



President's Update June 2022

Dear sisters in the League,

The first month since Convention 2023 has flown by so quickly that I am taking this opportunity to fill you in on what has happened since then.

My first duty as your newly installed Toronto Diocesan Council President was to bring greetings to the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women as they met in their annual general meeting. Their theme for the next year "Renewed for Change" resonates with our own focus in the League for changes in our policies and procedures. The Toronto Diocesan Council has had a long association with our sisters in the Anglican Church. You may also recall that Enid Corbett, their current president brought greetings to our convention on Thursday morning.

2022 Convention Recap



Congratulations to (now) Past President, Hilarion Mitchell and the 2022 convention committee (Shirley Christo, Zenora Mahabal and Elisabeth Quail) for a successful convention that provided members with 2 days of faith, education and fulfillment. Appreciation also is extended to the 2022 Toronto Diocesan Executive who gave tremendous support to make this year's convention a reality and a success.

Instructed Votes

There were 70 voting delegates in attendance at convention for the instructed votes. In case you missed the final votes on the 9 motions that were also voted on at the parish level, here is a recap of the final votes at our diocesan convention:

- Proposed Amendment Number 1: Multiple Parts: Annual Meeting of Members
Voting For 66 Voting Against 2
- Proposed Amendment Number 2: Part II Patroness and Part VI: Spiritual Program
Voting For 29 **Voting Against 39**
- Proposed Amendment Number 3: Part XI Officers, Part VIII Section 4: National Administrative Committee and Part X, Section 1: Number of Directors
Voting For 54 Voting Against 5
- Proposed Amendment Number 4: Part XII Duties of Officers
Voting for 63 Voting Against 5
- Proposed Amendment Number 5: Part XII, Section 8: Chairpersons of Standing Committees
Voting For 63 Voting Against 5
- Proposed Amendment Number 6: Part XIV: Meetings and Quorums
Voting For 67 Voting Against 2
- Proposed Amendment Number 7: Part XVI, Section 2: Terms of Office
Voting For 54 Voting Against 15
- Proposed Amendment Number 8: Part XVI, Section 5: Elections of Officers
Voting For 66 Voting Against 2

- Motion to Increase National Per Capita Fees from \$13 to \$25
Voting For 37 Voting Against 33
A majority vote in favour was achieved.

Registration

There were 290 members in attendance at the business sessions. Congratulations to St. Francis Xavier Council for having the most attendees with 16. Kudos to Humber Region for having representation from 9 (of 10) of their councils at the business sessions.

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

After an extra year to his appointment, Msgr. Pat O’Dea’s term will end on June 30th. We thank him for his support and wise counsel during the last 6 years. Msgr. Pat served with 3 presidents and they all appreciated his input.

Our new Diocesan Spiritual Advisor is Fr. Liborio Amaral, St. Mary’s Parish (Brampton). He is great supporter of the CWL at his parish and will be warmly welcomed by the diocesan executive as well as members at large. You will meet him at regional meetings this fall.

Executive 2022- 2024

Here is your newly elected Toronto Diocesan Executive Council:

Committee	Name
Spiritual Development	Iris McNulty
Corresponding Sec.	Shaila D’Souza
Recording Secretary	Zenora Mahabal
Treasurer	Lolita Perry
Resolutions	Connie Cristinziano, 1 st VP
Education and Health	Andrea Smart, 2 nd VP
Christian Family Life	Ciscily Winkler
Communications	Nenita McKenzie
Community Life	Elizabeth Joseph
Legislation	Mary Tuccitto
Newsletter	Mary Antonio
Past President	Hilarion Mitchell
President-elect Organization	Kate O’Quinn
President	Sue Lubowitz
Durham Region	Alys MacAlister
Humber Region	Karen McKeown
North York Region	Elisabeth Quail
Northern Region	Dianne Hunter
Peel Region	Natalie Meier
Scarborough Region	Patricia Lobo
Toronto Region	Mary Jane Domingo

Please keep this executive in your prayers as we continue our service in the League through faith, service and social justice.

