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Toronto Diocesan Council

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Spiritual Advisor
Fr. Liborio Amaral

President
Sue Lubowitz

Dear Sisters in the League

I am pleased to greet you as we celebrate the achievements of 2022. This year we have seen the return to some normalcy, or should I say that we are now living the “new normal”. Many of our councils have returned to in-person meetings and this has brought much JOY to the hearts of one and all.

This past year, I was asked by His Eminence Cardinal Collins to take over from Msgr. Patrick O'Dea as your new Toronto Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. Although I am very honoured to have been asked to this position, I feel that I cannot fill the large shoes that Msgr. Patrick walked. I am sure that you would all agree with me that Msgr. Pat will be missed and we thank him for the wonderful time he spent as your Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. May God bless him in his continued ministry of serving the people of God in his parish and in the Archdiocese.

This past fall I was able to be present at all of our seven regional gatherings. It was a pleasure to learn more and more about the League and even learn what terms meant, like Life Member ☺. I was honoured to hear the many reports that were shared by the different parish councils; to hear the successes and struggles that each council experienced. What stood out to me in these reports was the desire that councils bring members of the League together once again – to share their lives again through in-person meetings, social gatherings and working together on outreach projects.

Although Covid continues to remain a reality of our world experience, we are called to move forward and not be afraid. My brothers in the Vineyard of the Lord, who guide you as the Spiritual Advisors in your parishes and regional level, are here to advise you as best we can and to remind you that the Lord has called each and every one of you to be a sister of the league.

I thank your Regional Spiritual Advisors in a special way who have supported you this past year:

Fr. David Bollo (Durham)
Fr. Donatello Iocco (Humber Valley)
Fr. Boniface Perri (North York)
Fr. Michael Simoes (Peel)
Fr. Laurence Léger (Northern)

Fr. Peter Marr (Scarborough)
Fr. Damian Young-Sam-You (Toronto)

I also thank the many priests of our Archdiocese who serve as your spiritual advisors for their local parish councils.

In conclusion, I humbly ask you for your prayers, so that I can serve you well and guide you in the ways of Truth and Life. And may your prayers also extend to help me be a joyful and holy priest in the Vineyard of the Lord.

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio
Spiritual Advisor
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Toronto Diocesan Council

Report of the President

Sue Lubowitz

Regions: 7

Members: 6082

Councils: 99

Honorary Life Member: 1

Life Members: 13

Seventy-nine of ninety-nine councils returned the annual report survey. As government restrictions were lifted, parish councils began holding their events in-person, although a minority waited until the fall. Diocesan council events were a combination of in-person and virtual so as to accommodate larger groups. Fifty-five councils reported returning to pre-pandemic activity while five councils reported as not yet meeting in-person at the time of reporting.

Changes to the League Structure

Some councils, because of inability to have a full executive, started implementing the new League structure as it applied to standing committee positions. Councils reported attending training sessions that were made available at all levels of the League. Twenty-seven councils reached out to a higher level for assistance. Some councils had themed focused meetings. Most councils reported being excited about the stream-lined structure and believed that it would enable members to bring relevancy to current issues and more efficient meetings. The move towards more technology was cited as being forward thinking.

Councils are looking forward to their new elections in order to implement the new structure and mentioned that the diocesan council was being proactive in offering virtual training sessions to assist councils to make the transition.

Implementation of National Theme

The *Catholic and Living It!* theme was enthusiastically received by parish councils. Spiritual retreats were based on the theme as well, ensuring that council activities were themed accordingly. Councils used the theme logo on all correspondence as a reminder and the theme prayer card was distributed to members. Advocacy awareness events were held.

Support of Parish Spiritual Advisors

Some councils experienced a change in clergy during the COVID-19 lockdown period which affected to some extent the availability of the spiritual advisor. But for the most part, councils indicated that the spiritual advisor supported the work of the League even if he was not able to attend all meetings. Numerous spiritual advisors were mentioned by name for their support of members and the council. Our new Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fr. Liborio Amaral, was installed in September and an appreciation dinner was held for the outgoing spiritual advisor, Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, after his six years of service to the League in Toronto Diocese.

Toronto Diocesan Council 2022 Highlights

The 101st Diocesan Convention (April 28 and 29) had as its theme "Catholic and Living It! and We Rise Again" with 300 members in attendance for the business sessions. Activities for the 100th anniversary were concluded with the opening of a time capsule from the 80th anniversary. Letters contained within were read by the 2022 standing

committee chair. A mass collection of \$1642.25 was donated to Catholic Family Services. Two resolutions were passed. One of the resolutions (*Canada Needs a National Strategy to Address Loneliness*) was adopted at the provincial convention and was used as an article in the League magazine. The Diocesan Temporary Fund for Ukraine raised \$14,655 and was donated to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada for their use in refugee settlement as well as emergency aid in Ukraine. Appreciation for this donation was received. Elections were also held at this convention and a full slate of officers under the old structure of the League was elected and six new regional chairs were appointed. Three members participated in the 2022 Strategic Plan Working Groups.

Special events included Development Day: *Living Justice: A CWL Response* (Feb.12) where \$1,000 was donated to Caritas Canada for Ukraine Relief; CWL Wednesdays continued with member training as well as interest topics including *Coffee with the Saints* (Feb.25), and *Values Based Time Management* (Mar.16). An Advent Virtual Retreat (*The Saints of Advent*) was open to all across the country (Nov. 22) and presented by Christine Way-Skinner, CWL member and Novalis author. Pertinent standing committee chairs also offered an in-person Faith in Action Workshop (Oct. 29) at St. Roch's Parish that was much appreciated by those in attendance. A *Wellness Spa* started off the year. In January, a four week presentation of the national resource on Executive Orientation was presented to an average weekly audience of 120 members. A webinar focusing on the role of women in the church was held in November with guest speaker, Eliza Trotter, Diocesan Coordinator of Campus Ministries for the Archdiocese of Toronto,

Building Indigenous relations was developed through a virtual event on June 21 with guest speakers from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle (Graydon Nicholas and Colleen Martin) as well as a Reconciliation Mass (with smudging) and education forum for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 25) held in-person at St. Mary's Church in Barrie.

We marked the passing of Life Member, Dorothy McGuigan, Diocesan President (1995-1997) and Ontario President, at a funeral mass in July.

Two new councils were started: St. John of the Cross (June 9) and Blessed Frederic Ozanam (June 30). Disbanding for various reasons were St. Isaac Jogues and St. John Bosco. One council has inactive status and will be revisited again by diocesan officers in efforts to form an executive.

Recommendations

- ❖ Use the resources available online from the Strategic Plan Working Groups to assist and encourage members to take on leadership roles.
- ❖ Budgetary attention should be placed on member development to encourage greater involvement by all members.
- ❖ Encourage in-person meetings as much as possible to increase a sense of welcome and belonging among members.
- ❖ Encourage members to visit League websites at all levels, as much as possible to become more aware of the opportunities available.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Zenora Mahabal

Seventy-nine of the ninety-nine councils submitted the Recording Secretary Annual Report for 2022. Fifty-three of the secretary positions were elected, twenty-five were appointed and one was vacant.

In an effort to save time at meetings, forty-two councils distributed the minutes via email to members prior to their meetings, for review. One council reported members receive minutes by Canada Post. Thirty-six council secretaries read the minutes at each meeting. Fifteen councils indicated that they do not have a secretary. Three presidents take the minutes.

Quarterly reports are prepared and distributed by seventeen councils. Councils advised that members are kept apprised of upcoming events, projects and news at monthly meetings. Sixty-four councils keep their members updated with special events and news, using phone trees, email, CWL websites and in-person interactions.

