

TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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I wish you renewed faith as we embrace this New Year 2019.

It is my hope, during visits to regional events and our upcoming convention in May 2019, that we will have many opportunities to speak and to share about all that is happening in the Catholic Women's League throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. I often comment at regional meetings, that I am quite inspired, and often in awe, when listening to the incredible works and ministries that are done by the individual parishes within each region. I know your ministry is not simply a "job", but rather an experience that is lived out in faithful witness to Christ. I congratulate you all for your dedication and commitment to the Church.



In looking forward to the convention in May 2019, I began to reflect on the convention theme for this year, *"Care for our Common Home"*. As Toronto Diocesan President Ann D'Souza has informed us, we will have the opportunity to reflect on how we care and protect the world and all its people who are part of God's creation. We are indeed created by God, who invites us to be good stewards of the earth He has created for all of us.

I think you might agree the world today is in great need of prayer, for many reasons, both spiritual and temporal. There is so much division and very few leaders who can inspire us to be better. This is all the more reason to believe in the power of God who inspires us to be more responsible for making the world a better place. He can and does empower us to do so.

One way we might wish to focus more on this sense of responsibility is to pray to be more enlightened about the issues of our time and to pray for the strength to recognize how we can indeed be positive agents of change. I recently came across a prayer (author unknown) which helped in my appreciation of the need to be more concerned about how we care for one another and for God's creation. As we prepare for the convention, I trust this prayer might be of help to you personally.

God, you are the maker of all things, and you love all that you have made.

The earth and its abundance are yours; yet with a marvellous trust in humanity you have given it into our care, making us shepherds of your creation.

I bless you for the greatness of your ways, for the magnificence of your world, and for the generosity of your trust.

In humility and gratitude, I pledge myself to extend and deepen my sense of responsibility for your world, through study, reflection, and prayer. Asking the guidance of your Holy Spirit and conscious of our inclination towards mindless and destructive living, I make this commitment:

I will protect and reverence every human life, from its first moment to its last.

I will work with others to create a more just and compassionate society, in our parish, in our country, in our world; a society in which the poor and the weak will be cherished and uplifted, and in which the world's abundance will be shared and enjoyed by all.

I will adopt a lifestyle of happy simplicity, as an act of trust in your providence, and as a deliberate step away from thoughtless getting and spending.

I will continually evaluate the effects of my work and earnings, judging them by the standard of justice and charity rather than of self-interest.

I will make the sharing of my personal wealth with the poor of the world a central part of my Christian life.

I will work for the creative development of the world's resources, and for their humane and responsible use.

In all, I will strive to live by the freeing, life-giving standards of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, bless my resolution, and give me the courage and steadfastness to carry it out.

God Bless,

Fr. Pat

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation.

“Humans are commanded to care for God’s creation” Genesis 2:15

Time goes by so fast, people come in and out of our lives, but one should never miss the opportunity to let them know how much they mean to you - so as I sign off my last newsletter as your president - ***“Thank you”***. I had the most memorable time, thank you for touching my life in ways you never know, it was an honour and privilege to serve you. I am very grateful for the support I received from our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Pat O’Dea and our life members, always within reach when I needed their guidance.



More than any previous years, this will be a very busy year for all of us. We have the Strategy Planning from National, elections at the Toronto Diocese as well as Provincial, and getting ready for our 100th Anniversary which will be at our doorstep in no time. In this newsletter, you will see the update on the planning from Life Member Mary Hawkey, Chair of the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee. As well, you will soon see that our website will have a new look.

Many councils have had their elections; congratulations to all those who accepted the challenge and said “Yes” by accepting the executive roles. I look forward to meeting with all of you at your Regional Meetings in March/April. The dates are published in this newsletter; presidents, please encourage all your members to attend. Along with the executive, I look forward to seeing you and to hear all the wonderful work being done across the Diocese.

Work is in progress for our forthcoming Toronto Diocesan Convention that will take place on May 2nd & 3rd, 2019, at the same venue, Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel, Dixon Road. Our National President Anne Gorman’s new theme is ***“Care for our Common Home”***; we will incorporate this theme and we will also continue the focus on homelessness which continues for the second year. Again, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the convention is on a week day and some of you will have to take time off

from work to attend, so please do apply for that vacation now, it will be worth your time as you meet your CWL sisters across the Toronto Diocese, and also meet with the National and Provincial representatives.

This is our Annual General Meeting: Each Diocesan executive member works hard behind the scenes to bring you a day filled with prayers, their reports for the year, and we will hear from the speaker how one can focus on our theme. When you look at the “*Care for our Common Home*” there is a lot we can do, as we have the responsibility to care and protect the world and all people who are part of creation.

At Development Day on February 23rd (held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Hall, Humber Valley Region), each council president received a complete Toronto Diocesan CWL convention package. The package contains the convention registration form, banquet ticket purchase, election package and resolutions for discussion and instructions for an informed vote. Please follow the instructions and honour the deadlines. Do not wait for the last moment to register, do it before the deadline, as we need to provide those numbers to the hotel.

Also included in the package is a letter addressed to your Spiritual Advisor. This letter contains a personal invitation for him to attend the Spiritual Advisor's Luncheon, the opening and closing Masses, and the closing Banquet. We are looking to welcome them, so Presidents, please be sure to personally deliver this invitation to your advisor as soon as possible.

The Ontario Provincial Convention is being held from July 13th to 17th, 2019, at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre, Kingston. Arrange to attend the convention and celebrate with your CWL sisters from across Ontario. More information and registration forms are available online at www.cwl.on.ca

The National Convention is being held in Calgary, Alberta, August 18th to 21st, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center. Please check <https://www.calgarycwl.ca/2019nationalconvention> for more information.

By the time you get this newsletter we will be heading into Lent, which begins on March 6th.

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life". (Pope Benedict XVI)

Rosary Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 8th, 2019, at Martyrs' Shrine, Midland. Mark your calendars and make your plans early to participate in the procession and recitation of the living rosary.

Stay committed to your decisions but stay flexible in your approach.
(Tom Robbins)

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Alice Warford

Sub-Conveners:

Flo Lawrence
Lillian D'Souza

“Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!”
Pope Francis 3/19/13

I love this quote from Pope Francis, because it reminds me how dependent we are on one another. Even those who think they need no one. We are all inter connected and there is no way to get away from that. We are one family, one community, one creation with God at the center. The environment needs us to care for it as much as we need it to help sustain us. A healthy respect for each is needed. With that in mind and Spring right around the corner, what better time to renew and refresh our minds by reading the Pope's encyclical *“Laudato Si”*. Together with a group of ladies, you could form a study group and delve into the questions provided at the back of the book and have a lively, healthy discussion about our environment and what we can do to protect it. This could give you a new perspective on “Spring Cleaning”.



