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TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to greet you as we celebrate the achievements of 2019. As you know, I was appointed Spiritual Advisor of the Catholic Women's League for the Toronto Archdiocese on May 31, 2016, by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. As such, I have now completed my fourth year, and I am still in awe at how much I am learning and appreciating in working with you in our service to God and His Church.

In particular, this past year I have continued to visit and support each of our diocesan regions and to learn of their inspiring works, at both their local levels and beyond. I am also grateful to the priests who serve as Regional Spiritual Advisors. There have been changes over the past year, and so I wish to highlight the names and regions of the current Regional Spiritual Advisors:

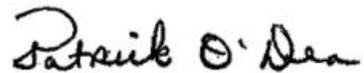
Rev. David Bollo, Durham Region
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Rev. Boniface Perri, North York Region
Rev. Michael Simoes, Peel Region
Rev. Dominic Borg, OCD, Scarborough Region
Rev. Silvio Eljuga, Northern Region
Rev. Damian Young-Sam-You, Toronto Region

I also thank the priests of our Archdiocese who serve as spiritual advisors for their local parish councils, which now number 101.

This past July, I attended the 72nd Annual Ontario Provincial Convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, in Kingston, Ontario. As well, I am currently serving on the pre-planning committee for the 2021 Catholic Women's League National Convention, to be held in Toronto in August of 2021. This will be a significant convention, as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of the First Convention of the Catholic Women's League in Canada. How fortunate we are to be able to host this historic occasion.

In conclusion, I thank each and every one of you for your witness of faith and for the many ways in which you enrich our Archdiocese through your ministry with the Catholic Women's League. It is a unique pleasure, and privilege, to serve as your Spiritual Advisor. Please, let us keep one another in prayer!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick O'Dea".

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

Report of the President

Hilarion Mitchell

Members: 7164

Regions: 7

Councils: 101

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 14

Approximately 75% of the councils submitted a President's Annual Report for 2019 and only one did not have a president. In forty councils, the president's position had been held previously and in one third, were members for six to ten years. Most presidents were in the 55 to 64 age group.

Inform Membership of the League's Position

The League magazine (93%) was the main source used to inform the membership of the League's position followed by the Toronto Diocesan Newsletter (76%), provincial websites or newsletters, national websites (72%), and national communiqués (70%). Information was also received from the parish priest and bulletin, regional chair, *The Catholic Register*, Knights of Columbus, and Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). The *Care for Our Common Home* theme (94%) was the main national priority followed by Medical Assistance/Hospice Facilities (68%) that councils promoted throughout the year. An overwhelming (91%) rated the national theme as beneficial and 36% would like the changes in the theme to occur on an average of every three years.

Foster Open Communication

Eighty-eight percent of presidents said that their spiritual advisor was supportive. Councils reported that their spiritual advisor did not attend meetings due to lack of interest, large parish, or other duties and traditionally does not attend.

Develop Policies

The *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* and the *Constitution & Bylaws* were the most used resources that presidents consulted. Only 12 of the 45 presidents who answered the question developed new policies during the year. An overwhelming 92% of presidents read the *Executive Handbook* to understand the duties of the executive and found it helpful. New policies included providing Mass cards for the death of a member's spouse or child, complimentary membership fees for shut-ins and protocols for funerals, milestone birthdays, paid registration for members attending conventions and trainings, subsidizing president's expenses and safeguards for storing new electronic equipment.

Signing Officer and Official Spokesperson

Cheques (89%) and banking documents (82%) were the main official documents signed by presidents. Fifty-four percent wrote letters directed outside the CWL while some 38% signed petitions. Presidents represented their council at church functions (55%), regional meetings (82%), fundraising and dinners, diocesan meetings and conventions (74%). However, the majority (78%) were not subsidized by their council for these events. Sixty-four per cent of presidents provided an annual summary to members with the

majority doing so by an oral report (72%), email (64%), written report (49%) and newsletter (38%).

Ex Officio Member of all Committees

In addition to supporting the executive officers and standing committee chairs, presidents were involved with annual events such as teas and bazaars (68%), social events (54%)₂ and fundraising (45%). Presidents assisted the Catholic Girls League, Comfort Committee, mentoring and leadership in open-ended responses.

Provide Active Leadership

Presidents spoke on issues such as membership drives, the *Care for Our Common Home*, *Homelessness* and *Loneliness* themes, elections, prolife, human trafficking, RCIA, supporting Catholic schools, gun violence, and other topics. Twenty-two councils referenced their membership when using the League letterhead. The current president received the most support from the immediate past president (49%) followed by former past presidents (43%) and the current executive (42%). Some of the issues that presidents had transitioning into their role included the amount of paperwork (54%), unfilled executive positions (53%) and keeping members interested (51%).

Council Strengths and Challenges

Presidents reported that some of the strengths within the council included dedicated older membership, supportive and helpful members, friendships and council accomplishments despite few members. Their challenges included lack of interest in executive positions, past precedents, time constraints, interpersonal dynamics, inability to attract new members, members' commitment, apathy and the volume of emails.

Toronto Diocesan Council

The Toronto Diocesan 98th Annual CWL Convention was held on May 2nd and 3rd. Karen Van Loon from the Canadian Chapter of the Global Catholic Climate Movement spoke on the *Care for Our Common Home* theme. The Mass collection of \$2,512 was shared between Faith & the Common Good and the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. The 2019-2021 executive was elected and installed. Father Patrick O'Dea was bestowed the title of Monsignor by the Holy Father, Pope Francis in October. The Toronto Diocesan 100th Anniversary (2021) Committee held a logo contest. Irene Debono and her daughter Alyse Sanborn of Transfiguration of Our Lord Council (Humber Valley Region) were the winners with the Madonna design which was announced at Development Day in February. Meetings were held in preparation to host the National Convention in 2021.

Recommendations

- ❖ Develop council goals jointly with the executive and the membership each year.
- ❖ Set aside a budget to assist the president and members to attend conventions.
- ❖ Keep abreast of, and participate in, the Strategic Plan process.
- ❖ Continue to invite the spiritual advisor to regular council meetings and events.
- ❖ Prepare a written annual report for the council, separate from the National annual report summary.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Shaila D'Souza

Submission of the 2019 Joint Secretaries Annual Report was received from 73 of the 101 councils.

Thirty councils had a recording secretary while 19 held the dual roles of recording and corresponding secretary. The vast majority, 70 councils, indicated that the recording secretary position was filled. Fifty-eight councils were in their role for a minimum of two years. Fifty-five indicated they had a copy of the *Handbook for Secretaries*. Thirty-five knew where their council's charter was located.

Role of the Recording Secretary

Thirty-five of the recording secretaries were signing officers and 61 attended executive and general meetings of the council. Seventy took minutes at a meeting. Twenty-one recording secretaries assisted the president in the compilation of the annual report.

Meetings

Thirty-four recording secretaries distributed copies of the agenda. Fifty-six transcribed and distributed minutes of the previous meeting for approval. Forty-seven brought the Minutes Book to all meetings and 25 did not have a Motion Book. Thirty-eight took roll call at meetings. Fifty-nine recording secretaries took minutes of the meeting. Fifty-six transcribed and distributed minutes of the previous meeting for approval and 34 received written reports from their executive members.

Recommendations

- ❖ Keep a copy of the *Handbook for Secretaries* which is available from the national website.
- ❖ Maintain a Motion Book that is brought to all meetings.
- ❖ Circulate meeting agendas by email a few days before the meeting.
- ❖ Encourage all executive members to submit a written report before executive and general meetings.
- ❖ Ensure that the meeting minutes are brief, concise, record action items and leave out conversations.
- ❖ Use a voice recorder during meetings as an added advantage to supplement written notes.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Nancy Fenech

Seventy three of the 101 councils submitted a Joint Secretaries Annual Report for 2019.

Of these, only nineteen councils had a corresponding secretary and sixteen councils had one person holding both the corresponding and recording secretary positions.

Twenty-one councils notified members of upcoming meetings and events by email, parish bulletin or bulletin board, telephone, newsletter, cell phone, text or Facebook. In most cases, this was done by the president, recording secretary or communications chair.

Many corresponding secretaries provided a list and read all incoming and outgoing correspondence for each meeting.

Thirty-three percent were responsible for sending out special occasion cards such as anniversary, thank you, birthday, get well and thinking of you and sympathy cards as well as donation letters.