One council reported that communication is difficult as some members have no online capabilities, so all information must be verbally communicated. As well, English is not the predominant language and therefore all information has to be translated.

Councils reported that taking on the position of recording secretary calls for a considerable time commitment and responsibility. This can be both challenging and fulfilling. Workshops, specifically geared to secretaries, would be beneficial and could help make the transition to the new League structure easier to manage.

Church bulletin boards are used to invite parishioners to membership information sessions. Meeting schedules, upcoming events and information from all levels of the league are posted, to keep those who do not have computers or email access informed.

One council reported organizing games like Bingo and Jeopardy at virtual meetings so they can have fun and get to know each other.

Recommendations

- ❖ If possible, set up a parish council website where members and others can check in so they are aware of upcoming meetings and events.
- ❖ Given that there are many councils without a recording secretary, encourage a buddy system to lighten the load for one person.
- ❖ Create a cheat sheet for regular duties to be used when you are unable to attend a meeting.
- ❖ Keep a motion book with motions presented for easy reference.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Shaila D'Souza

Seventy-nine of ninety-nine councils submitted a joint Secretaries Annual Report for 2022. Fifty-three of the secretary positions were elected, twenty-five were appointed and one was vacant.

The recording and corresponding positions were combined in some councils, or the corresponding secretary role was not filled. In some councils, the council president also managed the correspondence. Sixty-four councils kept their members informed of special events while sixty-one councils prepared and sent members a quarterly report of all activities. The majority of comments were directed to the recording secretary role. Specific comments for the corresponding secretary were the difficulties experienced by members who were not able to use the internet, access email correspondence and at times, a language barrier became an issue when verbal communication was required. The corresponding secretary acknowledged members for birthday and anniversary milestones.

The Diocesan Corresponding Secretary sent out correspondence by emails, letters, and cards on behalf of the Toronto Diocesan Council. Birthday and milestone cards were sent to life members during the year. Christmas cards were sent to regional and diocesan spiritual advisors, auxiliary bishops, Archbishop Cardinal Collins, provincial and national presidents, and the provincial executive. Mass and sympathy cards were sent as well as email notification of deceased members who served on the diocesan executive. National and provincial councils were mailed the 2022-2024 Toronto diocesan executive contact list. Council contact lists received from the regional chairs are maintained on an on-going basis. Guidelines on the do's and don'ts for email communication were written for the diocesan newsletter.

All virtual registrations for diocesan events, zoom and in-person were the responsibility of the corresponding secretary. Once registrations were received for zoom sessions, lists were maintained, links were sent to participants, organizers and keynote speakers and follow-up hand-outs were emailed to all attendees. Some virtual events included members from across Canada.

Recommendations:

- ❖ Review the updated *Handbook for Secretaries* (2022) with the recording and corresponding positions now combined.
- ❖ Ensure that members who do not have access or are unfamiliar with computers receive council correspondence in a timely manner through phone and in-person or buddy system. Plan computer training session.
- ❖ Personalize messages when connecting with members by email or regular mail.
- ❖ Use Christmas stamps throughout the year when mailing in support of archived Resolution 2005.01 Christmas Postage Stamps.

Report of the Treasurer

Lolita Perry

Seventy-nine of ninety-nine councils participated in the 2022 on-line Treasurer's Annual Report survey. Forty-six of these positions were elected, thirty-one were appointed and two were vacant. It was a great opportunity to share and showcase the good deeds our councils did for God and Canada. The report was indicative of the commitments and engagement of each council through the varied donations made. Essentially, it reflected their calendar year's efforts and hard work ensuring donations were equitably allocated.

Fifty-seven of the ninety-nine Parish Councils Treasurer's Annual Report was submitted to the Diocesan Treasurer through electronic and posted mail. These reports are inclusive of the National Voluntary Fund, Standing Committees and Parish Donations

National Voluntary Fund		% of Total
Coady International Institute	1,490.00	0.63%
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace	2,735.00	1.16%
Catholic Missions In Canada	4,060.00	1.72%
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	1,260.00	0.53%
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	1,475.00	0.63%
National Bursary Fund	700.00	0.31%
National Voluntary Fund Sub-total	\$11,720.00	4.98%
Standing Committees		
Spiritual Development	12,563.00	5.34%
Organization	18,095.00	7.70%
Christian Family Life	19,934.00	8.5%
Community Life includes TDC Temporary Fund for Ukraine (\$14,655.45)	79,040.00	33.6%
Education and Health	13,963.00	5.94%
Communications	2,771.00	1.17%
Standing Committees Sub-total	\$146,366.00	62.25%
All Donations		
National Voluntary Fund Sub-total	11,720.00	4.98%
Standing Committees Sub-total	146,366.00	62.25%
Parish Donations	77,030.00	32.77%
TOTAL	\$235,116.00	100 %

In April 2022, Toronto Diocesan Council Temporary Fund for Ukraine was initiated. A total of \$13,155.45 was donated from across the councils, individual members and various dioceses; an additional \$1,500 was donated by the Toronto Diocesan Council.

The funds - \$14,655.45 were donated as follows:

- Canada Ukraine Foundation Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: Provided humanitarian relief to those in Ukraine and Ukrainians in bordering countries displaced by war. \$7,335.45

- Toronto Ukrainian Foundation, Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Toronto Branch): Dealt with the needs of displaced people who arrived in Toronto due to the war in Ukraine (\$3,650)
- Lubov SSMI Foundation: Allocated for the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Ukraine through their Home of Hope ministry which provided a place of refuge to be fed, comforted and supported (\$3,650)

In 2022, the Toronto Diocesan Council received donations towards its Voluntary Funds: St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Scholarship Foundation. Thank you for the continued support. Listed below is the breakdown of donations received and disbursements made for the Toronto Diocesan Voluntary Funds for 2022.

Nat'l #	Council Name	Region	St. Michael's Scholarship Fund 2022	Margaret Ann Jacobs-CC Aid Foundation	2022 TOTAL
T015	Good Shepherd, Thornhill	North York	100.00	100.00	200.00
T005	Guardian Angels, Orillia	Northern	100.00		100.00
T009	Holy Cross, Toronto	Toronto	100.00	100.00	200.00
T127	Holy Spirit, Barrie	Northern	100.00		100.00
T022	Nativity of our Lord, Etobicoke	Humber Valley	150.00	100.00	250.00
T034	Precious Blood, Scarborough	Scarborough	100.00	100.00	200.00
T123	St. Aidan's, Scarborough	Scarborough	50.00	50.00	100.00
T039	St. Batholomew, Scarborough	Scarborough	100.00	100.00	200.00
T055	St Francis de Sales, Ajax	Durham		50.00	50.00
T067	St. Ignatius Loyola	Peel	100.00	100.00	200.00
T136	St. John XXIII	North York	100.00	100.00	200.00
T060	St. John Chrysostom, Newmarket	North York	100.00	150.00	250.00
T068	St. John Evangelist, Whitby	Durham	25.00	50.00	75.00
T066	St. John Fisher, Peel	Peel	100.00	100.00	200.00
T071	St. Joseph Highland Creek	Scarborough	50.00	50.00	100.00
T072	St. Joseph's, Streetsville	Peel	100.00		100.00
T130	St. Leo the Great	Durham	50.00	50.00	100.00
T113	St. Martin of Tours	Peel	100.00	100.00	200.00
T083	St. Mary's, Brampton	Peel	100.00	200.00	300.00
T144	St. Rose of Lima	Scarborough	100.00		100.00
T101	St. Roch's, Weston	Humber Valley	50.00	50.00	100.00
T108	St. Timothy, North York	North York	50.00	40.00	90.00
T110	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Humber Valley	50.00		50.00
T077	St. Margaret's Midland	Northern		100.00	100.00
T141	Guardian Angels, Brampton	Peel	50.00		50.00
	Other Donation-Northern region	Northern		100.00	100.00
Other	Anonymous Donation - 2022 Conv			2,000.00	2,000.00
Other	Other Donations			100.00	100.00
	Total Donations		\$ 1,925.00	\$ 3,890.00	\$ 5,815.00
	Less: Disbursements		-3,000.00	-2000.00	
	Net Donations		-1,075.00	1890.00	815.00
	#Donors		23	22	