The **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** will take place this year on Saturday March 2, 2019, from 9:00 am until 5:30 pm at the Metro Convention Centre in the Constitution Hall. This year's theme is *“Hope in the midst of suffering”*. The keynote speaker is Fr. Mark Goring. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth. For more information go to www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

The Magnificat Breakfast is another opportunity for faith sharing. This bi-annual breakfast includes one woman's account of her personal transformation about how Christ affects her life, along with praise and worship music, confessions and vendors. This event takes place on Saturday May 25, 2019, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Claireport Place

Banquet and Convention Center. For more information, contact St. Benedict Parish or www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat.html

St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual Formation Program will be hosting a Lenten retreat on March 30, 2019, entitled "*Mary in the Heart of the Church*". The retreat will be facilitated by Father Charles Anang. On June 1st, the seminary will again host a Day of Reflection for Women. This year's theme is "*Women, Full of Grace: Identity, Community and Purpose*". This event will be facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. The cost for each event is \$50.00, which includes lunch and Mass in the seminary chapel. To register online go to www.staugustines.on.ca

Faith Formation Courses

Registration is now open for online faith formation courses offered in partnership with the Archdiocese of Toronto and the University of Dayton, Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. Registration closes on March 10th. I have participated in these courses in the past and found them extremely informative. For more information, contact Connie Price at 416-934-3400 ext. 513 or cprice@archtoronto.org

Manresa Retreat Center in Pickering is also offering some retreats in the Spring that may be of interest. March 8th to 10th, "*A Retreat with St. Kateri Tekakwitha*", facilitated by Fr. Paul Robson, S.J. and on April 5th to 7th, "*What is Pope Francis Saying to Me*", facilitated by Fr. Robert Foliot, S.J. For more information on these events go to www.manresa-canada.ca

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our patroness, is on April 26, 2018. Please remember to do something special with your council to mark this day. Some councils have had dinners, Masses or award nights to celebrate this day. National will once again be sponsoring the televised Mass for this day. The taping for this Mass will be on April 11, 2019 at 4:00 pm at Loretto Abbey Chapel, 101 Mason Blvd., North York, <https://dailytvmass.com>. Parking is available at the back. Please spread the word about this event. It would be wonderful if we could fill the chapel!

Book of Life

I am in the process of updating the Book of Life in order to have it ready for the Annual Convention in May. Please remember to report your deceased members through the National Online System or on the Form for Reporting Deceased Members, so that they can be added to the Book of Life at each level of the League. The Toronto Diocesan Council Book of Life contains the names, parishes and regions of our deceased CWL members and spiritual advisors in the Archdiocese and is placed on Our Lady's table for

the duration of our convention. This book serves as a tribute to their service to the League, so please promptly submit the names of your deceased members so they can be included in the book for this coming convention.

The 5th Annual Indigenous Peoples Mass will be held on Sunday June 23, 2019, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. We will begin with Mass at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow in the church hall. It promises to be a fun and informative day, so please encourage your members to come and join us.

As I conclude this newsletter article, I leave you with this quote from St. Clare of Assisi: *“What you hold, may you always hold, what you do, may you always do and never abandon. But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust, may you go forward securely, joyfully, and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness.”*

ORGANIZATION

Hilarion Mitchell

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Carole Pitcher 905-792-0588

Over the past two years, several League resources such as the Organization Handbook, Leading the League, Policy & Procedure Manual, etc., were instrumental in ensuring that the responsibilities of the Organization Chair were communicated to members through this newsletter and emails. The League Strategic Plan (2018–2022) will be just as useful as the new vision for the League evolves.



The League Strategic Plan

Members are to become familiar with the new mission statement, the three core values (faith, service and social justice), the core purpose and the envisioned future. In addition, they are to review Goal 1 and Goal 4 first-year strategies, the initial strategies to be worked.

Goal 1: Members of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada grow in faith by sharing, witnessing, and developing leadership skills to create positive change. (see page 14 of the Strategic Plan booklet)

Goal 4: Critical Issues such as lack of training of members and resistance to taking on leadership roles. (see page 15 of the Strategic Plan booklet)

Action: Use the Strategic Plan and the accompanying Presentation on Planning Strategically report of the Steering Committee to attendees at the

98th Annual National Convention, for the overview, expectations of members and timelines during the implementation phase.

Care for Our Common Home

There are many ways for organization chairs to embrace the “*Care for Our Common Home*” theme (2019–2020). It is from Pope Francis’ Encyclical Letter *Laudato si’: Care for Our Common Home* (May 2015). Care for God’s creation which is one of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teachings. As individuals, we are called to protect humanity and the planet while living our faith. Organization chairs are to work with other standing committees to educate and members call to action.

Resources: League PowerPoint presentation on the national website, Archdiocese of Toronto; Pope Francis Encyclical Letter *Laudato si’: Care for Our Common Home*, etc.

Per Capita Fees Submission and Member’s Personal Information

The majority of the 2019 per capita fees should have already been submitted to national office by February 28, 2019. This ensures that members continue to receive their League magazine, insurance coverage and are eligible to run for office. Prompt submission of per capita fees allows all levels of the League to receive their portion of the per capita fees to carry out their operations. Councils should not hold on to fees as subsequent fees can be submitted throughout the year as they are received.

Accuracy in members’ personal information, such their name and address are also very important. The Address Guidelines below is taken from a communication sent by Amanda McCormick, Membership Coordinator at the National office.

Canada Post Address Guidelines

- “To help prevent duplicate accounts, please be sure all members are registered under their correctly spelled, legal name. Nicknames or familiar names can be included in parenthesis if applicable.
- Please ensure accurate reporting of addresses, including unit numbers, for members living in multi-unit housing complexes. Address changes will not be accepted via telephone. Please refer to the Guide to Addresses document enclosed for further details.
- Councils participating in online membership also have the option of enrolling in the secure, pre-authorized debit program. If you have not yet enrolled in this program, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or if you are interested in enrolling.

- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or send an email to membership@cwlc.ca. The membership department will be happy to assist.”

Note: Contact National office or TDC Organization Chair for a summary of Canada Post Addressing Guidelines or the Canada Post website.