Thirty-two councils have a copy of the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide* obtained from national office.

Some councils have found that the role of corresponding secretary overlaps with the role of their communications chair.

Recommendations

- ❖ Regularly visit all League websites for resources and updated information at Toronto (cwltoronto.ca), Provincial (cwl.on.ca) and National (cwl.ca).
- ❖ Keep the *Parish Information Sheet* containing the executive contact information (i.e. name, address, position, phone, email) updated and provide a copy to the regional chair.
- ❖ Always write letters and special occasion cards to members by hand.
- ❖ Keep a copy of *Handbook for Secretaries* which is available from the national website.

Report of the Treasurer

Lolita Perry

The 2019 Treasurer's Annual Report was submitted by 73 of the 101 parish councils. The report is an indication of the commitments of each and every council to various organizations. Actual amounts donated will be included in the print copy of the Annual Report along with the accountant's report. These amounts include the donations made to the National Voluntary Funds.

National Voluntary Funds included: Coady International Institute, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Catholic Missions in Canada, Velma's Dream/Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and the National Bursary Fund.

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

Councils generously donated to their parish communities. Donations were also made by councils through the standing committee chairs, to various other organizations.

Recommendations

- ❖ Include the council's ID number which is on the *Remittance Form for Per Capita Fees* that is sent to National (e.g. T001 - name of parish). As several of our councils have similar names, it is very important to include this number on all cheques and correspondence. This should also be done for any forms or cheques remitted to any other level of the League.
- ❖ Cheques should always be payable to "The Catholic Women's League of Canada".
- ❖ Membership fees are to be submitted to National in a timely manner as they are received. It is not necessary to wait until all fees are collected before submission.
- ❖ Complete and submit the Treasurer's Annual Report and the online survey each year. This is a positive way to share the good works of your council with all the levels of the League.
- ❖ Continue to support the St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and the Catholic Children's Aid Society (CCAS) Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Note: Financial Statements will be mailed to Council/Parish Voting and Accredited Delegates, Toronto Diocesan Council Executive, Regional Chairs and Life Members. The Financial Statements will also be available in the printed copy of the 2019 Annual Report book.

The printed copy of the 2019 Annual Report book is available for purchase for \$5 for members.

Past President/Historian

Ann D'Souza

Fifty-eight of the reporting councils submitted the 2019 Past President/Historian Annual Report. Eighty-seven percent of the councils have the past president position filled.

Consultant

Thirty-one percent of the councils served as consultants three times in a month and twenty-nine percent once a month. Eighty-four percent declared that the president felt the support of the past president. Forty-eight percent reported taking on duties as requested including scheduling meetings, and events such as charity and fund-raising.

Diocesan executive advice sought by council: nine percent once monthly, thirteen percent annually, sixteen percent quarterly and fifty-six percent rarely.

Provincial executive advice sought: six percent annually, forty-two percent rarely and never by fifty-three percent. National executive advice sought: seven percent quarterly, eighteen percent annually, forty-seven percent rarely and never by twenty-six percent.

Spiritual advisor's advice was sought monthly by thirty-three percent, quarterly by twenty percent, annually by eleven percent, rarely by thirty-one percent and never by five percent.

Life member advice was sought annually by five percent, six percent quarterly or monthly, thirty-five percent rarely and never by forty-eight percent.

Archives and History

Ninety percent knew where the council charter was kept, eighty percent were responsible for archives in their council and only four percent appointed someone else to do it. Fifty-two percent stored the council's archives in the CWL room, cupboard or in a filing cabinet at the church, whereas sixteen percent stored them in their homes.

The various methods used for storing were: seventy-seven percent stored at the church in photo albums, sixty-two percent in banker boxes, thirty-three percent on memory sticks and in scrapbooks, sixty percent in filing cabinets, nine percent on CD's and seven percent on DVD's. Seventy percent of the councils kept the Book of Life for an indefinite time; sixteen percent did not keep them. Fifty percent of councils kept deceased member histories for an indefinite time. Forty-five percent kept the council's financial information for five to eight years. Sixty-five percent kept the council's past executive lists for an indefinite period. Seventy-six percent of the councils reviewed the archives. Fifty-eight maintained a history book.

Constitution & Bylaws 2013

Ninety-nine percent of the councils have a copy of the *Constitution & Bylaws*. Forty-one percent reviewed it to help guide decisions. Eighty-seven percent reported having the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* and eight percent did not have one. Forty percent referred to the manual. Seventy percent have their own council policy and

procedure manual; thirty-one percent do not have one. Forty-two percent updated it whenever there was a change in policy, thirty-two percent updated this every two years and eleven percent updated it annually.

Diocesan Highlights

Throughout the diocese, councils held many special events and celebrations, such as council anniversaries, annual get-togethers or spiritual retreats. Most of these celebrations began with a Mass.

At the diocesan convention in May 2019, two awards were presented for the Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award. Mary Lynch from St. Joseph the Worker Council (Durham Region) received the parish level award for her service. Mary has been a CWL member for 23 years and served as parish and regional Education and Health Chair for many years. Her nominator stated: “She provides knowledge and expertise on topics related to social justice and dignity of human life. She engages members to be agents of action, and has arranged speakers on topics such as euthanasia and conscience rights for health care workers. Mary’s support, knowledge, insight, encourages members to participate in leadership training, development days and conventions. Mary exemplifies love and devotion to the League”.

The auxiliary award, which is given to a member who has served the League beyond the parish level, went to Karen Lawless, life member from St. Patrick’s Council, Mississauga (Peel Region). Karen has been a CWL member for 60 years. Over these many years she has been parish council president, historian and has held various council positions at the parish, Peel Region and Toronto Diocesan levels of the League. She was also Toronto Diocesan President from 1999-2001 and Past President from 2001-2003. As a Life Member, she has been our Toronto Diocesan Convention Parliamentarian and remained involved as our Life Member Liaison. Her nominator stated: “Even though Karen sat as TDC President 20 years ago, she supported her parish council’s executive and members then and continues to do so with her quiet and humble presence”.

Recommendations

- ❖ Build a strong transition plan; be resourceful and available for mentoring the executive. Everyone has their own talents and skills; appreciate their decisions and ability to deliver independently and be there when asked for guidance.
- ❖ Support the implementation of the Strategic Plan; reach out and share ideas and vision with the implementation of the plan. Foster discussion with presentations at general meetings and update the council from National when available.
- ❖ Encourage more involvement of members in all the activities of the council, and efforts to increase membership.
- ❖ Ensure councils archive material and have easy accessibility to the history of the League. Store material electronically. Try and store them at your parish.
- ❖ Review your parish policy and procedure manual at least once every two years. Every council should have a policy and procedure manual.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Spiritual Development

Kate O'Quinn

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

- Isaiah 40:31

Sixty-two councils submitted the 2019 Spiritual Development Report. Six of these councils reported that their spiritual development chair's position was vacant.

Spiritual Growth of Members

Our national theme, *Care for Our Common Home*, was used by councils in various ways. Seventy-four percent used the theme as a reflection at their meetings; 26% developed prayer services; 19% invited a guest speaker; 19% studied *Laudato Si*; 13% held retreats focused on the theme and 7% held a workshop. Seventy-one percent of the councils reported that one third of their meeting was devoted to spiritual development.

Councils organized a variety of liturgy programs, with the reciting of the League Prayer being most popular (87%), followed by Mass (81%), scripture reflections (81%), funeral honour guards (76%) and World Day of Prayer (61%). Other liturgical programs included saying the rosary, seasonal prayers, attending retreats, Stations of the Cross, intercessions, crowning of Mary, pilgrimages, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Devotions and Novenas. Resources most used by councils from communiqués for spiritual development were the *Living with Christ* missal (63%), the Vatican website (34%) and Formed website (32%). *Lectio Divina* and *Word on Fire* with Bishop Barron were also used. Other listed resources used most were *CWL Ceremonies Booklet* (57%), the *CWL Prayers Booklet* (50%) and *The Word Among Us* magazine (23%). Forty-six percent of the spiritual development chairs reported that they enrolled in a lay formation program or retreat for personal development. The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel was celebrated by 76% of the councils in a variety of ways, including attending Mass, luncheon, watching the televised Mass and retreats. The response of sometimes (52%) was the highest for attendance of the spiritual advisor at meetings. It is noteworthy that 68% of the councils reported that they had the opportunity to attend Mass before or after meetings.