Recommendations:

- ❖ Add the National Truth and Reconciliation line to the 2023 National Voluntary Fund. This will provide better direction to councils as to a central location and assurance that funds will be disbursed according to their instructions.
- ❖ Email transfer should be added to the National Policy and Procedure as an added form of payment.
- ❖ Ensure to reference your council's identification number as assigned by the national office. It is located on your "Remittance Form for the per Capita Fees" that are sent to National Office (e.g. – name of parish).
- ❖ Membership fees should be submitted to National office in a timely manner as received.
- ❖ Complete and submit the Treasurer's Annual report yearly. This will showcase the good works and deeds of your council with all levels of the league.
- ❖ Continue to support the St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and the Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Scholarship Foundation
- ❖ Prepare an annual budget to be approved by the council at the general meeting. It important to consistently review the budget with actual expenditures to properly assess the financial situation.

Report of the Past President/ Historian

Hilarion Mitchell

Seventy-nine of the ninety-nine councils completed the past president/historian section on the combined 2022 annual report. Twenty-nine councils had a council manual, nine had their own history book and thirty-three used the *Constitution and Bylaws (C&B)* during meetings.

The past president/historian was consulted on archives, past council history, *Policy and Procedure Manual*, *Constitution and Bylaws*, previous executive terms, budgets, donation to charities, assistance with the installation of new executive, welcoming of new members and membership. One past president/historian provided a presentation to the executive on conflict of interest which they then included in their policy manual. The past president/historian mentored members and the executive and assisted with their council elections.

Materials archived in 2022 were kept at the parish hall, office or in church assigned locked cabinets, storage cupboards and other designated space. Some council materials were also stored in the personal residence of the president, secretary and treasurer. The most frequently asked questions the past president/historian received was on the 2022 C&B Amendments/Instructed Votes outcome. The availability of storage space at the parish was reported as an issue.

Past presidents/historians reported that in 2022, they archived copies of their charter, minutes and motion books, minutes, financial reports, photos, membership lists, book of life. One council archived the obituary of their last chartered member and another their 60th anniversary and pin presentation event program.

Toronto Diocesan Council 2022 Highlights

The 2022-2024 diocesan election were held on April 29 during the 101st convention. Six new regional chairs were included on the executive. The *Toronto Diocesan Council Manual of Policy and Procedures* was updated in April 2022.

Patricia Beattie Annual Mentoring Award

Mary Hawkley, Life Member, Holy Family Council, Durham Region was the recipient of the auxiliary level of the 2022 Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award. Mary has over thirty years in the League and held many positions at the parish council, as Durham Regional Chair and Toronto Diocesan President, 2011-2013. Mary was a member of the 2018 Provincial Convention Committee and chaired Toronto Diocesan Council 100th Anniversary.

The parish level recipient was Sonia DaCosta-Spence, St. Bartholomew Council, Scarborough Region. She is a member for over seventeen years, holding several positions at her council and Scarborough Region as chair of resolutions, legislation, education and health, spiritual development, organization, president and past president/historian. Sonia also served as a sub-convenor for the diocesan convention banquet.

A review was done of the award guidelines. Going forward the newsletter editor, life members, convention committee and the award committee will now join the current executive and regional chairs and not be eligible to be nominated or to nominate others.

Toronto Diocesan Council Time Capsule 80th (2001) Opening and 100th (2021) Closing

The time capsule sealed at the 80th Anniversary of the Toronto Archdiocesan Council in 2001 was to be opened at the 100th Anniversary in 2021. This was delayed to the 101st convention as in-person gatherings were not possible during the 100th anniversary year with the 99th and 100th annual general meetings held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. The 80th time capsule contained memorabilia such as photocopies of charters, history of activities, photographs of special events, etc. from councils. Also included was a letter from Cardinal Ambrozic, letters from 1999-2001 archdiocesan executive to their 2021 counterparts which were read at the anniversary closing celebrations at the 101st convention. New items collected and added to the time capsule were sample drawing and 100th anniversary Madonna pin, letters prepared by the 2019-2022 executive to their future counterparts, congratulatory anniversary diocesan, provincial and national certificates, 100th anniversary history book supplement (2001-2021) and summary of the 2019-2022 executive term highlights. The time capsule was sealed and blessed at the Closing Mass on April 29.

Msgr. Patrick O'Dea, Spiritual Advisor (2016-2022)

Msgr. Patrick, appointed in 2016, concluded his term as diocesan spiritual advisor having served six years, which included an additional year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Toronto Diocesan CWL 100th anniversary. A farewell dinner was held on September 14 at St. Clement of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral. There were close to eighty in attendance including members and spiritual advisors. Readout greetings were received from Cardinal Thomas Collins, Linda Squarzolo, Ontario Provincial President and Fr. Liborio Amaral, who replaced him as diocesan spiritual advisor.

Recommendations

- ❖ Encourage councils to prepare and revise their policy and procedure manual to include the new 2022 League executive structure.
- ❖ Discuss with membership and the parish spiritual advisor the importance for the council's archival materials to be stored in secure and accessible location at the parish or public space.
- ❖ Discourage storing council archival information at personal residences. Use fire retardant boxes and retain materials specific to their parish council.
- ❖ Prepare a history book for milestone anniversary year if not already done for the council and once completed or if already done send to the national office in Winnipeg.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Spiritual Development

Iris McNulty

Seventy-nine out of ninety-nine councils submitted a Spiritual Development Report for 2022. Thirty-seven of these councils reported this position as elected, twenty-eight appointed and fourteen vacant.

Spiritual Growth of Members

Prayers and prayer services formed an integral part of monthly council meetings. Councils explored the National theme, *Catholic and Living It!* by sponsoring retreats and days of reflection, online webinars (forty-five) and holding spiritual reading book clubs (twenty-four). They planned prayers for monthly meetings around the National theme while two councils recited the *Catholic and Living It!* prayer at their monthly meetings. One council distributed the prayer cards.

Councils reported celebrating mass before their monthly meeting and some councils gathered for monthly Sunday Eucharist celebrations. Milestone anniversaries were celebrated with special masses. A variety of prayer styles were used in councils including private and communal recitation of rosaries, novenas, Stations of the Cross and litanies. Members participated in Rosary Sunday at Martyr's Shrine, rosary rallies, penitential services, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Saturday Devotion. One council reported holding a 'healing prayer service' online. Councils held a Crowning of Mary celebration which included the recitation of the rosary and mass. One council reported that regular zoom rosaries increased the development of their faith. Another council promoted the Catholic Faith calendar which included scripture readings, feast days, days of abstinence and fasting. Members accessed the World Day of Prayer service online, took part in Lift Jesus Higher Rally, celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Thirty-nine councils sponsored courses, programs, workshops and speakers of a spiritual nature. Councils held special masses for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel and All Souls Month. One council sponsored a bus pilgrimage.

Study of Catholic Teaching

Eight councils studied a papal document. Members participated in scripture studies and they reported that these studies helped them to understand their faith more closely. Some members accessed the 'Bible in a Year' podcast to help them grow in their faith. Twenty-one councils sponsored at least one retreat day.