Council Anniversaries

Councils celebrating anniversaries this year or in the near future are to verify through the TDC Organization Chair or with National office, their correct accumulated years to ensure accuracy for the anniversary being recognized. Anniversary years are based on the charter date and actual paid years of service. Councils that allowed their per capita fees to lapse or were disbanded do not accumulate years of service during these periods.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine (New Council)

Mary Tuccitto, Scarborough Regional Chair, was instrumental in meeting at the parish to form a CWL council with Father Dominic J. Borg, who provided unwavering support. On January 17, 2019, the majority of women at the organization meeting unanimously supported and hence the newest CWL council was formed. They now have over twenty charter members with Emese (Amy) Lath as President. Welcome ladies!

2018 Membership Stats

Membership remittance was challenged by the online system being inactive for the majority of the year. At the close of 2018, there were 7228 members. Most councils reported decline in membership. Thirty-five councils had increases membership, between 1 to 32 members.

Action: Councils are to continue to maintain active recruitment throughout the year. Encourage members within the parish and other parishes to become members. The TDC Organization Chair provides support in the organization of new and reactivated councils.

2018 Annual Reports

Eighty-nine councils (91%) submitted all or some of the 12 reports for the executive officers and standing committee chairs’ positions. These reports will be summarized by the diocesan, provincial and national levels of the League for their respective annual report books that will be available at the conventions. These annual reports will contain valuable information of the good works undertaken by the councils during 2018 and provide recommendations for 2019 and beyond.

Action: Organization Chairs are to review, share highlights and implement the recommendations that pertain to their position.

Serving as the Organization Chair on the 2017–2019 executive has been an invaluable learning experience. Building on the *Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call* theme will provide a seamless transition as the *Care for Our Common Home* theme becomes our focus.

PAST PRESIDENT/HISTORIAN

Shirley Christo

Consultant /Mentor

As I prepare this final newsletter entry as Past President, I encourage all of you to maintain your supportive roles as mentor/consultant for your president and her executive. You will continue to be a valuable asset for your council to provide ongoing guidance and encouragement.



Diocesan Elections

The 98th Annual Toronto Diocesan Convention is fast approaching and elections will occur on Friday May 3, 2019. The CWL Constitution and Bylaws (2013) Part XVI, Section 4(e) states: *"Each parish council executive shall nominate a slate of officers for the diocesan council from the list of those eligible to let their names stand for nomination."*

Parish Presidents will have recently received an election package containing this list of nominees. If you have not received this package yet, please contact your Regional Chair immediately.

After obtaining the package, please complete, sign and date the ***Nomination Form*** at your parish executive meeting and **return it no later than March 30, 2019**, to myself: Shirley Christo as the Nominations and Elections Chair, at 24 Autumn Blvd. Brampton, ON L6T 2V7, or email to: shirley2christo@gmail.com. It is really important to ensure the following:

1. That a full slate of candidates is submitted
2. That your council's minutes note the nominations made as your ***'Instructed Vote'***
3. That your voting delegate takes a copy of your council nominations form / ***'Instructed Vote'*** to the Toronto Diocesan Convention on May 2nd and 3rd, 2019.

All voting takes place at the convention, so it is really important to ensure that you have your CWL council's ***'Instructed Vote'*** carried to the convention by your president or voting delegate. Please note that as per the Constitution and Bylaws (2013), *Part XVI, Section 5: Election of Officers*. *(b) If the voting delegate does not have an instructed vote from the*

executive, she forfeits her privilege to vote on first and all subsequent ballots for that position.

Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award

Presidents should also have received information regarding the Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award in the Presidents' convention packages distributed on Development Day on February 23, 2019. Please consult your president if you have not received this information and/or refer to our Toronto website, www.cwltoronto.ca. Complete information about the process and the forms can be found under the tab RESOURCES>FORMS or under the tab CONVENTIONS and just scroll down to find it. If using the online forms, be sure to first download a copy of the forms and once you have saved it, you can type in your information.

Please do take the time to honour someone who has guided you and others along their CWL journey by nominating them for this award. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about your submissions for the deadline of **April 15, 2019**.

Members of the present Toronto Diocesan Council are not eligible for nomination during their term. The committee will review the submissions and the winners will be announced at the Toronto Diocesan Convention May 2nd and 3rd, 2019.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Charmaine Alweyn

As you start or continue your term, always keep your files updated as you go along.

- Motions should be numbered, dated and signed by the mover and seconder.
- Minutes filed as soon as it's approved.
- Save all documents in a separate folders.
- Have notes/guidelines/pointers for your successor.



The *Handbook for Secretaries* which can be downloaded from: <https://cwl.ca/resources/manuals/> is a wonderful source of information.

As always, enjoy what you do.

TREASURER

Donna Capobianco

First I want to extend a special welcome to the newly-elected Treasurers, and a big thank you to all who have completed their terms. Your dedication and service to the League is very much appreciated.



For the councils that are starting the year with a new executive, a reminder that you must also update the banking information. Each account should have three signing officers: the President, the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary. The cheques need to be signed by two of the three signatories.

Please reference the *Constitution & Bylaws, Part XII Section 9, Signing Officers -*

- (a) Signing officers shall be the president, the treasurer and the recording secretary.*
- (b) All cheques must be signed by two of the signing officers.*
- (c) On the duly recorded decision of the council concerned, an alternate signing officer may be designated annually from among the elected officers.*

By this time, the 2018 Annual Financial statements should be completed and either already presented or ready to be presented to your councils.

Commonly asked questions are – “*Do we need to give all our money away at the end of the year?*” or, “*How much money should we be leaving in the account?*” A good guideline to follow is that you should have enough money to cover your council’s expenses for one year. This would include supplies for running the meetings, subsidies for membership development, and of course have that emergency fund available for any unexpected expense or donation.

Treasurers, please submit the 2019 membership fees to National office in a timely manner. As per page 125 in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*, the membership fees are due by February 28th so at this point in time, the majority of your payments should have been received at National office and processed. This will ensure the members will receive their League magazine to let them know of the works of the CWL and our League sisters across the country.

Always remember that if you have any questions, there are many resources to be found on the CWL websites and we are always here to help each other on our CWL journey.

I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming Annual Convention on May 2nd and 3rd 2019, at the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel. More information is included in this newsletter and can also be found on our website www.cwltoronto.ca

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

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Congratulations to the newly-elected Christian Family Life Chairs who have accepted this position on your councils and also to those returning for a second year of their term. This portfolio covers aspects of Marriage and Family, Sanctity of Life, Vocations and Ministry to Youth, Seniors, Disabled, Widowed, Separated and Divorced. Thank you to those who submitted your annual reports; great work is being done at our parish levels. Remember there are many resources available to you on the CWL websites – National, Provincial & Diocesan.