Study of Catholic Teachings

Councils reported that they formed groups and encouraged enrollment in lay formation programs (39%), Catechism of the Catholic Church (20%), Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) website (17%) and the Vatican website (12%).

Role of Women in the Church

The Genius of Women article was read by 11% of councils at their general meeting and 2% prepared a reflection. Thirty-four percent of councils studied women in scripture and 52% promoted awareness of women in the church and society found in scripture.

Thirty-two percent of councils reported they had members on the pastoral council, 42%

on their parish financial council and 57% were involved as parish committee chairpersons. Twenty-four percent had members on the diocesan council or committees; 7% had members on regional pastoral councils, 5% had members as pastoral associates and 5% had members as trustees.

Twenty percent of the councils had members join their parish liturgy committee and 36% participated in the Knights of Columbus *Keep Christ in Christmas* campaign.

Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Councils continued to support Catholic Missions in Canada, with 61% subscribing to the magazine. Esk-omi Missions, Kee-Pas Missions and St. Francis Xavier Missions are other missions in Canada receiving support from our councils, through donations, clothing, food and school supplies.

Lay Ministries

Spiritual development chairs personally participated in many parish lay ministries, with the three largest areas being Eucharistic ministers (51%), lectors (47%) and hospitality (45%). Councils' member participation in parish lay ministries had overwhelming numbers: 96% percent as Eucharistic ministers, 94% as lectors, 85% in hospitality, 77% in choir or music, 72% in decorating, 60% in cleaning, 47% as facilitators and 43% as sacristans. Council members also chaired or organized parish lay ministries, with lectors, hospitality and decorating totaling 47%, music at 44% and Eucharistic ministry, cleaning and catechists for a total of 39%.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

Councils reported they reached out to women of other denominations and faiths through joint prayer services (22%), invitations to meetings (13%), social events (27%) and a joint speaker (7%).

Eighty-two percent of the councils promoted World Day of Prayer, 11% promoted Fellowship of the Least Coin, 24% promoted Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and 7% promoted World Union of Catholic Women's Organization (WUCWO).

Recommendations

- ❖ All councils should celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Share your ideas at the regional meetings.
- ❖ Continue to invite and encourage your spiritual advisor to attend council meetings.
- ❖ Continue to support the role of women in the church. Use your report time at your council meetings to study relevant articles or scripture.
- ❖ Add comments where possible when completing the annual survey, to share the great things happening in the council.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Organization

Sue Lubowitz

Members: 7164

Regions: 7

Councils: 101

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 14

The 2019 Organization Annual Report was submitted by 67 of the 101 councils. Of the 67 reporting councils, 48 reports were submitted by organization chairs and 19 councils reported that the position was not filled.

Recruit Members and Retain Membership

Councils reported many varied ways of recruiting new members. However, some form of personal contact continued to be the most effective approach. Personal invitation was reported by 85% (57 councils), bulletin 84% (56 councils), social events 73% (49 councils), and displays at parish events 67% (45 councils). Through these methods councils were able to recruit, on average, 5.8 new members, with the highest increase at 30 members. Of these new members, 23 councils reported that there were some new members of less than 40 years of age.

Sts. Peter and Paul Council (Peel Region) had the highest membership with 239 members. St. Mary Council, Barrie (Northern Region) had the highest increase with 30 more members in 2019. Toronto Diocesan Council welcomed two new councils in 2019: Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (Scarborough Region) and St. Bernard de Clairvaux (North York Region).

Leadership Development

The annual Development Day was held on February 23, 2019, at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish (Humber Valley Region). There were 403 registered participants from 67 councils. National Past President Margaret Ann Jacobs gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan. In the afternoon session, Sister Francis, Director of Mission and Ministry at St. Bernard's Retirement Residence, gave a talk titled *God Has a Sense of Humour-He Created Us*. Fifty two percent of councils reported participation in leadership development days. Seventy-one percent reported setting annual goals to guide their activities through the year.

Fifty-nine councils participated in the Annual Diocesan Convention, 34 attended the Provincial Convention in Kingston and 20 councils were at the National Convention in Calgary. Forty-two councils had members involved at other levels of the League: regional 86%, diocesan 43%, provincial 14% and national 7%.

League Resource Material and Annual Reports

The Canadian League magazine (61%) was one of the most popular resources for members. League prayers (62%), *Constitution & Bylaws* (61%), *Executive Handbook* (49%), *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* (46%) were also well utilized; 54

councils follow the 90-minute meetings protocol and 38 councils are familiar with the CWL Leadership Foundation.

Annual Reports

While completing the annual reports, 52% of councils used the guidelines. Methods to complete the annual reports were review of minutes (61%), met as a group (51%) and used the monthly report of activities (48%).

Life Membership

The Toronto diocese proudly claims one Honorary Life Member, Margaret Ann Jacobs, and 14 Life Members with the addition of Shirley Christo in 2019. We are saddened to report that Life Member Joan Hastie, Toronto Diocesan President (1983-1985) and Provincial President (1991-1993), passed away on February 24, 2019.

Strategic Plan

Councils were kept up-to-date on the progress of the Strategic Plan by organization chairs at all levels. Regular updates were posted on the diocesan website and shared by email.

Parish Council Anniversaries Celebrated in 2019

15th Anniversary – Sts. Peter and Paul, Peel Region
25th Anniversary – St. James, Northern Region
25th Anniversary – St. Bartholomew, Scarborough Region
30th Anniversary – Sacred Heart of Jesus, Durham Region
30th Anniversary – St. Leonard, Peel Region
30th Anniversary – St. Alphonsus, Toronto Region
35th Anniversary – St. Joseph the Worker, Durham Region
35th Anniversary – St. Matthew, Toronto Region
40th Anniversary – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarborough Region
55th Anniversary – Holy Cross, Durham Region
55th Anniversary – St. Philip Neri, North York Region
55th Anniversary – St. Paul the Apostle, Northern Region
55th Anniversary – St. Joan of Arc, Toronto Region
60th Anniversary – St. Maria Goretti, Scarborough
65th Anniversary – St. Patrick, Peel Region
65th Anniversary – St. Columbkille, Northern Region
80th Anniversary – St. John the Evangelist, Durham Region

Recommendations

- ❖ Continue to participate and implement the Strategic Plan as it is rolled out.
- ❖ Councils should budget for members to attend Development Day, the Leadership & Public Speaking Course and the Parish Executive Training.
- ❖ Update membership kits annually and create membership drive materials that are educational and bring current CWL issues to a new awareness level.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Christian Family Life

Iris McNulty

Annual reports for Christian Family Life chairs were received from 51 councils. Forty-four councils have a standing committee chair. Various resources assisted councils in planning activities. CWL websites, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) Life and Family website, Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), prayer books, diocesan and provincial newsletters and *The Canadian League* magazine were used by councils to aid them in planning their activities.

Marriage and Family

Councils promoted and supported marriage and the family through prayers, sponsoring families overseas, natural family planning methods, marriage encounter weekends, parenting courses and encounter weekends for engaged couples, providing programs for single parent families and attending workshops or seminars on the topic of family life. Women suffering from domestic abuse were supported through provisions to local shelters, financial donations and volunteers. Some councils raised awareness on the topic of wife abuse through sponsoring speakers and a power point presentation. One council celebrated Mass at a women's shelter. Councils celebrated Mother's Day, Father's Day and liturgical celebrations for milestone anniversaries. Members attended the Annual Mass to End Woman Abuse.

Sanctity of Life

Members actively participated in pro life events. They took part in Life Chain, March for Life, 40 Days for Life, pro life Masses, walks, vigils, dinners, "Show the Truth", offered on-going prayers for the protection of life, and donated to organizations that advocate for the sanctity of life. This included supporting local pro life organizations, pregnancy and family support services, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Birthright, Campaign Life Coalition and Priests for Life. Some councils wrote letters to elected officials to inform them of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia. Five councils met with pro life legislators.

Ministry to Youth

A significant amount of councils took part in programs for youth. Young people assisted with bazaars and outreach to seniors. Members supported youth events through financial donations and through involvement in activities such as summer camps, Steubenville, Catholic Christian Outreach, NET, ALPHA, EDGE, Life Teen. One council supported a student in assisting a mission in Africa. Youth were sponsored to attend the Ordinandi Dinner and one council engaged its youth to perform the Passion Play for their parish. Members were involved in sacramental preparation for first Eucharist and confirmation. Bursaries and awards were presented at the elementary and secondary levels in support of Christian fellowship. Members serve with the Rosary Apostolate within the schools. Three councils sponsored a Catholic Girls League.

