. Donatello Iocco
St. Gregory	Melanie Fernandez-Alvares	Rev. Sean Lee Lung
St. John the Evangelist	Jennifer Harris	Rev. Andrew Maderak
St. Margaret Mary	Maria Grando	Rev. Rony D. Grayda
St. Padre Pio	Debbie Fisher	Rev. Msgr. Gregory Ace
St. Roch	Rose Stange	Rev. Philip Smith
Transfiguration of Our Lord	Carol McErlain	Rev. George Parayil

### **North York Region**

<b><u>Council</u></b>	<b><u>President</u></b>	<b><u>Spiritual Advisor</u></b>
Blessed Trinity	Kay Booker	Rev. Edward Murphy
Good Shepherd	Alana Papeo	Rev. Anthony Iacobelli
Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of the Lake	Patti Melanson	Rev. Paul Hancko
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**

St. Bernard de Clairvaux  
St. Bonaventure  
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

### **President**

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Linda Freire  
Boots Montano  
Marlene Mogado  
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Gloria Saccon  
Helen Carvalho

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Rev. Ignacio Pinedo  
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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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## **Peel Region**

### **Council**

Guardian Angels  
St. Anne  
St. Anthony of Padua  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Ignatius Loyola  
St. Jerome  
St. John Fisher

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## **Peel Region Cont'd**

### **Council**

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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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**

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

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North York	Marie Barry/Kay Booker	Rev. Boniface Perri
Northern	Dianne Hunter	Rev. Laurence Léger
Peel	Aurora Chavez	Rev. Michael Simoes
Scarborough	Nenita MacKenzie	Rev. Peter Marr
Toronto	Araceli Farinas	Rev. Damian Young-Sam-You