Marriage and Family

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage and complements celebrations that take place across North America. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, February 9-10, 2019, was designated as Marriage Sunday. Even though this newsletter will reach you much after this date, you can still choose to celebrate milestone years among married couples within your parish community. Discuss with your pastoral team and assign a weekend when this can be a special event. Ask your Pastor to bless couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. at every Mass. Have your parish ministries sponsor cake and coffee. It is a good way to thank the couples for their witness to the Sacrament of Marriage.

National Week for Life and Family will be celebrated from May 12-19, 2019. The theme is: *“Listening to the Gospel as a Family”*. The resources for this year are compiled by Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) in consultation with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and are available to use for families and parishes. The details are on www.colf.ca or www.cccb.ca

The **10th World Meeting of Families** will take place in Rome, Italy in 2021. That year will also mark the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' post synodal Exhortation on the "*Joy of Love – Amoris Laetitia*", which was the inspiration for this year's theme: *The Gospel of the Family: "Joy for the World"*.

Sanctity of Life

March for Life 2019 theme is *Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is pro-science*. The national March for Life began in 1998 with 700 attendees. Today it is the largest annual demonstration that takes place in Ottawa. Many councils and parishes hire buses and make the trek to Ottawa on May 9, 2019. You are encouraged to continue this as we need our voices to be heard on Parliament Hill. But did you know that starting this year, March for Life is finally coming to Canada's largest city – Toronto. This will increase the number of people speaking out for life. Details for the rally and workshops are set to be released next month, but interested attendees can visit torontomarchforlife.ca to sign-up for ongoing updates as details are announced.

40 Days for Life will be held from Mar 6 - April 14, 2019. To check activities in your local area go to www.40daysforlife.com

Petition of One Million 2019

Alliance for Life Ontario has a petition seeking the enactment of legislation granting full legal protection to unborn children. They have been collecting signatures which they are hoping to present to the federal government when they have reached one million. Your help is needed! They ask you to go to their website www.petitionofonemillion.ca and print copies of the petition. When the sheets are filled, mail the completed petition to: Alliance for Life, 26 Norfolk St., Guelph ON N1H 4H8. Please bring the petitions to CWL meetings and also ask parishioners to sign. Let's do our part to get the 1,000,000!

Vocations

Good Shepherd Sunday, May 12, 2019, is celebrated on the fourth Sunday after Easter, because every year in the liturgical cycle, the gospel is taken from John, Chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. We are asked to pray for leaders needed to do the work of spreading the good news. May 12, 2019, is also the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This day is set aside to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Many parishes and religious institutes commemorate this day with prayer for vocations and vocation promotion events. Seventy three percent (73%) of women and men professing final vows

participated in one or more parish activity and 88% percent served in one or more parish ministries *before* entering religious life. Our presence as a parish community and participation in activities that mark this special day may help to bring these individuals closer to God.

Does your council donate to the Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund? If you answered no, then consider adding it to your list of donations. Check www.cwl.on.ca for details.

Ministry to Youth

Pope Francis concluded World Youth Day in Panama by telling the young people that they are not the future, but the now, of God. What are you and your council doing to invest in these young people? Consider sponsoring youth from the parish to attend the Steubenville Toronto youth conference on July 12 – 14, 2019. Check out details at www.steubenvilletoronto.com The next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in the Summer of 2022.

Ministry to Seniors

Did you know that loneliness is a serious issue among elderly Canadians? It impacts a person’s overall health and may shorten their lifespan. A sure way to avoid this within our councils is to ensure we keep in touch with our older members. These ladies have worked tirelessly to promote the League during their younger days. Visit those in nursing homes and fill them in on your council’s activities. Share your council’s newsletter with them. Invite them to any special occasions, e.g. Christmas Brunch, Spring Tea, Our Lady of Good Counsel celebration, new member installation, have prayer partners, etc. Arrange for rides to meetings and events. When you help these members, you are impacting their quality of life. And our heavenly Father who sees all you do, will reward you.



DATES TO REMEMBER - 2019

March 5	Ordinandi Dinner
March 16	Mary Matthews Public Speaking submissions due
March 16	Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry submissions due
March 16	Jean McCann Youth Service Award submissions due
March 23	TDC Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest
April 11	TV taping (4:00 pm) of Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 28	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 15	Patricia Beattie Mentoring Award submissions due
April 26	Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel
May 2 & 3	98 th Annual Toronto Diocesan Convention
May 12	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 31	St. Michael Scholarship submissions due
June 23	Indigenous Day Mass - Immaculate Heart of Mary
July 13–17	72 nd Annual Ontario Provincial Convention - Kingston
August 18-21	99 th Annual National Convention - Calgary
September 8	Rosary Sunday, Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

REGIONAL MEETING DATES - 2019

March 7	Northern Region General Meeting Our Lady of Lourdes - Mass 7:00 pm
March 19	Peel Region General Meeting St. Mary's, Brampton - Mass 7:00 pm
March 21	Humber Valley Region General Meeting St. John the Evangelist - Mass 7:00 pm
March 25	North York Region General Meeting St. Timothy - Mass 7:00 pm
March 27	Toronto Region General Meeting St. John - Mass 7:00 pm
April 1	Scarborough Region General Meeting Immaculate Heart of Mary - Mass 7:00 pm
April 4	Durham Region General Meeting St. Isaac Joques - Mass 7:00 pm

The 98th Annual Toronto Diocesan CWL Convention May 2 and May 3, 2019

Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel
901 Dixon Road, Toronto ON M9W 1J5

CONVENTION THEME: “Care for our Common Home”

All CWL members and friends are invited to attend and share in a celebration of our achievements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:

Thursday, May 2nd

9:00 am	Registration
9:30 am	Resolutions Dialogue (Salon A/B/C)
1:30 pm	Opening Eucharistic Celebration
2:45 pm	Call to Order and Business Session
5:00 pm	Dinner Break
6:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	Business Session
6:40 pm	Keynote Speaker: focus on our theme
7:30 pm	Public Speaking, Poetry, Essay Awards
8:30 pm	Evening Entertainment

Friday, May 3rd

8:00 am	Registration
8:45 am	Business Session
9:00 am	Resolutions
12:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:30 pm	Business Session
	Elections
3:30 pm	Closing Eucharistic Celebration
6:00 pm	Cocktail Reception - Cash Bar
7:00 pm	Closing Banquet
	Keynote Address: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