Ministry to the Disabled

Several councils reached out to the disabled by bringing them to Eucharistic celebrations. They brought communion to their place of residence, offered prayers for them, carried out visitations and connected with them through correspondence and phone calls. Members provided assistance with transportation. Special occasions were acknowledged. A few councils organized special events for the disabled. Some councils advocated making churches and other public buildings more accessible for the disabled and arranged for a designated space with ease of access for wheelchairs in their church.

Ministry to Seniors

Councils were actively involved with seniors in their communities by bringing communion to nursing homes and the homebound, through visitations, telephone communications, praying with them, sending cards and through sharing a meal. Some councils organized social events or initiated monthly Masses. Other councils planned special programs and celebrations. A few councils reported knitting prayer shawls for seniors in their community and members living in seniors' homes.

Ministry to Widowed, Separated and Divorced

Many councils reported sending cards of condolence to members on the loss of a spouse. Several councils arranged memorial services for deceased members and provided funeral luncheons. Support was extended to widows through prayer, phone communication, visitation and invitations to parish or community events. A few councils gifted them with prayer shawls and included them in their own family outings. Although some councils extended support and invitations to separated or divorced individuals many councils have not focused on this ministry.

Vocations

Vocations are actively supported by councils by praying for vocations, adopting seminarians, offering Masses for vocations, hosting luncheons for priests and religious and promoting the travelling chalice program. Members belonged to the Serra Foundation and a large number of members attended the Ordinandi banquet where the collected spiritual bouquets were presented. This year's commitments exceeded the previous year's. Councils also donated to Serra, priestly retirement funds, clergy and seminarians.

Recommendations

- ❖ Ensure all areas under the Christian Family Life umbrella are addressed at least once during the two-year term.
- ❖ Advocate with legislators for protection of all life from conception to natural death.
- ❖ Extend more support to separated and divorced persons through individual engagement.
- ❖ Advocate to make hospice palliative care available in our communities.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Community Life

Ciscily Winkler

Sixty-one of the 101 councils submitted reports for the 2019 Community Life Annual Report. Nineteen councils reported the position as vacant. Congratulations to all councils for sharing their great efforts and projects.

Dignity and Rights of Persons

Forty-one councils were familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The majority supported minority groups: those suffering from bullying, domestic violence, homelessness, human trafficking, poverty and racism, by volunteering, financially, presentations and prayers. Two councils supported those incarcerated through volunteer hours.

Thirty-six councils became aware of the struggles of Indigenous women, and seven councils invited guest speakers or had workshops on the topic. Fifteen councils discussed Bill C-262 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Forty-three councils became aware of the laws on human trafficking and brought awareness through workshops or seminars. Nine councils continued to monitor government response to Resolution 2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. v Gladue. Twenty-three councils did some action on 2018.01 Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program.

Social and Economic Justice

Fifty-three councils encouraged members to participate in the work of organizations caring for the needy. Councils supported affordable housing, anti-poverty campaigns, after school programs, clothing drives, drop-in centres, emergency shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic abuse, skills training, food banks and hampers, resources for single parents, restorative justice program, soup kitchens, violence prevention programs and wish foundations.

Members contributed financially (30 councils), with prayers (35 councils) and by volunteering (18 councils). Eighteen councils supported organizations geared towards assisting Indigenous peoples and celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21, 2019) with Mass, reception, music and sharing of food specific to Indigenous people. Sixteen councils promoted Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) by attending meetings and distributing pamphlets; thirteen councils supported financially. Fourteen councils attended a pre-arranged workshop or seminar on a topic related to social or economic justice.

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship

Twenty councils were informed about Canada's official immigration and refugee policy and were capable of explaining it to others. Fifty councils rated as fair to excellent their understanding of the needs of immigrants and refugees, the availability of English language courses, the financial assistance offered for food and rent, their understanding of the needs of immigrants and refugees in their community with respect to their

countries of origin and are capable of explaining the difference between temporary worker, immigrant and refugee. Twelve councils participated in citizenship ceremonies.

Thirty-eight councils participated in Remembrance Day services, forty-five councils supported the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign, and twenty-four councils wore red on Fridays in support of the Canadian troops. Resolution 2016.01: Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status was reviewed and monitored by eight councils through outreach programs for foreign workers, guest speakers and monitoring of government bills.

Developing Countries

Forty councils became aware to some degree of the conditions of child labour in developing countries and urged independent study of codes of conduct. Thirty-six councils became aware of the implications of trade laws and practice in the global economy. Twenty-nine councils criticized structures that put profit before people and urged the government to change the structure, and ten councils invited speakers from developing nations or who have visited or lived in those nations.

Thirty-one councils took part in projects or made donations to Canadian Food for Children. Various charitable organizations were supported: Chalice (37 councils), Canadian Red Cross (18), Save a Family (14), Sleeping Children Around the World (14), Habitat for Humanity (11), Samaritans Purse (9), World Vision (9) Holy Mustard Seed (8), Operation Christmas Child (8), Doctors Without Borders (6), Operation Eyesight International (5), Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention (3) and Pennies for the Poor (3).

Recommendations

- ❖ Review resources from the National, Provincial and Toronto diocesan levels of the Catholic Women's League to be able to focus on current themes.
- ❖ Encourage all members and parishioners to participate in Community Life activities. In this way, parishes can see the scope of the CWL and its works and possibly encourage women in the parish to join the League.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair for Education and Health

Connie Cristinziano

Sixty-two councils submitted 2019 Education and Health Standing Committee Reports. There were 21 vacant positions.

Catholic Schools and Catechesis

Eighty per cent of the councils reported they were aware of the quality and availability of Catholic religious instructions in their schools; 68% of the councils reported actively encouraging parental participation in all areas of school activities; 48% have investigated and identified specific needs in their local schools that could be met by their members and 66% are aware of the family life programs being taught in their local schools. This is a substantial increase across all categories from last year.

Rites of Christian Initiation

Eighteen per cent, or seven councils, reported being involved in sacramental initiation programs in their parish.

Literacy and Continuing Education

Thirteen councils encouraged members to assist those who wished to improve their literacy skills. Our Catholic youth across the archdiocese participated in the various youth awards contests offered by the Toronto Diocesan Council. /Students were given the opportunity to share their views and values on important Catholic teachings. Councils supported and promoted the youth awards program this year.

Scholarships and Bursaries

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

Wellness and Sickness/Disease

Ten councils participated in the CWL Mental Health postcards campaign. Thirty-one councils supported various national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians. One member registered for the Partners for Life Program using the CWL unique Partner ID (CATH011269).

Thirty-nine councils supported the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care held on May 5-11, 2019, in a number of ways. Participation included arranging for a prayer space at parishes or in homes; supplying brochures on local palliative care facilities and services; providing refreshments and time for fellowship; welcoming/supporting those who shared their experiences of palliative care; accepting free will offerings and donating the funds to a local hospice; having discussions on how to assist in palliative care; visiting parishioners in palliative care; hosting speakers from a local hospice.

Environment

Twenty-seven councils participated in the CWL Water Pledge Challenge campaign. Ten councils celebrated the United National World Water Day on March 22, 2019. Various initiatives were taken on ways to conserve water and to create awareness not only among members but within their families and communities. Sixteen councils took action on resolutions on water: 2004.07 Water Use in Canada (11); 2001.04 Water Quality in Canada (3); 2005.06 Developing Countries and Water (1); 1999.09 Bulk Fresh Water Resources (1). Six councils participated in the Earth action initiative request from WUCWO and prompted by the League in September 2019. Five councils reported participating in activities organized by Earth Day Network on April 22, 2019. Councils focused on recycling, reduced the use of styrofoam cups, eliminated use of plastic water bottles, reduced water used, used composts and green bins for organic waste and reduced paper use.

Genetics

Councils rated their knowledge on the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Forty councils responded, rating themselves as follows: one as excellent; three as very good; nineteen as good; eight as fair and nine as poor. Four councils subscribed to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletters to keep informed of current issues in bioethics.