Resolutions

Two resolutions were passed in the morning of day two of convention.

- 2022.01 Promoting a Holistic Parish-Based Theology of the Body Lifestyle and Procreation Teachings
- 2022.02 National Strategy to Address Loneliness

These Toronto resolutions have been submitted to the Ontario CWL Resolutions Review Committee for consideration at the provincial convention in July.

Certificates of Merit

Twenty anniversary milestone certificates were presented at convention including two 100 year anniversary certificates to St Mary's Council (Barrie) and St. John Chrysostom Council (Newmarket). Totaling all the years of service of these councils we reach an amazing 1225 years of service to God and Canada. Truly inspiring!

Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award

For this award, councils were asked to nominate that special person who has, through her compassion and kindness, knowledge, and active encouragement, promoted growth in other members of the League. Special note should be made of the nominee's support and encouragement of others to move into executive positions and/or to progress to other challenging positions beyond.

Two awards were presented to these deserving recipients:

Parish Level: Sonia daCosta-Spence

Auxiliary Level: Mary Hawkley, Life Member

Youth Awards

Awards were presented to three students in the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Awareness Essay competition. The Jean McCann Service Award for Youth was presented to Melanie Dias, Senator O'Connor College School (St. John XXIII Parish, North York).

The Toronto Diocesan St. Michael's College (University of Toronto) Scholarship was presented to Kaitlin Lacombe of St. Clare of Assisi Parish. The Toronto Diocesan Council Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship Fund was awarded to Whitney Nguyen who will be attending a management program at Humber College. Please remember to include these 2 scholarships in your budget allocation of funds.

Mass Collection

A total of \$1,642.25 was collected at the closing mass to be distributed between Catholic Family Services of Toronto, Simcoe County, Peel-Dufferin, Durham and Catholic Community Services of York Region.

Anniversary Celebrations

I have had the pleasure so far of bringing congratulations on behalf of the members to the Toronto Diocesan Council to two anniversary celebrations in May/June.



On May 15th, I attended the St. Justin Martyr CWL High Tea and presented their 25th anniversary certificate to Council President, Diane Olmstead. Also in attendance was Kay Booker, outgoing North York Regional Chair.



On June 5th, I attended the 50th anniversary for St. Boniface Parish Council in Scarborough Region. Also in attendance was new Scarborough Regional Chair, Patricia Lobo and outgoing council president Cynthia Garcia. This is the

home parish of Scarborough Region Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Peter Marr. The council used their funds to present the parish with a bench placed near the statue of Mary for parishioners to use when praying. The ladies holding the certificate are seated on that bench. A plaque was placed on the bench to mark this anniversary milestone.

In Case You Missed It

Since May 1st the following information has been made available to you by the committee chairs. They can be found on the respective websites.

From National (cwl.ca):

- Implementation Committee Update for May and Jun
- President's Outings from Fran Lucas for May
- Dignity Conserving Care: Webinar Recording Available
- Education and Health: communiqué #6

From Provincial (cwl.on.ca)

- Truth and Reconciliation update for May (under resources)
- May and June newsletters

- Legislation Communique#3

Dates to Remember

June 21st: National Indigenous Peoples Day Virtual Presentation
July 10-13: Ontario Provincial CWL Council 75th Annual Convention
August 13-18: National CWL Council 102nd Annual Convention
Sept. 11: 38th Rosary Sunday (Martyrs Shrine)

Theme Logo

If you are using the theme logo on event posters, communications or other printed material, please remember to use the correct logo as shown on the national website.

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and **LIVING IT!**

The image with the stain glass is only for the prayer card and its use has only been approved for that purpose. If you look at the back of the card you will see the following:

Image:
Original window in the
Baptistry of St. Joseph's Basilica,
Edmonton and used with the permission
of the Rector.

Prayer:
Deacon John Lindsay,
Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Thank you for your cooperation on this.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to call or email me. I look forward to seeing you all this fall at the regional meetings.

Your sister in the League,
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