HOTEL INFORMATION:

CWL ROOM RATE \$154.00 plus taxes per night
(Maximum of 4 to a room)

Note: April 11th, 2019 is the deadline to receive the CWL rate.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

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National Theme

SERVICE AWARDS

Maple Leaf Service Pin

Scarborough Region

St. Joseph Highland Creek: Ingrid Hart Marguerite Civello

Northern Region

Sacred Heart, Port McNicoll: Lorriane LaCroix Connie Cameron
Vivian Ward

65- Year Membership Pins

Durham Region

St. Joseph the Worker: Joan Burns

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Anne McRae

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Breeda O'Sullivan

60- Year Membership Pins

Durham Region

St. Joseph the Worker: Ann Botell Maureen Cassidy

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Ann Madden

55-Year Membership Pins

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Betty Borho

Peel Region

St. John Fisher: Lorraine Comeau

50-Year Membership Pins

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Christine Collins

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Mary Belanger

St. Paul the Apostle: Suzanne Hayes

Peel Region

St. John Fisher: Maureen Buck Maureen Carroll Gloria Duguay
Patricia McIlhargey Carole Pitcher

45-Year Membership Pins

Durham Region

St. Joseph the Worker: Judy Clark

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Bridie McCormack Kathleen Shura

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Gloria Torio

40-Year Membership Pins

Durham Region

St. Joseph the Worker: Mary Lacalamita

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Bonnie Beverley

35-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**

St. Joseph the Worker: Joan Beaton Ann Kay

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Lillian Brooks Sue Norman Catherine Perry

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Penny Gleason

Toronto Region

St. Pius X: Charlotte Baugh Mary Buckley Jane Clearry

30-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**

St. Joseph the Worker: Joan Lonergan Rose Marie O'Grady Mary Fields

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Maria Small

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Willa Wilson

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Dalisay Benedicto Caridad Tomas

St. Alphonsus: Ana Maringola

St. Pius X: Joyce Costello

25-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**St. Joseph the Worker: Julie Eastham Zinka Allore Maria Kromer Hatch
Debbie Marsh**Northern Region**

St. John Vianney: Lorelei Baker Yvette Doiron Ma Lourde Palice-Brace

Sacred Heart, Port McNicoll: Mary Fecteau

St. Paul the Apostle: Bertha Groen Claudette Morrison

Peel Region

St. John Fisher: Judy Glyn-Williams Frieda Young

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Percy Eustaquio Placida Molina

St. Alphonsus: Teresa Manocchio

20-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**St. Joseph the Worker: Mary Jo Bronson Liz Faria Eliza Hachey
Joan Vecasi Hady Shu**North York Region**

St. Bonaventure: Judy Beca Patricia O'Connor Barbara Reed-Tassone

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Mary Kominek Margaret Thomson Joanne Waring

Sacred Heart, Port McNicoll: Rosemary Wallace Barbara Bruce

Peel Region

St. John Fisher: Wendy Caswell Liz Orr Carolyn Richter

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Alicia Diokno Luisa Ninahuilca Bing Maglana
 Mercie Balonie Luz Mustachio

St. Alphonsus: Luciana Dimillio

15-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**

St. Joseph the Worker: Celine Kelly Traviss Maria Tuccia Filipina Donkers

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Margaret Kerk Carmelina Marziliano-Polansky
 Barbara Norton Anna Sarracini

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Margaret Bodenham Beryl Hamilton-Piercy

Peel Region

St. John Fisher: Linda Bilanski Debra Tucker-Arango

Sts. Peter & Paul: Editha Eduarte Jennifer Fonseca
 Antonella Nardulli Joyce Pinto-Lobo
 Eremita Rebello Eveline Richard

Toronto Region

Our Lady of Lourdes: Prescy Alumaga Joy Arellano Celia Boggs
 Eva Cladillero Trinidad Caoile Araceli Farinas
 Elizabeth Ho Maria Suba Jean Thompson
 Cenona Wilson

St. Alphonsus: Maria Valle

10-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**

St. Joseph the Worker: Enza Lacirasella Karen Pecarski Lorraine Beamish
 Joyce Hennely Patricia Wimpenny Pat Gilray

North York Region

St. Bonaventure: Adelina Canton Julietta Maia
 Celine Massaroni Allyson Rochard

Northern Region

St. John Vianney: Teresa Johnson Catherine Landry Franca Leo

Sacred Heart, Port McNicoll: Vivian Ward Anne Cameron

St. Paul the Apostle: Karen Moberly Mia Colaris Donna King
 Suzanne Tighe Anu Antao Donna Jebb

Peel Region

St. John Fisher: Nirmala Coelho Sylvia Fullerton
 Martha Rattan Andrea Small

Sts. Peter & Paul: Ave Bartolo Joanne Bennett Maria Dulce Chalmers
 Nenita Espiritu Virginia Estevez Katie Fenech
 Karen Godin Erlinda Javier Gisella Samonte
 Olivia Thomas Edna Villarico

Toronto Region

St. Pius X: Janet Koytyk

5-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**St. Joseph the Worker: Janina Konefal Ingrid Nekkers Anne O’Conner
Joye O’Conner Wendy Trewin Christina Trovato**North York Region**

St. Bonaventure: Lily Leung Teresa Sansom

Northern RegionSt. John Vianney: Maryann Bozzo Denise Foster
Matthea Langenhuizen Rose Leo Terri Osler
Sacred Heart, Port McNicoll: Elizabeth Moreau**Peel Region**St. John Fisher: Ruth Hatton Blanche Monteiro Peaches Morgan
Fenita Quevedo Irene Rupolo**Toronto Region**

St. Pius X: Mary Boyle Catherine Henry

Happy Anniversary!*St. Bartholomew, Scarborough Region – 25th Anniversary**St. Alphonsus, Toronto Region – 30th Anniversary**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Durham Region – 30th Anniversary**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scarborough Region – 40th Anniversary***COMMUNICATIONS****Carla Beckett**

I hope you are all staying warm as winter has finally settled. For me winter is a time to catch up with the indoor activities and projects that need attention.

**Anti-Pornography Campaign**

The Campaign is still underway. Information and new cards can be found on the National website under Resources: 100 Series, item #178. There is also a documentary *Over 18* that talks about the harmful effects of pornography that could be used as a tool for discussion in your councils.