Recommendations

- ❖ Increase focus on bioethics issues which impact our Catholic beliefs and values. Visit the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute website. Sign up to receive their email notifications of upcoming events and their newsletters. Attend lectures and seminars with a view to increasing the knowledge and awareness of the teachings of the Catholic Church in this field.
- ❖ Increase focus on the importance and awareness of environmental issues that are associated with health issues.
- ❖ Build a relationship with the Ontario Catholic Trustees Association, school boards and Catholic parent groups to support, promote and maintain the value of our fully funded Catholic education.
- ❖ Take action on one or more passed resolutions related to Education and Health. Visit the CWL national website. Review each resolution's action plan. Pick an item that is achievable in your council.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Communications

Mary Tuccitto

Fifty-nine councils submitted a 2019 Communications Annual Report, which is slightly higher than in 2018.

The Canadian League Magazine

Eighty-three percent of responding councils rated *The Canadian League* magazine as a good to excellent educational tool, with only 9% rating it as fair. As a resource for advocacy/action, 83% found it good to excellent and for generating new ideas, 85% found it useful, with 84% reporting the magazine as good to excellent as a spiritual guide.

Media: for Evangelization

Just over half of respondents supported Catholic media either through donations or subscriptions. Of those that did, 27% promoted *The Catholic Register*, while 17% subscribed to Salt+Light with Mass for shut-ins at 10% and Vision TV at 9%.

The National Convention speakers, although made available to view on cwl.ca were not overwhelmingly viewed, with only 17% support. However, the League sponsored Mass in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel was shared by 74% of the councils.

Media: to Promote the League

Members were widely encouraged to go to cwl.ca for current information by 86% of councils, with 61% being encouraged to visit CWL on Facebook and Twitter. Advertising council events and activities in local media was commonly used by 63% and the personal touch of a phone call through a telephone committee remained high at 78%.

Media: Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content

Only 34% of respondents encouraged members to monitor media content. One region invited members to attend a presentation by Alex Schadenberg of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Members were encouraged to ban Netflix in response to programs offered with disturbing depictions of Mother Mary and Jesus. The TV program “Mary Kills People” resulted in members writing letters to their local TV stations, with unfortunately little or no results.

Media: Newsletter and Bulletins

Thirty-six percent produced a council newsletter with 57% of those stating it was produced by the communications chair. Newsletters were produced annually (33%), monthly (29%), semiannually (24%), quarterly (10%) and every second month (5%). An overwhelming 76% circulated their newsletter by email with 33% by mail. Using church bulletins remained the main form of promoting council activities and events at 95%, with church bulletin boards and emails at 81%. Posters and phone committees were also popular ways to promote council activities. Council websites and social media were underutilized at only 15% and 24% respectively.

Media: Relations

Almost half of the responding councils (49%) worked with local media to promote the League or their council. Twenty-two per cent of the councils invited the media to attend a function and 38% submitted material for publication and advertisement.

Fifty-five per cent of the responding councils reported reading articles in the newspaper. Members were reminded at meetings and through email to be informed of political party or candidate platforms for the federal election in 2019. Eighteen per cent of councils reviewed legislation on pornography and human trafficking. Guest speakers were invited from the Toronto Police Force and Victim Services. None of the councils contacted agencies such as Child Pornography Hurts. The majority of councils (70%) did not participate in the League's Pornography Hurts postcards. The 9% of councils that participated mailed postcards in May with a steady decrease month after month. In total, 1075 postcards were mailed in 2019 with only 145 responses received.

Recommendations

- ❖ Use social media in evangelization and promoting the League. These can include making available and supporting *The Catholic Register*, Salt+Light, Vision TV, etc.
- ❖ Produce a council newsletter and website so that they are available to all members and the parish community.
- ❖ Educate members and the community on the seriousness of pornography and human trafficking. Invite speakers and contact and support agencies fighting this evil and participate in the League's Pornography Hurts postcards campaign.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Resolutions

Andrea Smart

Sixty-four councils submitted a 2019 Resolutions Annual Report. Only 23 councils reported that the resolutions chair is filled. The majority of councils with a resolutions chair reported that this position is shared with the Legislation Standing Committee.

Outstanding Activities

Cards were signed and sent to the government in support of the Pornography Hurts campaign. Issues of concern to councils included palliative care, euthanasia and assisted dying, genetically modified foods, healthy eating and youth mental health. One council held several letter-writing sessions to the government and received responses. This encouraged their members to continue to speak up on issues that are important to them. Councils continued to take actions on resolutions adopted by signing petitions, meeting with local members of parliament, organized demonstrations and letter-writing campaigns.

Research and Preparation of Resolutions and Briefs

St. Mary Council, Brampton (Peel Region) gifted resolution TDC2019.02 Canadian Support for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which was adopted at the 2019 Toronto Diocesan Convention. The resolution was then adopted at the 2019 Ontario Provincial and National Conventions. This resolution urged the federal government to support, sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (National Resolution 2019.02).

On July 7, 2017, the United Nations adopted the first-ever Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Once 50 nations have signed and ratified this treaty, nuclear weapons, like land mines and cluster bombs, become illegal. Those signing the treaty agree to ban development, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using, or threatening to use nuclear weapons; to assist victims of the use and testing of nuclear weapons; and to help with cleanup of environmental contamination. Canada has not signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, also known as the “Ban Treaty”, claiming that U.S. nuclear weapons are essential to our security.

Study and Implementation of Resolutions Passed at Other Levels

In support of 2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, St. Mary, Brampton, (Peel Region) the council that gifted the resolution, sent Christmas cards to the Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs Minister and local MPs, urging them to support the Treaty.

Thirty-six councils familiarized themselves with resolutions passed at the national level in 2019. In support of ON.19.02 Abortion and Mental Health, one council presented the movie *Unplanned* in their parish and bought out the movie theater where it was shown. Three councils studied and educated members on ON.19.01 Psychotherapy Pilot Project for Adults, ON.19.02 Abortion and Mental Health, ON.19.03 Long-Term Care Beds in Ontario.

Promoting Interest in the Resolutions Standing Committee

Members who attended conventions at any level, found the resolutions dialogue sessions to be very informative. It enabled them to better understand the resolutions process at conventions. Many councils promoted resolutions through meetings, emails and newsletters. Some councils invited guest speakers at their meetings.

Directives Circulated/Discussed/League Resources

The *Toronto Diocesan Newsletter* and *The League Magazine* were the two most used references reported by councils. A few councils reported using the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook*, *The National Manual of Policy and Procedure*, and *Leading the League*.

Recommendations

- ❖ Study resolutions passed at all levels of the League and follow the action plans. A letter-writing session at a meeting is a good place to start. The use of the League's *Letter Writing Guide* is strongly suggested as a guide.
- ❖ Keep and use the pamphlet on *Building a Relationship with Your MPP*, the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook*, as well as the *Toronto Diocesan Newsletter*, as they are important tools in furthering the work of the Resolutions Committee.
- ❖ Encourage members to take the Resolutions Committee Chair position. Councils that do not have a resolutions chair are encouraged to identify members who can monitor media, websites, *The Canadian League* magazine, Catholic newspapers, as well as the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) and Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) websites for current issues that need action.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Legislation

Elizabeth Joseph

Fifty-three councils completed the 2019 Legislation Annual Report. Eighteen councils reported that this standing committee chair was filled.

Ninety-four percent of councils reported monitoring and studying legislation at the municipal government level and 89% reported monitoring and studying legislation at the provincial and federal government levels. Forty-four percent of councils reported that they received mailings from their municipal representative, 33% received mailings from their provincial representative and 39% received mailings from their federal representative.

Five councils (28%) attended public forums by governments at any level and brought the information back to their councils. The topics included federal election candidates' debate; municipal council meetings; Ontario Health Coalition; Fair Vote Peel; municipal level/information sessions on housing, safe water, food bank; lobbying for stop lights and supporting the City's Vision 20 for pedestrian safety.

Councils rated their knowledge of the issues being discussed by government at all levels, with somewhat to extremely well informed being the highest rating: 94% at municipal level and 89% at provincial and federal levels.

Federal Bills from the 42nd Parliament, 1st Session

Twenty councils shared information on Bill C-57 An Act to Amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act; and 26 councils shared information on Bill C-75 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and other Acts, and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. Thirty-nine councils shared information on Bill C-418 Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act.

Eleven councils monitored and or acted upon other federal bills. The monitored federal bills were: C-48 Oil Tankers Moratorium Act; Quebec's Bill 21; Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program; Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care services in facilities to exclude MAID; Mandatory Age Verification for pornographic websites; and access to clean water.