Role of Women in the Church

Twenty councils assisted women in keeping up to date on the role of women in the church through websites, eighteen, by inviting speakers and ten, through the study of Catholic documents and by providing information from bishops' conferences.

Lay Ministries

Women continued to serve in a variety of ministries at the parish level including serving as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, altar servers, lectors, music ministry and catechists. Some serve on parish councils, liturgy committees, Rosary Apostolate, RCIA. Members were involved in bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound and assisted with monthly masses at retirement homes.

Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Councils continue to financially support Catholic Missions in Canada. Some councils supported the Society of St. Peter the Apostle and Consolata Missionaries. One council supported the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. A concerted effort to promote the singing of spiritually based Christmas carols was undertaken by another council.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

Thirty-six councils connected with women of other Christian denominations. Twenty-three councils connected with Anglican or United women, twenty-two with Presbyterian women's organizations and fifteen with women of the Baptist faith. Involvement was social (fourteen), service related (twelve) and social justice (eight). Thirty-one councils reported connecting with women of these denominations at least once throughout the year. Sixteen councils reported involvement with women of interfaith organizations, mainly of the Jewish or Muslim faith at least once this year.

Diocesan Spiritual Development Activities

Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair prepared and shared prayer services at all in-person and online diocesan events including Development Day, Service for Deceased Members and CWL Wednesdays. Parish councils reported that they benefitted from spiritual development sessions offered by regional and diocesan councils. The diocesan council celebrated a prayer service for National Indigenous Peoples Day and a Mass and Education Forum for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The 'Saints of Advent Evening' sponsored by the Diocesan Council had an online attendance exceeding 230 members. Members reported that it helped them to prepare for the Advent season.

Spiritual Advisors

Many councils reported the outstanding support of spiritual advisors. Their involvement included the celebration of special masses, attendance at CWL meetings, installation of new executives, pulpit talks promoting CWL membership, attending CWL events and assisting with elections. One council reported that their spiritual advisor requested them to lead the parish in devotions such as novenas and the Stations of the Cross. Members expressed tremendous gratitude for the very important role and support spiritual advisors provide for their council. They recognized that the vibrancy of their council was often reflected in the role that the spiritual advisor played.

Recommendations

- ❖ Maintain spiritual focus of the league through meaningful spiritual reflections/prayer services at all CWL events and programs.
- ❖ Continue to foster relationships between Spiritual Advisors and councils to enhance spiritual growth and to portray the CWL as an organization contributing to faith development and as an agent of social justice.
- ❖ Form study group or workshop to explore a specific encyclical.
- ❖ Establish a spiritual development workshop to aid in planning and creating meaningful and creative reflections/prayer services.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Organization

Kate O'Quinn

Members: 6045

Regions: 7

Councils: 98

Honorary Life Member: 1

Inactive Councils: 1

Life Members: 13

Seventy-nine of ninety-nine councils participated in the national 2022 Organization Annual Report Survey. Twenty-six councils reported that this position was elected, 30 were appointed and twenty-three were vacant.

Diocesan council received official notice of disbanding councils for St. Isaac Jogues, Sts. Martha and Mary and Our Lady Help of Christians. Immaculate Conception Council made the decision to become inactive. Diocesan officers will revisit the council in a year in hopes of forming an executive. As of December 31, three councils had not paid their per capita fees, but 163 membership fees were paid in 2022 for 2021.

Recruit Members and Retain Membership

In response to what kind of CWL information sessions were provided for prospective members, councils reported the following: retreats for all women in the parish; storyboards and brochures at information table at membership drives; invitations to general meetings; welcome packages, orientation workshops; information sessions at coffee Sundays; CWL information and brochures (e.g. Why Am I A Member ?) at church entrances and bulletin boards; open house/information night and annual newsletter.

Members reported that they hold an annual membership drive, which included the following : having a membership table at all CWL events; monthly invitation for women to attend general meetings and events; creation of an email account for ladies to post questions about the League; instructions for membership renewal in newsletter; use of email, written letters, phone calls, Facebook and parish web page; personal invitation; bulletin announcement, announcement from spiritual advisor from the altar and pulpit talks from members during membership drive weekend and orientation workshop for new and returning members.

Thirty-five councils reported having no members under the age of thirty-five and only two councils had more than five percent of their members under the age of thirty-five.

Leadership Development

The Toronto Diocesan Development Day was held virtually on February 12, with members across Canada in attendance. The theme was "Living Justice- A CWL Response". The morning session featured keynote speaker from Development and Peace, Luke Stocking, Deputy Director of Public Awareness and Engagement (Ontario and Atlantic Region). The afternoon session, "From Principles to Action", highlighted presentations from standing committee chairs on three of the Catholic Social Teachings: "Human Dignity, Solidarity and The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers".

Twenty-six councils invited their counterpart at the next level of the League to provide information and League development.

The most popular times councils reached out for advice to the different levels are as follows: diocesan level was annually (eleven); provincial level was annually (eleven); national level was annually (eleven) and national office was semi-annually (twenty-two).

League Resource Material and Annual Reports

Councils reported the use of the following programs developed as a result of the strategic plan working groups: *Welcome Program* (forty-three); *Prayers and Spiritual Programs Module* (twenty-three); *Newsletter Template* (sixteen); diversity ads, postcards, calendars (eleven); *List of Retreat Centres* (ten); *National Faith Day* (nine); *Catholic Social Teaching Resources* (nine); *Life and Dignity of the Human Person Module* (nine) and *Care for God's Creation* (eight). The other eight initiatives listed were used by five or less councils.

Most councils found the new format for annual reporting much easier to complete and encouraged team work.

Information Sessions Requested

Resources/assistance that councils are looking for included: League development at the parish level; spiritual development, retreat information and prayer services for meetings; membership recruitment, especially younger members; how to entice members to be more active in their councils; suggestions for guest speakers and workshops for all members to attend to learn executive roles.

Initiatives councils were most interested in implementing: *Welcome Program* (twenty-six); *Prayers and Spiritual Programs Module* (twenty); *The Joy of Leadership* (seventeen); *Life and Dignity of the Human Person* (fourteen); *Care for God's Creation* (eleven); *Catholic Social Teaching Resource* (ten) *Calendar of Social Justice Events* (eight).

2022 Council Anniversaries

Twenty-five councils celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2022. Some councils chose to receive their certificate at a general meeting or special event while others chose to receive their certificate at the 2023 convention. Anniversary years are based on the charter date and actual paid years of service. Councils that had lapses in membership fees or were disbanded are not credited for unpaid years.

5 th Anniversary	Guardian Angels, Peel Region Our Lady of Annunciation, North York Region
15 th Anniversary	St. Anne, Peel Region
20 th Anniversary	Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of the Lake, North York Region St. Marguerite D'Youville, Peel Region
25 th Anniversary	St. Justin Martyr, North York Region
30 th Anniversary	St. Rose of Lima, Scarborough Region
45 th Anniversary	St. Patrick, Markham, North York Region St. Anthony of Padua, Peel Region St. Patrick, Wildfield, Peel Region

50 th Anniversary	St. Barnabas, Scarborough Region
55 th Anniversary	St. Boniface, Scarborough Region
	Blessed Trinity, North York Region
	St. Mary Star of the Sea, Peel Region
60 th Anniversary	Sacred Heart, North York
	Our Lady of Lourdes, Northern Region
	St. John Fisher, Peel Region
65 th Anniversary	St. Margaret Mary, Humber Valley Region
	St. John Vianney, Northern Region
	St. Margaret, Northern Region
	St. Joseph, Peel
70 th Anniversary	St. Gertrude, Durham Region
	St. Gregory the Great, Durham Region
	Our Lady of Grace, North York Region
	Sacred Heart, Northern Region
	St. Patrick, Northern Region

2022 Charter Councils

Toronto Diocesan Council welcomed two new chartered councils in 2022: St. John of the Cross, Peel Region and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, North York Region.