Communications

There is lots of current information to be found in the *Canadian League Magazine*; we are asked to encourage members to read and share it. Read this diocesan newsletter and use it as information and to guide you with the

initiatives. Take a look at the national, provincial and diocesan websites often. I encourage all members to keep an eye on these sites. Also informative are *The Catholic Register*, *Salt and Light* and *Vision TV*.

On the Spot (National website)

If you have a successful event and would like to share it across the country, send in your story and a picture to National office for posting on the website and Facebook, to communications@cwl.ca This is a great way to share and see what councils are doing across the country. Be sure to state your parish council name and Diocese of Toronto.

We know that all CWL councils in our parishes are very active. Why not let your local media know what you are doing for your communities? Notify the media when you are making cheque presentations to charities in person. If they can't be there to cover an event, sending them a photo and a blurb of the presentation; it just might get printed in the local paper. Invite the media to your fundraising activities, and to special speaker events. We need to be proactive in letting our work known to our community at large.

Councils are using a variety of tools to communicate and keep in touch with members: by phone committees, sending emails, creating newsletters, Facebook, parish bulletins, bulletin boards, flyers, etc. Be creative and use whatever it takes to keep your members and your parishioners informed of events and activities. More exposure just might interest more ladies to become members.

Resolutions to Review

The following are resolutions that continue to be relevant today; these can be found on the National website www.cwl.ca under Resolutions:

2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites.

2004.11 Link Between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and the Mechanics of Killing. Review the Action Plans outlined under each of these active Resolutions. Contact Members of Parliament, encourage members to become educated on internet safety and monitor the government for any new Legislation.

World Communications Day is June 2, 2019

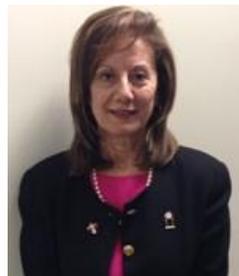
Pope Francis announced, in his bulletin dated September 29, 2018, that the theme for the 53rd World Communications Day is "*We are members one of another*" (Eph 4,25) "*From network community to human communities.*" This date coincides with the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. The Holy Father encourages us to take time for personal communication with one

another. For additional information, visit the Vatican website w2.vatican.va or Google “World Communications Day 2019”.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Connie Cristinziano

As we embark on the New Year, lets us continue to focus on our needy brothers and sisters and what we can do to change things. Welcome to all newly-elected Community Life Standing Committee Chairs.



Dignity and Rights of Persons

Canada Summer Jobs Program Attestation - On December 7, 2018, the Government announced that it was removing the attestation that required applicants to endorse the Charter and other rights, including abortion. It was replaced by an attestation clause “that funds will not be used to undermine or restrict the exercise of rights legally protected in Canada”.

The Canadian Conference of Bishops is welcoming the revisions made, but not without reservation. The revisions may open a door for faith groups and other organizations that opposed the values test to apply for grants to help fund student summer jobs, but explicitly closes the door on pro-life organizations. Protect our religious beliefs and Charter of Rights. Continue to lobby our Governments through letter-writing or personal contact.

Resolution 2018.01: Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program. Review the action plan and take action!

Human trafficking

This is a crime that exploits human vulnerability and a grave violation of Human Rights. The alarming fact is that it is taking place right here in our own backyard. A new Statistics Canada Report (STATSCAN) suggests the majority of human trafficking victims in Canada are women and girls younger than 25. Children under the age of 18 accounted for more than a quarter (one in four) of the victims. It describes a rate of one incident of human trafficking for nearly every 100,000 people, the highest incidence rate ever in Canada. The report also suggests the true rate is likely far higher, given the high level of victim vulnerability and the fact that such crimes often go unreported. Unfortunately, many victims and parents of victims are simply unaware that they or their children could be at risk of trafficking here in Canada.

Education and awareness is a primary weapon in the fight against human traffickers. Your council may want to conduct a workshop. Workshop material designed for a parish council meeting on Trafficking of Women and Children can be found on our CWL website: www.cwl.ca under resources/workshops. We need to continue to be the voice of the voiceless.

Social & Economic Justice

Poverty continues to be at a shockingly high level in Canada. The experiences of poverty are widespread and impose a heavy toll on individuals and families in Canada - 4.9 million Canadians live in poverty, that is one in seven people. Indigenous people, newcomers and refugees, single parent families and children are the most impacted. Poverty has been consistently linked with poorer health, higher health care costs, greater demands on social and community services, more stress on family members and diminished school success. The national model anti-poverty plan is a way forward, with a broad focus on income security, housing, health, food security, employment and early childhood education and care, but much more work remains to be done. Members are asked to continue to raise awareness and advocate, and keep poverty on the political agenda. For more information visit: www.dignityforall.ca or Canada's National Housing Strategy www.placetocallhome.ca

Homelessness

Councils embraced Ontario Provincial Council's Project "*Warmth and Comfort*" collection of socks, jars of peanut butter and crackers for our homeless with much enthusiasm and an outpouring of generosity. I am very happy to report that a total of 12,623 pairs of socks, 1,497 jars of peanut butter and 1,835 boxes of crackers were collected. It was with great pride and overwhelming joy that these outstanding totals were submitted to our Ontario Provincial Standing Committee Community Life Chair and Standing Committee Communications Chair. WOW Toronto Diocese, great job!! Thanks to everyone for your participation and for making this project a huge success. Let us continue with our theme of Homelessness and our fight to help our needy brothers and sisters.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada in September 2018 launched the global "*Share the Journey Campaign*" here in Canada, to raise awareness on forced migration around the world and to call on the Canadian government to do more to address the root causes that force people to flee their homes. The campaign was initiated by Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 160 Catholic development and aid

organizations that includes Development and Peace, to respond to the growing crisis of forced migration in the world today. Every minute, 31 people are displaced by conflict, persecution, extreme poverty, climate change, the exploitation of natural resources and large-scale development projects. More information and resources can be found on their website: www.devp.org.

Refugees, Citizenship and Immigration

Catholic Cross Cultural Services (CCS) is a non-profit organization providing services that assist in the settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees. Programs include English Classes for newcomers to Canada, Settlement Services, Employment Support, Refugee Sponsorship Training and Support Services for Women. Additional information can be found on their website: www.cathcrosscultural.org.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Sub Convener - Genetics

Sue Lubowitz

Elizabeth Joseph

Annual Reports

My sincere thanks to all of you who serve as your parish Education and Health Committee Chairs. Your dedication, knowledge and abilities make our work for God and Canada productive and enjoyable. Thank you also to all councils who submitted their 2018 annual reports. A summary of your efforts will be available in the 2018 Annual Report Book that will be available at our annual convention.