Action Plans on National Resolutions

Thirty-seven councils held presentations on Resolution 2019:02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Nine councils educated their members on the resolution. Eight councils wrote letters to the federal government; and five councils monitored the federal response to this resolution.

Twenty-four councils educated their members on Resolution 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying; and 40 councils wrote letters to the Prime Minister and Attorney General with copies to their Members of Parliament. Twelve councils continued to monitor the status of this resolution.

Provincial Bills

Provincial legislation monitored by councils included Bill 13 Time to Care Act (Long Term Care Homes Amendment, Minimum Standard of Daily Care), 2018; Long Term Care Beds in Ontario; Bill 63 Right to Timely Health and Addiction Care for Children and Youth Act 2019; Bill 178 Smoke Free Ontario Act 2017; Bill 148 The Fair Workplaces Better Jobs Act 2017; Bill 82 Single-Use Plastics Ban Act 2019; and Bill 108 More Homes, More Choice Act 2019.

Shared Councils' Legislation Activities

Eleven councils reported they wanted to share their council's legislation activities. Legislation activities included: conducted the 'Scavenger Hunt' homelessness project, mailed postcards to Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister of Families and local MP re national Resolution 2017.02; followed euthanasia and assisted suicide in the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition newsletters and *The Catholic Register*; presented the film *Fatal Flaws* to members; attended a workshop on Resolution 2019.02; wrote a letter to the Ontario Minister of Health requesting legislation for updated timely information on Down's Syndrome; educated members on Bill 108; monitored changes to Ontario Disability Support Plan and Ontario Works; encouraged members to pray and vote in the 2019 federal election; educated members on how to access legislature and provided websites.

Accessed Hansard

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

Recommendations

- ❖ Elect or appoint legislation chairs on parish councils.
- ❖ Email petitions to government representatives in order to elicit mailings from all levels of government. Complete online surveys, submissions of comments and petitions pertaining to legislation as requested.
- ❖ Study and implement the Action Plan for current and active CWL resolutions.
- ❖ Attend public forums sponsored by all levels of governments and bring information back to council.
- ❖ Access Hansard, Legislative Assembly of Ontario and Legisinfo websites to monitor status of government bills.
- ❖ Utilize newspapers, League resources and websites to be educated on the bills being monitored nationally.

Report of the Newsletter Editor

Lucia Vacca

Eighty-eight per cent of the 101 Toronto Diocesan councils had subscriptions in 2019. As of December 2019, there were a total of 822 subscriptions which included the Diocesan executive, life members, regional spiritual advisors, regional chairs and parish council executives, spiritual advisors and members.

The newsletter was published three times during the year in the Spring, Fall and Winter. The newsletter highlighted special projects, events, resolutions, council anniversaries and member milestone years of service and Maple Leaf Service Pin awards.

The newsletter articles prepared by the executive officers and standing committee chairs were on current and upcoming initiatives, events and activities for their positions and were based on the *Constitution & Bylaws*, policy and procedure manuals, and communiqués from other levels of the League.

The Toronto Diocesan Newsletter raised awareness and promoted 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 to a council's new or current executive officers, addresses, deceased subscribers, etc., must be sent immediately in order to keep the data accurate and up-to-date. This will ensure that the newsletter information is accurate and is received timely. This will also reduce undue costs for undelivered mail.

Recommendations

- ❖ Budget and provide subscriptions of the newsletter for the executive and also encourage all members to subscribe. Consider subsidizing the cost of the newsletter for all members.
- ❖ Renew newsletter subscriptions early in January to ensure uninterrupted delivery. Be sure to indicate unit or apartment number. Use the form on our TDC website (cwltoronto.ca) and include the parish, region, contact name and phone number.

Durham Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 12

Rev. David Bollo
Angie Baglieri
Membership: 947

Durham Region ended the year with 943 members, a decline of 64 members from 2018. St. John the Evangelist Council had an increase of nine members and Sacred Heart Council showed an increase of four members. Four councils celebrated milestone anniversaries: Sacred Heart of Jesus (30 years), St. Joseph the Worker (35 years), Holy Cross (55 years) and St. John the Evangelist (80 years).

Members assisted with parish events, served on parish councils, assisted in sacramental preparation and took part in parish fundraisers. They collected prayer shawls, diapers, formula and other items to donate. Monies were donated to St. Vincent's Kitchen, Catholic Family Services Durham, Gate 3:16, Society of St Vincent de Paul, Rose of Durham, Operation Scugog and The Refuge. Members provided active service in St. Vincent's Kitchen and Gate 3:16.

Development Day was attended by 20 members. Several members attended the Food Handling Course in February sponsored by the Durham Health Department. St. Isaac Jogues Council invited Chief Kelly LaRocca of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an historical account of the treatment of Indigenous peoples in Canada. In February, the regional chair co-ordinated a presentation to the priests in the region on the homeless in Durham. Members also conducted home visits to shut-ins.

The Mary Matthews Regional Public Speaking Contest was held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on March 3rd. Four councils participated in the Pro Life Essay and Poetry contests and a presentation of the Youth Awards took place at All Saints Secondary School on May 9th. St. Isaac Jogues Council hosted the Spring Regional Meeting. The Fall Regional General Meeting was hosted at Holy Family Parish. Members attended the World Day of Prayer in their respective municipalities. Mary Lynch, St. Joseph the Worker Council, was the recipient of the Patricia Beattie Mentoring Award, Parish Level, which was awarded at the Toronto Diocesan Convention.

Spiritual growth continued to be a focal point for the membership. St. Joseph the Worker and Immaculate Conception councils held retreat days for their members. Holy Family Parish hosted the relic of St. Anthony with Father Paolo, guest celebrant from Padua, Italy. An Evening of Reflection was held at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering and the theme was *Care for Our Common Home*. All councils participated in the anti-pornography postcard campaign requesting the mandatory safeguards for pornographic websites. Many councils participated in the *Petition of One Million* campaign. Five members attended the Provincial Convention and one attended the National Convention. Durham councils continue to make a difference *For God and Canada*.

Humber Valley Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 10

Rev. Luigino Santi
Mary Grossi
Membership: 949

Humber Valley Region was pleased to have St. Gregory Council celebrate their 60th Anniversary this year at their June Luncheon. Two Maple Leaf Service Pins were presented during the celebration to very deserving members. Humber Valley Region was proud to see that their membership drives resulted in five councils increasing their membership this year: Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, St. Gregory, St. John the Evangelist and Transfiguration of Our Lord Councils. Although the overall membership of the region was slightly decreased because of deaths and lapsed renewals, members becoming shut-ins and too elderly to participate, the goal of all councils is to keep all new members engaged and encourage them to renew again.

All councils were focused on the provincial and national themes *Care for our Common Home*, *Homelessness* and the National 100th anniversary H.U.G. (Helping, Understanding, Giving) project for their various activities. Socks, hats, personal items, clothing, toiletries and financial aid was donated by many councils to various homeless shelters as well as to preferred charities like Good Shepherd, St. Vincent de Paul, Sisters of Mercy, Imani's Place, Ernestine's Shelter, Our Place Peel, to name a few. A shut-in visitation squad was initiated to visit CWL members needing elder care in the community. The Annual Mass to End Women Abuse at St. Roch's, sponsored by Catholic Family Services Toronto and supported by the CWL, was held in October. In keeping with one of the League's objectives, to protect the sanctity of life, the movie *Unplanned* was viewed in August by several councils. Life Chain, which took place on Sunday, October 6th, was held at several locations throughout the region.

Humber Valley hosted Development Day on February 23rd at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish for the unveiling of the League Strategic Plan by Margaret Ann Jacobs, National Past President. The new theme *Care for the Common Home* was also introduced, and Sister Francis, Director of Mission and Ministry at St. Bernard's Retirement Residence added some much-appreciated levity to the program with her presentation of *The Humour of God*.

Spiritual growth continues to be the focal point of all councils witnessed by their planned retreats and their offering of prayers, rosaries and benedictions for those in palliative care, spiritual bouquets for League spiritual advisors, their continued attendance at the annual convention as well as many members attending the World Day of Prayer held at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, dedicated to the women of Slovenia and planned by them.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and mentor us to remain strong while working together as one.

North York Region

Spiritual Advisor(s)
Chair
Councils: 20

Rev. Boniface Perri
Marie Barry
Membership: 1218

Once again in 2019, North York Region increased the number of councils. With the addition of St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council, we now have 20 councils! We are happy to welcome these wonderful women to the CWL sisterhood.