Recommendations:

- ❖ Councils are encouraged to use resources on the national website.
- ❖ Councils are encouraged to reach out to the Diocesan Organization Chair when they are experiencing challenges with membership or leadership development.
- ❖ Diocesan Organization Chair to continue to offer workshops based on initiative requests from the annual report.
- ❖ Diocesan Organization Chair to continue to offer training, with emphasis on everyone's potential for leadership, through parish executive training, effective meetings and the welcome program.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Christian Family Life

Ciscily Winkler

The Christian Family Life 2022 Annual Report was submitted by seventy-nine councils, in which twenty-seven were elected positions, twenty-one appointed and thirty-one vacant. Councils exhibited increased and creative activities.

Marriage and Family

Councils supported marriage and family through: guest speakers from local crisis centre; diaper drive; directed members to materials on websites; family prayers found at www.cccb.ca; participation in the 10th *World Meeting of Families*; *National Online Rosary* and *The International Family Day* on May 15; virtual Lenten and Advent retreats; stations of the cross; Ministry for Marriage and Family Life; liturgies and confirmation preparation. One council organized a food drive and supported the Good Shepherd ministries by donating food items that filled four vans and \$440 in cash and shared *Family-the Root of Love* for a Family Day event.

A council member adopted a family and provided support through *Catechism*; provided bibs and hand-written notes to parents of newly baptized children. Councils celebrated *Marriage Sunday* and received special blessings and recognition of milestone wedding anniversaries. Memorial/prayer service/pray the rosary were held for deceased members, member's spouse and family. Council members donated gift cards for food/grocery to members in need; held pizza fundraising and donated to families living in shelters and to the *St. Vincent de Paul Society*. Mother's and Father's Days were celebrated with breakfast and flowers.

Sanctity of Life

Council members upheld and advocated for the sanctity of life through *Life Chain*; collection of baby items for Rose of Durham; supported Rose of Sharon for unwed mothers; attended *40 Days for Life*; supported families in Hospice Vaughan "*Wrap around Vaughan*"; wrote letters to Members of Parliament and distributed pamphlets. Councils informed members about *Horizons of Hope*; forty-three councils participated in the *12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care*; shared at meeting - Global TV *The Real Reality*, on those who are disabled and are considering *Medical Assistance in Dying* (MAiD). Many councils were knowledgeable about MAiD (Bill C-7). Twenty-seven councils participated in the *Webinar on Palliative Care* on May 7, 2022.

Councils made major donations to hospices as well as donations to Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) for the *Palliative Care Kit*. Nine councils participated in the *Palliative Care Postcard* campaign.

Councils provided webinars on *Compassionate Community Care Training*. Many councils were knowledgeable and supported Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC), Bill C-230: *Protection of Freedom and Conscience*. Councils contributed to charities such as Right to Life, local palliative care hospices, Birthright, a family in India and a girl in Kenya.

Councils supported Vita Manor, a support centre for single mothers, with fundraising, new clothing and supplies for the newborn. Through *Mater Care International*, four orphans were supported in India, Uganda and Colombia.

Ministry to Youth

Councils supported youth through the following ways: donated supplies and cases of food to the Summer Camp Campaign; served as the Youth Ministry Co-ordinator of the Edge program; provided sacramental gifts and arranged parish fun-day to support youth and senior groups. Councils supported youth literacy contests and scholarships for elementary and secondary students and discussed the *World Youth Day* in Lisbon, Portugal. Youth participated as volunteers at CWL events with reward of community service hours. One council supported an outdoor education program in an Indigenous twin city in Northern Ontario. A council started a group called *Sew Good* to teach young people to sew pillowcases for children with cancer.

Ministry to the Disabled

Councils advised members that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has information on how to include the disabled in the faith community.

Ministry to Seniors

Council members donated their time to seniors' organizations in the community and volunteered at seniors' buildings. Members checked on seniors' well-being. Members sent cards, emails, telephoned, purchased masses, shared prayer services, meals and flowers. Councils donated care kits to the homeless, participated at funeral receptions, brought communion to the shut-ins and furnished kitchen and bedroom for a homeless person who was transitioning into housing. Members set up a committee, to come up with ideas to help seniors, such as offering to set-up computer classes. Councils distributed lap blankets, prayer shawls and provided transportation for members who requested it.

Ministry to Widowed, Separated or Divorced, and Single

Councils gave out local grief seminar information to the widowed. For the separated/divorced/single, details for obtaining the latest information on *Annulments Today- Merciful and Just*, were made available from the national website.

Vocations

Councils supported women and men discerning for vocations through encouragement, prayer, youth ministry, welcoming seminarians, spiritual bouquets and attended virtually the Ordinandi dinner.

Councils provided new deacons with liturgical book/information, prayers, songs and reflection on discernment. Councils supported Serra Club, St. Augustine Seminary, Sisters of Life, Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund, to name a few. Councils celebrated the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, and provided the prayer *Workers for the Harvest*, and supported Catholic Christian Outreach.

Recommendations

- ❖ Involve members in youth activities and invite youth to CWL meetings for listening and sharing.
- ❖ Vocations should be given high priority. Pray for, encourage and support vocations. Routinely, offer a Mass for clergy.
- ❖ Encourage members to take advantage of the educational resources at all levels of the League. Serve by lived experience, be a mentor when called upon if at all possible.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Communications

Nenita MacKenzie

Seventy-nine of the ninety-nine councils in the Toronto Diocese submitted a Communications Annual Report for 2022. Twenty-two of these councils reported this position as elected, twenty-two appointed and thirty-four vacant.

The Canadian League Magazine

Majority of the councils reported *The Canadian League* magazine as one of the invaluable educational resources for members. The Fall and Winter issues will be in hard copy format and mailed to members while the Spring issue will be in digital copy which will be posted online at the National website, <https://cwl.ca>

Media for Evangelization

Councils encouraged their members to promote and subscribe to catholic television stations, newspapers, periodicals and magazines, such as *The Catholic Register*, Salt + Light TV and Vision TV.

Media to Promote the League

Seventy-six councils used the National website to obtain the most updated information and events. Members mainly used the website for resource materials, promotional brochures, and ordering supplies such as pins and scarves. Others referred to it for reports, forms, membership remittances, prayer services, Policy and Procedures Manual and for communiques. Twenty-eight councils have Facebook accounts to promote their events. Ten councils have WhatsApp accounts as their means of connecting with the other members. Three councils have Instagram, and one council has a Twitter account. Sixty-six councils used email as the most popular form of promoting council events and activities to members and the parish community. Telephone trees continue to be a very effective and popular tool to connect with members. Email blast and Flock note were used by two councils.

Media Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content

Council members are encouraged to monitor media for good content, but not much action was taken on the offending content.

Media Newsletter and Bulletins

Twenty-four councils reported producing a council newsletter. Emails were the most popular form of distributing council newsletters, followed by mailing it directly to members. Other councils shared their council newsletter as an insert in the parish bulletin and mail box. Parish bulletins remain a popular form of promoting council events and activities. The personal touch and “word of mouth” were used to update members who did not have emails.

Pornography

Thirty councils reported distributing the “Pornography Hurts” postcards. Forty-one councils were aware of the resolutions relating to inappropriate internet use and the behaviour associated with it. Resolutions reviewed and acted on were: Resolution 2017.02 *Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornography Websites*,

Resolution 2004.11 *Link Between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and Mechanics of Killing* and Resolution 2002.11 *Responsible Internet use For Children*.