Education Youth Awards

By the time you receive this newsletter, all regions will have completed their Youth Awards Contests. I encourage you to attend the Diocesan Mary Matthews Contest which will be held on March 23rd at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, 75 Churchill Avenue, North York. This is the parish which Mary Matthews herself attended, so this year's contest will have extra meaning.

There is still time for young women in your parish and high schools to apply for the St. Michael's Scholarship. The criteria are in the St. Michael's College Scholarship package that can be found on our website www.cwltoronto under the Resources tab. The deadline is May 31st.

Please continue to support the Toronto Diocesan Scholarship funds with your generous donations by using the **TORONTO DIOCESAN VOLUNTARY REMITTANCE FORM** that can be found on the diocesan website. Remember to make your cheque payable to **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**, not the Scholarship Fund.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic school boards. It will run from May 5 to May 10, 2019. This year's theme is "*Living as Joyful Disciples*". The sub-themes for the week are as follows: Monday: *Rooted in Prayer*; Tuesday: *Living in Community*; Wednesday: *Doing Justice and Creating Hope*; Thursday: *Journeying Together in Faith*; Friday: *Sharing the Good News*. Additional resources which can be used at council meetings, are found at www.ocsta.on.ca.

Pope Francis continually reminds us in word and in action, that in imitation of Jesus, we are called to service in our work in Catholic education. Thank you for your ongoing, generous cooperation and support for publicly funded Catholic education.

Ontario's Catholic Schools Celebrate Community Builders

As part of Ontario's diverse and vibrant public school system, Catholic schools have a distinctive faith-based approach to education. That approach is rooted in a perspective that honours the dignity of every person and recognizes the shared responsibility for each other, all people share as Stewards of Creation. The annual Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) short-video contest for students in the province's Catholic schools is an opportunity to celebrate this perspective through various themes that bring to life what it means to experience a Catholic education. The 2018 short-video contest theme was "*Community Builders*" and on January 18, 2019, OCSTA announced the winners of this provincial student contest. First, second and third place awards were presented to winning submissions at both the elementary and secondary levels.

"In our Catholic schools, students are taught that to serve others in the community who are in need, is to live according to Gospel values that make our world a better place for everyone. Students feel compelled to act when they see people in need and instances in their communities where their own unique gifts can be put to good use. Our excellent teachers and staff in Catholic schools help to guide students in developing their talents and potential, and this year's student short video contest really helped to highlight that attribute of our system," explained OCSTA President and

Chair of the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board, Beverley Eckensweiler.

To view the winning entries, visit:

http://www.togetherinfaith.ca/winners_2018_short_video_contest

These short videos would make a quick presentation at your parish council meetings. Each one is only two minutes long.

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27th to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. **January 27, 2019 was the 20th Anniversary of Family Literacy Day!** Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

There is also a great need for volunteers to help with literacy programs. Many adults in our society are not able to read at a level which will enable them to hold a job or carry out duties required of them in the workplace or at home. Teaching and helping adults upgrade their reading skills can be a rewarding and satisfying experience. Contact the literacy council in your area for more information.

LEGISLATION

Kate O'Quinn

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A warm welcome to our newly-elected Legislation Chairs and a thank you to those who are returning to this position. In Legislation, we follow up on resolutions with an action plan. We need to keep informed about resolutions and briefs being presented to government and obtain copies of bills relevant to a resolution being followed. In November, 2018, our Ontario Provincial Council Executive and our National Executive each paid a visit to their respective levels of Government. Full reports of their visits can be found on www.cwl.on.ca and www.cwl.ca.



Federal Legislation

Bill C-254, An Act to Amend the Excise Tax Act (baby products) is in First Reading in the House of Commons. This enactment amends Schedule VI to the *Excise Tax Act* to add basic baby products and breastfeeding products to the list of zero-rated supplies. This bill relates to **Resolution 2017.03 - Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise Tax Act for Child Safety Products.**

Action: Contact your MP to request support of this bill. Follow the status of this bill at: www.parl.ca/LegisInfo.

Bill C-282, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Income Tax Act (extra-energy-efficient products); **Bill C-283, An Act to Amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999** (electronic products recycling program), and **Bill C-287, An Act to Amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999** (nanotechnology) are all in First Reading in the House of Commons. These three bills all relate to Resolution **2006.04 Renewable Energy**, and other League resolutions seeking to protect the environment.

Action: Write your MP in support of these bills. Follow the status of these bills at: www.parl.ca/LegisInfo.

Provincial Legislation

Bill 63, Right to Timely Mental Health and Addiction Care for Children and Youth Act, 2018 – This Private Member’s Bill received First Reading on November 26, 2018, and would require the Minister to ensure that a person who is less than 26 years old, resides in Ontario and has been deemed to require a mental health or addiction service, receives access to the required mental health or addiction service within 30 days of being deemed to require the service. This bill relates to League **Resolution 2015.01 - Increased Early Access and Intervention to Children and Youth Mental Health Services.**

Action: Invite a guest speaker on this topic to your Council meeting. Access and follow the status of this bill at <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current>.

Note: This was one of the resolutions discussed by our Ontario Provincial Council with MPP France Gelinias – Critic, Health Care & Opposition Whip, in their Government Visit on November 26, 2018.

Bill 66, Restoring Ontario Competitiveness Act, 2018 – This Bill received First Reading on December 6, 2018. Under the Bill’s Schedule 10, municipalities would have been allowed to pass what have been referred to as open-for-business bylaws meant to speed up approvals for new factories or subdivisions by circumventing a long list of provincial legislation,

including the Greenbelt Act and the Clean Water Act. The bylaws could have been passed with no public consultations, but were subject to the approval of the minister. On January 23, 2019, MPP Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, announced (tweeted) that the Ontario Government has listened to the concerns raised by MPP's, municipalities and stakeholders with regards to Schedule 10 of Bill 66 and when the legislature returns in February, they will not proceed with Schedule 10 of the Bill. This bill relates to our new national theme, *Care for the Common Home*, (with focus this year on water).

Action: Write letters to MPP Steve Clark, in support of Section 10 being removed from this Bill. Follow the status of this Bill at <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current>.