Our parish councils actively embraced the themes of *Care for our Common Home*, *Homelessness*, and *Loneliness*. They hosted speakers on these topics to help educate about environmental concerns such as water usage, held drives for the Good Shepherd Ministries, Out of the Cold Program, Rosalie Hall, women's shelters, and more. They worked to engage parishioners to come out for fellowship in an effort to help combat loneliness within their parish communities.

North York held a winter meeting where the *Care for our Common Home* theme was discussed, along with the first two steps of the Strategic Plan. Parish presidents were also given the opportunity to discuss thoughts around attracting new and/or younger members. The meeting was well attended; this helped with a great exchange of ideas on all topics discussed.

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

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

Northern Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 16

Rev. Silvio Eljuga
Anne Marie Martyniuk
Membership: 1258

Northern Region was proud to have two councils celebrate milestone anniversaries. St. Paul the Apostle Council, Alliston, celebrated their 55th Anniversary with a Spring Tea where several charter members were honoured. St. Columbkille Council, Uptergrove, marked their 65th Anniversary with Mass followed by a roast beef dinner and service pin presentation.

St. Mary's Council, Collingwood, was delighted to celebrate Agatha Twaststjerna's 90th Birthday. Agatha is still actively involved with the CWL and St. Vincent De Paul. Our Lady of Lourdes Council, Elmvale, St. Mary's and Holy Spirit Councils, Barrie, welcomed new members through their membership drives. Congratulations!

Father Silvio Eljuga, pastor at Guardian Angels Parish, Orillia, was welcomed as the Northern Spiritual Advisor. Father Silvio is also the pastor of five parishes and spiritual advisor to three CWL councils.

Many councils embraced the National theme of *Care for Our Common Home*. There were 'green' bazaars and luncheons, ink cartridge and pen recycling at St. Mary's Council, Barrie. Members strived to eliminate single use plastics at all parish events. Others provided their own recycling containers, so nothing made it to the garbage. /St. Mary's Council, Victoria Harbour, turned their cleaning cart into an eco station to include compost. The Provincial *Loneliness* theme was addressed in many ways, such as visiting shut-ins, sending cards and phone calls. St. Paul the Apostle Council, Alliston, hosted their 33rd Seniors' Luncheon. Holy Martyrs of Japan Council, Bradford, hosted several dinners for their migrant workers and some councils connected with a local nursing home for names and gift ideas. Councils continued to grow spiritually by organizing retreats, attended or hosted World Day of Prayer, carpooled to the annual Rosary Sunday at Martyrs' Shrine and Life Chain Sunday. They led Stations of the Cross during Lent and worked with their spiritual advisors for special parish celebrations.

Northern Region was represented at the Diocesan, Provincial, National and Military Ordinariate Conventions. These are wonderful opportunities to come together as sisters and catch the fire of the League. Other opportunities for us to come together were socials. The Annual Northern Winter Social was hosted by St. Patrick's Council, Stayner. It was a lovely afternoon of friendship and fun. Members also connected at a blanket ceremony at St. Joseph's, Borden CFB.

Peel Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 17

Rev. Michael Simoes
Aurora Chavez
Membership: 1551

The outgoing 2017-2019 Peel regional executive hosted a Black & White Brunch to welcome the new 2019-2021 Peel executive at St. John Fisher Parish. There were 127 members from 11 councils including Life Members. Peel Region welcomed Rev. Father Michael Simoes, pastor at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, as the new regional spiritual advisor.

Councils supported the *Care for Our Common Home* theme with a special focus on water. St. Ignatius of Loyola Council hosted a regional retreat, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. Members participated in the Water Challenge. /One council donated \$250 towards building a well water system, supported Lifewater Canada and 40ceans. There were events and fundraising initiatives to educate members to help minimize one's carbon footprint to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Councils reduced printing by using /email, website postings, text messaging, eliminating the use of plastic and styrofoam items by providing china dishes, glassware, mugs and cutlery, and all napkins and leftover food were composted; they brought their own mugs to meetings and carpoled to CWL events. One council purchased a small commercial dishwasher to encourage the use of reusable dishes.

The Provincial *Homeless* theme made members more aware and mindful of their members, parishioners and the community at large. Councils participated in the national Centenary H.U.G. (Helping, Understanding, Giving) Project and donated care packages and toiletry items for women and children using shelters who have experienced domestic abuse. Sts. Peter and Paul Council made and donated 300 sandwiches through Mission Angels for the *Homeless* project. Donations were also made to MaterCare International, Good Shepherd Ministry, Knight's Table, Canadian Missions, parish Feed the Poor programs and St. Louise Outreach Food Bank. St. Marguerite D'Youville Council donated 25 Christmas baskets at Christmas for homeless and people in need.

Development Day was attended by over 100 members due to councils' encouragements and subsidized members' fees. A spiritual reflection on offering the five gifts of creation was shared with the membership at their general meeting by two councils. St. Mary's Council, Brampton, gifted a resolution on Canadian Support for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). A few councils had members attend the Provincial and National Conventions.

St. Francis Xavier Council held the Parish Executive Training prior to their council election in October. One council contributed to the Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund and St. John the Evangelist Council awarded a \$500 bursary to a female graduating student from a local Catholic high school who actively participated in the school community, embodied the principles of Catholic social teaching and participated in faith life within the parish.

Scarborough Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 11

Rev. Dominic Borg, OCD
Nenita MacKenzie
Membership: 783

Scarborough Region welcomed two new councils, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and St. Lawrence Martyr. The Scarborough winter event in January was well attended. The focus was on health with emphasis on the importance of mental health. The guest speaker was the late Regional Spiritual Advisor Father Peter Tammearu who spoke on spirituality and illness using the example of Job, the Suffering Servant. The region was saddened by his unexpected passing in early April.

Father Dominic Borg, OCD, Pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Parish, was welcomed as the new Regional Spiritual Advisor. St. Bartholomew Council celebrated their 25th anniversary and also welcomed Father Fernan Serrano as their spiritual advisor.

The winners of the Jean McCann Youth Service Award and the Mary Dobell Senior Essay Contest were from Scarborough Region.

Councils supported the Provincial *Loneliness* theme by visiting shut-in members, volunteering at the Good Shepherd Refuge and St. Francis Table to cook and serve food for the homeless. Precious Blood Council raised \$5,000 to support the education of the high school students living in the refugee camps in Ghana, Africa. Councils continued to make sleeping mats made from milk bags and pneumonia vests for Haitian babies. The National Centenary Committee Project, H.U.G. (Helping, Understanding, Giving) was supported by most of the councils. They collected hats, scarves, gloves, socks, toiletries, shawls, loose change, baby blankets and onesies as well as donations to various shelters such as Sisters of Life, Juliette's Place (Homeward Shelter) and Kennedy Women's Shelter. In keeping with the National *Care for Our Common Home* theme, most councils refrained from using disposable utensils during meetings and events. Councils visited their elderly sisters in their home and in the long-term care facilities.

The Feast of Our Lady of Counsel was celebrated with Mass and reception of new members ceremonies. Scarborough Region hosted the 5th Annual Indigenous Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, which was well attended by the members. Several councils participated in Rosary Sunday at Martyrs' Shrine by processing their banners. Most councils supported March for Life in May and Life Chain Sunday in October. Some councils held a movie night viewing *Fatal Flaws* with a speaker from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Members wrote letters to their MPs on the topic of MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying). Council presidents placed the region's Books of Life at the foot of the altar at the deceased members Mass in November.

All these activities, events and accomplishments are embraced as one UNITED in prayers and sisterhood.

Toronto Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 13

Rev. Damian Young-Sam-You
Araceli Farinas
Membership: 458

Toronto Region held a reflection day January 19th on the *Homeless* theme given by Regional Spiritual Advisor Father Damian Young-Sam-You and hosted by St. Alphonsus Council. Development Day on February 23rd was attended by 27 members from nine councils.

Our Lady of Lourdes Council held their Annual Communion and Mother's Day Brunch on May 18th, courtesy of their Spiritual Advisor Father John Sullivan followed by an afternoon retreat facilitated by him. St. Monica Council had their Advent and Lenten Reflection with their Spiritual Advisor Father Damian Young-Sam- You. Holy Cross Council give out Easter candies to children for Easter treats. Holy Rosary Council sang carols to the seniors at Christie Gardens.