Toronto Diocesan Council Communication

Participated and presented virtually at the Toronto Diocesan Council Development Day. Facilitated in the Communication section of the Parish Executive Training for Scarborough Region. Contacted Salt + Light and *The Catholic Register* for complimentary giveaways to members for the TDC convention delegate bags. Posted the convention information at the Archdiocese of Toronto and *The Catholic Register*. Facilitated on the topic of “Letter Writing” to all levels of government during the October “Faith in Action Workshop”.

As Communication Chair, assisted with the transition of material to the new TDC website and was part of the team to respond to the queries that come to the website (emails received through info@cwltoronto.ca).

Recommendations

- ❖ Promote the Toronto Diocesan Newsletter to all members.
- ❖ Councils are encouraged to produce and use monthly parish council newsletters and websites as a form of communication to members and promote council’s activities in local media and publications.
- ❖ Set aside a budget to promote and utilize the use of social media in evangelization and promotion of the League.
- ❖ Encourage parish council members to monitor the media for good content and act on offending items.
- ❖ Encourage members to download and print the Pornography Hurts Postcards available through the National website. Review and study related resolutions.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Community Life

Elizabeth P. Joseph

Seventy-nine of the ninety-nine councils in Toronto Diocese completed the Annual Report Survey for 2022. Forty-six councils reported that this Standing Committee Chair was filled, twenty-six were elected and twenty appointed. Thirty-three councils reported this position was vacant.

Dignity and Rights of Persons

Three councils participated in the *Dignity and Rights of Workers* module; and two councils participated in Catholic Social Teachings implemented by the Strategic Plan. Forty-nine councils participated in the National Food Bank Project. Some councils collaborated with the Knights of Columbus in contributions of more than 6000 lbs of food to St. Vincent de Paul. Individual councils supported Canadian Food for Children, Food Drive donations to Good Shepherd Ministries and made sandwiches for the homeless. Councils sang Christmas Carols at seniors' homes; conducted a toy drive; provided a Christmas hamper for a family through Missionaries of Charity and participated in the Out of the Cold winter projects.

Councils that attended the webinar on human trafficking by Joy Smith reported: increased awareness in how pervasive human trafficking is in communities; the ability to recognize victims of human trafficking; that faith intersects human trafficking; by praying to St. Josephine Bakhita who can intercede for victims; and that women/girls have tattoos on their bodies that bear the names of their traffickers.

Forty-four councils supported Ukrainian families by donating clothing, household supplies, gift certificates and cash to the Ukrainian Relief fund. Financial contributions were also made to the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. Some councils sponsored a child and provided food via the Meal Train. One council sponsored a Pakistani family of four from a refugee camp in Thailand.

Social and Economic Justice

Thirty-four councils celebrated the 2nd National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30. Of those councils, six attended the Diocesan Mass and Education Forum, which included displays, posters, and information on *'World Views on Language Loss: The impact on Indigenous Peoples'*. Councils also participated in parish wide prayer services; a provincial reconciliation virtual rosary and watched live-streamed mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins.

Councils attended webinars, and information sessions on mental health and one council enrolled in parish dialogue circles, a multi-session course using the guide *'Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue on Justice and Right Relationships'*. One council member completed her certification on Indigenous Peoples from the University of Alberta. Seven councils wore orange shirts for 'Every Child Matters' on September 30; and one council wore red on May 5, Red Dress Day.

Another council supported five children through the Prison Fellowship Canada Angel Tree program; a restorative program that unites children with incarcerated parents at Christmas time.

Refugees Immigration and Citizenship

Three councils contributed to the Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). Councils' reports indicated member awareness of the needs of refugees and immigrants, specifically the Ukrainian refugees in their communities, in terms of helping families to acquire government IDs, complete applications to Child Support Benefits, and to accompany a child to medical appointments, treatments and surgery.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)

Fifty-one councils donated to Development and Peace, and fifteen councils used the Development and Peace Caritas Brochure to promote projects supported by the League.

Developing Countries

Nine councils used the Canada Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) brochure to promote projects supported by the League; and forty-seven councils contributed a median of \$55.09 to CNEWA. Councils supported Dr Simone's Food for Children's charity and Chalice sponsorship of a child.

Recommendations

- ❖ Recognize issues in the community and research the archives at the National website for an action plan on the issue.
- ❖ Petition your MPP on issues in the community and consider writing a resolution on a community issue.
- ❖ Encourage reading the TDC Newsletter, *The Canadian League* magazine and Communiques.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Education and Health

Andrea Smart

Seventy-eight of ninety-nine councils submitted a 2022 Education and Health Standing Committee Annual Report. Twenty-nine of these positions were elected, twenty-two were appointed and twenty-seven were vacant. This was an increase from forty-eight councils in 2021 and surpassed sixty-eight councils in 2020. COVID-19 continued to challenge some councils' ability to function properly, but they met the challenge and remained committed to the Catholic Women's League and the Education and Health Standing Committee.

Catholic Schools and Catechesis

When access to schools was possible, councils continued teaching children to learn and pray the rosary through the Rosary Apostolate. Within their parishes, CWL council members helped with Sacrament preparation, assisted on the Home Catechism Team, and were involved with the school chaplaincy, Children's Liturgy and Youth Liturgy. Gifts were provided to those who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

One council's president was newly elected to the Catholic School Board of Trustees. Another council has a member on the Catholic School Advisory.

Councils encouraged and mentored secondary school students to volunteer in support of parish and community activities. In-school art workshops were offered at parish schools. Christmas drive for children's winter clothing was held at three schools.

Rites of Christian Initiation

Individual council members are leaders in RCIC/RCIA programs and sponsor RCIA candidates.

Literacy and Continuing Education

Bursaries were provided to local continuing education institutions.

Recognizing a staffing shortage, members who are retired teachers returned to Occasional Teaching and Long-Term Occasional Teaching. Councils supported the youth and reading program at the schools and purchased books for a local shelter after their Literacy Day fundraising event.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Promotion and support for the Toronto Diocesan Youth Awards remained strong. Councils promoted the Mary Dobell Essay and Poetry Contests and Jean McCann Service Award by putting information on CWL Facebook page, website and parish notice boards. One council announced the winner live over Google Meet.

Many councils have parish-based scholarships or bursaries to support students in their parishes. Some examples are Christian Spirit Award, Christian Living Award, secondary school scholarships to graduates for Christian values and community involvement.

Twenty-three councils provided financial support and promoted the St. Michael's Scholarship Fund. The newly named Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Society (former Hope for Children) Scholarship Fund was supported by councils.

Additional CWL Voluntary Funds supported were the Bishop Pappin Bursary and Coady International. The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation also received financial support from councils.

Wellness and Sickness/Disease

Eleven councils indicated that they educated their members on the League's partnership with Blood Services Canada. Eight councils participated in the mental health postcard campaign.

While only nine councils participated in the palliative care postcard campaign, twenty-seven participated in the webinar on palliative care and forty-three councils took part in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.

Environment

For Earth Day, councils had discussions at meetings and developed an action plan. One council president prepared and delivered a presentation "Hope for the Environment", other councils had an Earth Day quiz and discussion on the topic. To honour a recently deceased past president who often encouraged her council to find ways to help the environment, the Maureen Donaghy Tree Planting Project was born and led to 185 trees being planted by the parish. At the request of one council's Spiritual Advisor, the council led an Earth Day Encounter with the parish youth that reinforced the theme of being responsible stewards of the Earth.

One of the most common and easiest ways councils became more environmentally friendly was to stop using bottled water, plastic cutlery and Styrofoam cups and plates. "Brown bag" lunches were recommended at meetings and events.

Promotion of recycling, replacing drafty doors and setting up a green bin were ways councils helped their parishes take steps to help the environment. The members of one council each developed an action plan to become better aware of harm caused to the environment by paying closer attention to what they can do at their individual homes to reduce waste.