Sources for the removal of Section 10 of Bill 66:

[1] CBC: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ford-government-backs-down-on-legislation-that-would-have-made-it-easier-to-build-in-the-greenbelt-1.4990274>

[2] Steve Clark Twitter status:

<https://twitter.com/SteveClarkPC/status/1088171431706484741>

[3] Yahoo News: <https://ca.news.yahoo.com/lawyers-slam-doug-ford-government-220900168.html>

[4] The Toronto Star:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2018/12/09/tories-bill-66-would-undermine-clean-water-protections-that-followed-walkerton-tragedy-victims-and-advocates-warn.html>

It is important to acknowledge that due to the concerns raised from all stakeholders mentioned above, the removal of Section 10 of Bill 66 became not only a possibility but a reality. Let us keep this in mind the next time we hesitate on the importance of voicing our concerns on certain legislation issues.

RESOLUTIONS

Tracy MacInnis

Sub-Convener:

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This will be the last newsletter article I will write as your Resolutions Committee Chair. It has been two years of intensive learning on my part and an education I will not soon forget. We have two very interesting resolutions to discuss at this year's Resolutions Dialogue. For the first time that I can remember, one of the resolutions is coming with a *Glossary of Terms* to aid in parish council discussions.



Convention News

This year at the diocesan convention (May 2nd and 3rd) we will be presenting the following resolutions:

- **TDC2019.01 Need For The Right To Know The Effects of Hormonal Contraceptives**
- **TDC2019.02 Canadian Support for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

Copies of these resolutions were included in the convention packages distributed to council presidents at Development Day. Please take the time at an upcoming general meeting to read, review, and discuss the resolutions. Parish voting and accredited delegates should come to the convention with your council's **informed vote**. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions concerning these resolutions, please contact me no later than April 23, 2019. I can be reached at tmacinnins@rogers.com.

Resolutions Dialogue and Q & A Period

The Resolutions Dialogue will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd at 9:30 am sharp**. This dialogue session gives delegates the opportunity to review, discuss and suggest changes in the form of motions to the resolutions in an informal setting. These motions are presented during the resolutions session on Day Two of the convention. This is a well-attended event at convention, but you must be registered for this session. When filling out your convention registration form, be sure to indicate if you will be attending to ensure that sufficient seating is arranged and information packages are prepared. The authors of both resolutions will be present to speak on their resolutions, give reasons why they wrote them and answer any questions you may have.

Time permitting, we will also answer some questions on the duties and responsibilities of the Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee Chairs. I ask that you submit any questions to me (see email address above), also no later than April 23, 2019. This will provide us the time to research answers and be fully prepared for a meaningful dialogue. This should prove to be an informative and engaging session for many members of a council. I encourage you to attend. And remember, you don't have to have written a resolution or be a parish president/voting member to attend. This is education for all.

Resolutions Business Session

This is scheduled for the morning of Friday, May 3rd. The Chair will recognize any member who wishes to speak to the resolutions, providing

members use the microphone and identify themselves by name and council. Once recognized, members are asked to keep within the time limits. The *Resolutions Convention Rules of Order* will be read on May 2nd, and briefly explained at the start of the resolutions session. If you only attend the convention on Friday, May 3rd, then you'll want to familiarize yourself with the rules of the convention, found in your Annual Report Book, prior to stepping up to the microphone to ask any questions or make any comments.

In Closing

Not every council will develop resolutions, but everyone can write letters or call their MP to voice their position on various topics. I urge you to do so personally and as a group. Please remember, that there is much to be done to implement recommendations of adopted resolutions at all levels. Even when councils are not prepared to develop a resolution, your support of adopted resolutions is urgently needed.

NEWSLETTER

Lucia Vacca

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This Spring newsletter is the first issue of the Toronto Diocesan Newsletter for 2019. Thank you to the Councils and members who have subscribed. The subscription forms can be found on our website at www.cwltoronto.ca under Resources Newsletter - cost is \$12.00 for three issues. If you have any questions or there are address changes, please contact me at newsletter@cwltoronto.ca. We encourage and welcome members from your council who would like to subscribe for the remainder of the year.



If you wish to send the names of recipients of Service Awards, please do so before July 30, 2019, for the next edition of the Fall 2019 newsletter. Congratulations to the members who are listed in this issue for celebrating these service milestones and anniversaries of their councils.

This newsletter is a valuable resource for all Standing Committee chairs. Be sure to use it for your reporting.

Preparations are underway for our convention on May 2nd and May 3rd. I look forward to meeting you.

Countdown to our 100th Anniversary – 2021 is not that far away!

The countdown to our 100th Anniversary has begun. We have selected a logo to help us focus on this celebration of our vibrant past, our energetic activities of today and our enthusiastic anticipation of what we can become. It will be on the Toronto CWL website after Development Day.

We are very thankful to Irene Debono and her daughter Alise Sanborn, who created this logo for us. We also are very grateful to the other participants who presented us with thoughtfully designed entries to consider. We are so blessed to have such talented women in our midst.

Suggestions for Councils

Below are some suggestions for gearing up your council to think about the contributions you have made and the celebrations you have held. We hope you will share them with the rest of us.

We would like all councils to be included in the planning and celebrations leading up to our 100th Anniversary Year. This year, we are asking that councils start to organize their own materials and ideas. Many councils have been celebrating major anniversaries over these past several years, so have had a good start on researching and presenting their own major events and photographs as part of their histories.

We are planning to update our Toronto Diocesan History Book, which ended with the year 2001. We will be especially interested in including major events and photographs for the years 2001 through 2021. For now, keep these in your councils while the committee decides what, when and how these might be incorporated into the celebrations.

We are also interested in your ideas and suggestions - perhaps you have already started to come up with ideas and plans. Please contact Mary Hawkley at mahawkley@sympatico.ca, or phone 905-668-1644. Your input is important and most welcome.

Mary Hawkley
Chair
100th Anniversary Planning Committee

CWL Prayer for Renewal

*God of new beginnings, ever faithful God,
we thank You for your constant care for the women
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
We have sought to serve You in faith by service
to your people.*

*Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and
with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel,
we continue to discern Your call to seek justice
and build Your Kingdom on earth each day.*

*We ask your guidance as we plan the evolution
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength.
May each of us open her heart and mind to Your will
and welcome the new life You bring to the League.*

*We ask this through Jesus, Your beloved Son and
Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.*

AMEN





Rosary Sunday – Martyrs’ Shrine - Midland 2018
Margaret Ann Jacobs, Ann D’Souza, Corrine Prevot-Quesnelle,
Sue Gibbons-Shrubsole, Alice Warford and Anna Tremblay



Cardinal’s Dinner 2018
Connie Cristinziano, Thomas Cardinal Collins,
Margaret Ann Jacobs and Ann D’Souza