Six members attended the Provincial Convention in Kingston in July. The president of St. Matthew's Council was the representative for Toronto Region at the national convention in Calgary. On September 8th, Holy Rosary, St. Helen, St. John Bosco, St. Matthew and St. Pius X councils attended Rosary Sunday in Midland. St. Pius X Council was invited to recite a decade of the Living Rosary at that time. They also presented their CWL Christian Spirit Award of \$100 to both female and male students from St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School grade 8 graduating class.

St. John's Council, Kingston Road, was featured in the November Ontario Provincial Council Newsletter as one of the Toronto Diocesan councils noted for their work on the *Care for Our Common Home* theme and their actions on the *Loneliness and Homeless* themes. The actions included monthly casseroles to feed the homeless, delivering hygiene items to a women's shelter and holding a community healing Mass.

St. Thomas Aquinas Council had great success with their membership drive in November and 45 ladies signed up

All councils incorporated the *Care for Our Common Home* and *Loneliness* themes in their events and activities. One member made a produce cloth bag for sale at their fundraising events and encouraged people to use this bag instead of plastic. St. Joan of Arc Council helped with an ecumenical Taize service on the Season of Creation, involving Indigenous peoples.

St. John's Council, Kingston Road, hosted the Spring Regional Meeting. Our Lady of Lourdes Council hosted the Fall Regional Meeting where Monsignor Patrick O'Dea and Father John Sullivan concluded the evening with a special blessing to everyone with the relic of a Holy Canadian Martyr. St. Alphonsus Council celebrated their 30th Anniversary. They also mourned the passing of Claudette Guibord, who was well known by most attending the conventions; she will be missed.

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

	2019	2018	2017R
Total Membership	7164	7259	7416
Total Councils	101	98	96

R Revised Membership Numbers for the current year
 * Re-Activated
 ** New

National					
Account#	Durham Region (12)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-008	Holy Cross	Oshawa	51	54	55
T-001	Holy Family	Whitby	106	109	109
T-014	Immaculate Conception	Port Perry	91	99	102
T-135	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Uxbridge	25	21	25
T-055	St. Francis de Sales	Ajax	42	49	51
T-112	St. Gertrude	Oshawa	81	83	82
T-061	St. Gregory the Great	Oshawa	64	81	91
T-075	St. Isaac Jogues	Pickering	86	90	89
T-068	St. John the Evangelist	Whitby	93	84	88
T-030	St. Joseph the Worker	Oshawa	132	151	162
T-130	St. Leo the Great	Brooklin	48	48	55
T-087	St. Mary of the People	Oshawa	128	138	147
	Totals		947	1007	1056

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

National					
Account#	Humber Valley (10)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-122	Immaculate Conception	Woodbridge	108	101	107
T-022	Nativity of Our Lord	Etobicoke	125	126	129
T-026	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal	Alderwood	84	83	89
T-036	St. Ambrose	Toronto	64	69	68
T-059	St. Gregory	Etobicoke	92	89	81
T-031	St. John the Evangelist	Weston	49	40	50
T-078	St. Margaret Mary	Woodbridge	195	195	189
T-121	St. Padre Pio	Woodbridge	50	54	56
T-101	St. Roch	North York	97	99	100
T-110	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Weston	85	76	75
	Totals		949	932	942

National					
Account#	North York Region (20)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-003	Blessed Trinity	North York	96	106	102
T-015	Good Shepherd	Thornhill	44	50	49
T-119	Immaculate Conception/ Our Lady of the Lake	Sutton/Keswick	35	27	39
T-049	Our Lady of Grace	Aurora	31	37	47
T-013	Our Lady of theAnnunciation	Richmond Hill	30	26	23
T-032	Sacred Heart	King City	92	78	84
T-143	St. Bernard de Clairvaux*	North York	6	---	---
T-047	St. Bonaventure	Don Mills	118	127	128
T-054	St. Edward the Confessor	Willowdale	75	78	75
T-060	St. John Chrysostom	Newmarket	93	90	102
T-136	St. John XXIII	North York	37	32	29
T-052	St. Joseph the Worker	Thornhill	37	38	39
T-063	St. Justin Martyr	Unionville	46	43	48
T-091	St. Luke	Thornhill	35	29	--
T-117	St. Mary	Nobleton	40	43	43
T-004	St. Mary Immaculate	Richmond Hill	116	124	121
T-132	St. Patrick	Markham	93	95	62
T-125	St. Patrick	Schomberg	30	31	33
T-131	St. Philip Neri	Toronto	80	87	95
T-108	St. Timothy	North York	84	85	92
	Totals		1218	1226	1211

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

National					
Account#	Northern Region (16)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-005	Guardian Angels	Orillia	141	157	157
T-011	Holy Martyrs of Japan	Bradford	147	148	149
T-127	Holy Spirit	Barrie	66	65	68
T-024	Our Lady of Lourdes	Elmvale	58	55	62
T-033	Sacred Heart	Port McNicoll	28	29	29
T-037	St. Andrew	Brechin	18	17	57
T-053	St. Columbkille	Uptergrove	36	39	37
T-046	St. James	Colgan	44	46	42
T-069	St. John Vianney	Barrie	115	129	132
T-077	St. Margaret	Midland	63	59	59
T-082	St. Mary	Barrie	175	145	198
T-084	St. Mary	Collingwood	74	74	69
T-111	St. Mary	Victoria Harbour	51	55	52
T-093	St. Patrick	Phelpston	51	54	56
T-086	St. Patrick/St. Noel	Stayner	76	82	86
T-076	St. Paul the Apostle	Alliston	115	121	111
	Totals		1258	1276	1364

National					
Account#	Peel Region (18)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-141	Guardian Angels	Brampton	25	27	2
T-126	St. Anne	Brampton	102	79	79
T-115	St. Anthony of Padua	Bramalea	40	42	46
T-118	St. Francis Xavier	Mississauga	183	177	171
T-065	St. Ignatius Loyola	Mississauga	46	48	45
T-066	St. John Fisher	Bramalea	130	155	151
T-140	St. John the Evangelist	Caledon	12	23	14
T-072	St. Joseph, Streetsville	Mississauga	77	84	74
T-035	St. Leonard	Brampton	84	102	105
T-120	St. Marguerite d'Youville	Brampton	74	80	72
T-113	St. Martin of Tours	Mississauga	105	95	98
T-083	St. Mary	Brampton	134	132	118
T-057	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Mississauga	97	96	101
T-092	St. Patrick	Mississauga	107	102	110
T-114	St. Patrick, Wildfield	Brampton	46	65	100
T-107	St. Timothy	Orangeville	27	42	42
T-128	Sts. Martha and Mary	Mississauga	23	21	21
T-124	Sts. Peter and Paul	Mississauga	239	225	203
	Totals		1551	1595	1552

Summary of Per Capita Fees

Paid by Parish Councils

National					
Account#	Scarborough Region (11)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-013	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	North York	53	60	65
T-020	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Scarborough	15	30	25
T-142	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine**	Scarborough	27		
T-034	Precious Blood	Scarborough	109	106	101
T-123	St. Aidan	Scarborough	67	66	64
T-043	St. Barnabas	Scarborough	83	84	63
T-039	St. Bartholomew	Scarborough	59	62	26
T-058	St. Boniface	Scarborough	14	17	26
T-050	St. Dunstan	Scarborough	37	45	39
T-071	St. Joseph Highland Creek	Scarborough	211	210	219
T-079	St. Maria Goretti	Scarborough	108	105	106
	Totals		783	785	789

National					
Account#	Toronto Region (13)	City/Town	2019	2018R	2017R
T-009	Holy Cross	Toronto	27	31	26
T-129	Holy Rosary	Toronto	28	33	21
T-018	Our Lady Help of Christians	Toronto	27	28	30
T-025	Our Lady of Lourdes	Toronto	53	61	63
T-012	St. Alphonsus	Toronto	43	44	39
T-062	St. Helen	Toronto	8	10	11
T-064	St. Joan of Arc	Toronto	55	68	73
T-027	St. John	Toronto	69	76	68
T-134	St. John Bosco	Toronto	22	20	26
T-051	St. Matthew	Toronto	17	12	8
T-089	St. Monica	Toronto	68	90	91
T-139	St. Thomas Aquinas	Toronto	8	13	12
T-099	St. Pius X	Toronto	33	29	32
	Totals		458	515	500

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St. Joseph

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St. Mary Star of the Sea

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