Toronto Diocesan Highlights

For Development Day, oral report and slide on "Solidarity", working with the theme, "Living Justice – A CWL Response" was prepared and presented, as well an oral report and slide on St. Roch for CWL Wednesday "Coffee with the Saints".

Recommendations

- ❖ Refer to National's website to learn more about CWL partnership with Blood Services Canada. Encourage parishioners to get involved.
- ❖ Use a general meeting to participate in palliative care and mental health post card campaigns. Encourage parish involvement.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Legislation

Mary Tuccitto

Seventy-nine of the ninety-nine councils in Toronto Diocese, completed the 2022 Annual Report survey. This is likely due to the ease of submitting on-line and the updated compressed format. With the new League structure following the core values of Faith, Service and Social Justice, councils are inspired and hopeful for the future of Legislation which falls under the pillar of Social Justice.

Twenty-seven percent of ninety-nine councils in Toronto Diocese have a combined Resolutions and Legislation chair, yet councils were knowledgeable and aware of issues being discussed at the three levels of government. Respectively, at the federal level seventy-four percent, at the provincial level seventy-seven percent and at the municipal level sixty-nine percent. This was quite high as members showed a keen interest in government affairs.

Sixty-four percent of councils were aware of the National League's position papers and use these as well as the CWL workshop "Faith in Action" at forty-four percent. Mailings from government representatives at forty-four percent; in person and online government forums at twenty-seven percent; Hansard printed recording of government proceedings at twenty-two percent and LEGISinfo website at twenty-two percent as well as other resources were used by councils to stay abreast of current federal and provincial legislation and to keep their members informed.

Federal Bills

Fifty-four percent of councils had some level of knowledge of Bill C-230: *Protection of Freedom of Conscience* with twenty-eight percent reported being very aware. Council members' knowledge and awareness of Bill C-7: *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)* reported having some knowledge at thirty-nine percent and fifty-five percent being very aware.

Other Bills Councils Monitored and/or Acted On

Issues relating to health care, Medical Assistance in Dying, Indigenous Peoples and human trafficking highly resonated with councils as they monitored or acted on important bills both federally and provincially. Bill C-230 *Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act*, Bill C-268 *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code* (intimidation of health care professionals), Bill 84 - *Indigenous-Specific Amendments to the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017*, Bill S-210 *An Act to Restrict Young Persons' Online Access to Sexually Explicit Material*, Bill C-22 *Canada Disability Benefit Act*.

Keeping Legislation Active with the New League Structure

Social Justice/Legislation remains an important topic of discussion at meetings with a directive towards active participation from members. Councils can engage members on changes to legislation by checking newspapers, *The Catholic Register*, local TV news and going to federal, provincial and municipal websites. Place a legislative item on the agenda at every meeting and appoint (in advance) a different member to present it.

Toronto Diocesan Highlights

Development Day 2022, *Living Justice A CWL Response*, presented on the “Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers”, a principal of Catholic Social Teachings. The rights of foreign workers, specifically seasonal agricultural workers, are still being exploited. Members can continue to advocate for just immigration policies for these workers.

A request via World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations (WUCWO) was circulated to members to participate in the signing of the Petition to Demand the United Nations let WUCWO into the Commission on the Status of Women.

Participated in the Faith in Action Workshop, a presentation in cooperation with the standing committees of resolutions, legislation and communications, exploring how these three areas will transition into the new standing committees of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

“Go Make A Difference”, Legislation letter writing campaign related to resolution ON.22.01 *Improve Care in Long Term Care Homes*, resulted in a total of 712 individual letters forwarded to the Government of Ontario voicing member concerns and asking for continued improvements in long-term care homes for both residents and staff.

Recommendations

- ❖ Continue writing letters to federal and provincial governments on the issue of long-term care standards and the continued improvements we expect in long-term care homes in relation to resolution ON.22.01 *Improve Care in Long-term Care Homes*.
- ❖ Participate in researching and bringing legislative information forward to council members at meetings. With the new League structure, we are given an opportunity for all members to participate in this process.
- ❖ Review past CWL resolutions, follow through on the action plans and initiate a letter-writing campaign to politicians on adopted League resolutions.
- ❖ Contact municipal, provincial and federal representatives and request to be placed on their mailing/email list.
- ❖ Review item 614 (600 series, National manuals) *Handbook for Chairpersons of Faith, Service and Social Justice*.
- ❖ Make use of the *Personal Letter Writing Guide* item #173 - 100 Series from National for proper forms of address to our elected officials, helpful tips on letter writing and addresses.

Report of the Standing Committee Chair of Resolutions

Connie Cristinziano

Seventy eight of the ninety-nine councils submitted a 2022 Resolutions Annual Report. Nineteen councils reported this position as being elected, eleven appointed and forty-eight vacant.

Councils Outstanding Activities

Despite the various challenges that councils faced which included difficulty in filling the position, generating an interest or finding a resolution topic and councils trying to reconvene since COVID, members continued to advocate for the voice of the voiceless. It was through their determination and good works that resolutions continued to strive.

In keeping with the provincial theme “Go Make a Difference”, councils engaged members as a group and carried out action plans on adopted resolutions from all levels. One council participated, supported and shared an e-petition asking the Government of Canada to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, in support of 2019.02 *Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Legislation*. Another council through the Development & Peace campaign, “People and Planet First”, petitioned for due diligence legislation in Canada to protect human rights where Canadian-based companies are operating abroad.

In protest of administering euthanasia to severely disabled newborn babies, one council used petition cards from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and sent them to Ottawa.

In support of ON.22.01 *Improve Long Term Care Homes in Ontario* and *Go make a Difference* project – members wrote letters to the Ontario Long Term Care Minister Paul Calandra and their local MPPs.

One council studied resolution 2013.01 *Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada’s Indigenous Peoples*; 2017.01 *Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders*; the Truth and Reconciliation Indigenous Call to Action #32 which calls upon the federal government to “amend the Criminal Code to allow that trial judges, upon giving reasons, to depart from mandatory minimum sentences and restrictions on the use of conditional sentences.”

One council studied resolution 2202.01 *Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste*.

Councils reported that under the new strategic plan and specific to the phasing out of the resolutions standing committee, resolutions must continue to be important as it is through resolutions that the league makes its impact.

Research and Preparation of Resolutions and Briefs:

Two resolutions were prepared and presented at the 2022 Toronto Diocesan Convention for consideration by members. Both were adopted.

TDC2022.01 *Promoting a Holistic Parish-Based Theology of the Body Lifestyle and Procreation Teachings* (St. Timothy Council, North York)

For some time, Canadian legislation affecting human life in areas of abortion and euthanasia has conflicted with the Catholic Church’s tradition of advocacy for the sanctity of life.

This resolution requested action from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Catholic Organization of Life and Family (COLF), the Canadian Bioethics Institute (CCBI) and the Catholic Health Association of Canada (CHAC), to develop,

establish and promote a holistic parish-based model of Theology of the Body and Natural Family Planning that can be implemented in all Canadian parishes. The resolution was adopted at the Diocesan level only.

TDC2022.02 *National Strategy to Address Loneliness* (St. John Fisher Council Peel Region).

Loneliness can be linked to depression, anxiety, and increased risk of other health problems. This resolution urges the federal government to develop a national strategy that addresses the negative impact of isolation and loneliness on individuals through policy making and program delivery. This resolution was adopted at the 2022 Ontario Provincial Convention and became ON22.02. It was further forwarded to the National Chairperson of Education and Health for further study and action through all members across Canada and as a basis for an article in The Canadian League.

Toronto Diocesan Council Resolutions Chair Activity:

The Resolutions Chair held a “Faith In Action Resolutions Workshop”, on October 29, which provided members with an overview and life cycle of a resolution; how it links with legislation and communications (through advocacy and letter writing). The importance of the action plans was emphasized and how it will integrate under the new standing committees of Faith, Service and Social Justice. Members were given the opportunity to formulate a resolution and its action plan.

Recommendations:

- ❖ Each council should attempt to study resolutions passed at any level. Action plans are the most important component of a resolution. Councils are encouraged to follow the action plan, as it is through the action plans that the league makes its impact.
- ❖ Identify members in your councils who are passionate regarding researching and developing resolutions. This will help to generate resolution topics and formulate a resolution.
- ❖ Councils should include time at council meetings for a group sharing session. This will help to generate an overall interest in resolutions.
- ❖ Each council should have available the *Resolutions Guide* and the *Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook*.
- ❖ Plan a workshop on resolutions and incorporate it with legislation and communication. This will provide members the opportunity to learn more about the resolution process.
- ❖ As the League transitions and becomes streamlined to three standing committees, Council executives are encouraged to assume leadership on resolutions, to promote their development and to initiate action and awareness by members on adopted League resolutions.

Report of the Newsletter Editor

Mary Antonio

As of December 31, 2022, there were a total of 676 subscriptions which included the Diocesan Executive, Life Members, Regional Spiritual Advisors, Regional Chairs, council executives, parish council Spiritual Advisors and members. This number represents a three and a half percent decrease from last year.

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

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

Spring January 30 (March to June - to arrive in the mail by March 1)
Fall July 30 (September to November) - to arrive in the mail by September 1)
Winter October 30 (December to February) – to arrive in the mail by December 1)

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

Recommendations

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

Durham Region

Spiritual Advisor

Chair

Councils: 10

Rev. David Bollo

Alys MacAlister

Membership: 752

Our Durham councils, as with the rest of Canada, slowly emerged from the COVID lockdowns and restrictions this year. All councils became knowledgeable and skillful with organizing virtual meetings. For the first three months of the year only virtual meetings were scheduled. In April some councils resumed in-person meetings and by September all meetings were conducted in-person.

Several councils were ingenious in organizing fund raising drives which were “contactless”. St. Joseph the Worker Council created a “Bakeless Bake Sale” where parishioners purchased a picture of a baked good! St. John the Evangelist Council ran a “Grand in Your Hand”. They sold 100 tickets at \$20 a ticket with the winner of the draw getting \$1,000. St. Francis de Sales Council created fifty-nine gift baskets for their Christmas activity which was enthusiastically supported by the parish. Sacred Heart Council in Uxbridge was not able to hold their pancake breakfast as their church and rectory were damaged in the tornado which struck in May. However, they prepared and sold jars of their pancake mix, along with maple syrup, donated from a local farm. The other councils were able to reinstate their Christmas Bazaars, bake and plant sales, and clothing drives with great success. These and other council initiatives went to supporting bursaries in the elementary and secondary parish schools. St. Leo the Great Council supported the Youth Group in their parish.

On April 9, a dear friend and forty-five year member of the CWL, Mary Lynch, passed away. She was the Regional Health Chair as well as President of St. Joseph the Worker Council. She was an energetic and vital member and is dearly missed. Her funeral reception, which was attended by 800, was hosted by the CWL.

Unfortunately, Durham Region experienced the disbandment of one of our councils and another council became inactive.

St. John the Evangelist Council embraced the “Gratitude Project” by sending out 100 cards. Sacred Heart Parish Council, inspired by the opening of the time capsule at the diocesan convention, started a time capsule.

Durham Region supported the letter writing campaign to the provincial government urging for improvements in long-term care facilities. One hundred and two letters were gathered and sent to diocesan Legislation Chair for hand delivery to Queen’s Park.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to inspire and guide us in the coming year.

Humber Valley Region

Spiritual Advisor

Chair:

Councils: 10

Rev. Donatello Iocco

Karen McKeown

Membership: 856

In June, Humber Valley Region formed an executive for 2022-2024.

The new national structure of Faith, Service and Social Justice are slowly being implemented into the region's councils.

The CWL spirit was maintained by attending virtual events. Gradually, by May/June meetings were in-person. Weekly emails, phone calls and sending greeting cards kept members informed and reassured that they were not forgotten.

CWL council anniversaries were celebrated by St Margaret Mary Council, sixty-five years and Nativity of Our Lord Council, fifty years in 2021 and celebrated in 2022.

New executives were formed at Immaculate Conception Council, St Margaret Mary Council and Nativity of Our Lord Council.

The *Catholic and Living It!* theme was very evident in all the councils' activities, such as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, parish councils, social committees, feast days and finance committees. Deceased CWL members were honoured with honour guards and annual masses. Support for Baptisms and Mary's Way of the Cross have restarted.

Fundraising to support council parishes and charities at home and abroad were accomplished through bazaars, bake and flower sales, selling adults and children masks, Winter Warmth drive, Fill a Purse and Harvest Fest.

Other ways councils acknowledged their parishes included Boraga Day awareness, Communion celebrations with rosaries and prayer cards given, Fr Bressani's scholarship, senior Christmas lunch and coffee Sundays.

Educational events for increased knowledge were enhanced with attendance at Parish Executive Training (PET) workshops, Truth and Reconciliation Indigenous eight week workshop (Hamilton Diocese), Wild on Wounds (WOW) conference, Development Day and CWL Wednesdays.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide and support us.

North York Region

Spiritual Advisor

Chair

Councils: 20

Rev. Boniface Perri

Elisabeth Quail

Memberships: 948

Blessed Frederic Ozanam, our newest council, received their charter in October of 2022. Many of our councils held bake sales and other fundraising to support their charities. Good Shepherd Council took orders for Macgregors Meats.

Blessed Trinity Council sponsored the anointing of the sick sacrament, with a mass, followed by a reception for all parishioners.

Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of the Lake Council hosted their well-attended summer fun event at a member's residence.

Sacred Heart Council was very grateful to have two in-person general meetings before breaking for the summer.

St. Bonaventure Council met with the new pastor, Rev. Thomas Reist and his parish team. They are in the planning stages for upcoming events.

St. Edward the Confessor Council honoured the memory of a recently deceased long-term member, Maureen Donaghy, by planting a tree on parish property, in her memory.

St. John XXIII Council organized a bus to Midland in September, for their members to attend Rosary Sunday.

In December, St. John Chrysostom Council held their Christmas dinner and pin presentation. They took the opportunity to recognize and thank their outgoing executive at this celebration.

St. Joseph the Worker Council held a mass, celebrated by Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Victor Amole, in honour of their 25th Anniversary. Following the mass was an afternoon tea.

St. Justin Martyr Council celebrated the 25th Anniversary of their council. Toronto Diocesan President, Sue Lubowitz attended the celebration and presented their anniversary certificate.

St. Mary Immaculate Council held their annual Lenten recollection in their parish on Saturday, March 22, 2022.

St. Patrick Council (Markham) hosted a summer, backyard barbeque at one of the member's residence.

St. Timothy Council had their first in-person meeting in September. They invited the diocesan Organization Chair and Regional Chair to do a presentation on How to Run a Parish Election.

Northern Region

Spiritual Advisor

Chair:

Councils: 16

Rev. Laurence Léger

Dianne Hunter

Membership: 1103

Councils of the Northern Region returned to in-person meetings and regular activities in 2022, initiating the National theme of being *Catholic and Living It!* They demonstrated that, through dedication, they will *Go Make a Difference*, following the Provincial theme. Overall membership has decreased by seventy-eight members, but St. Mary's Council (Victoria Harbour), gained five members and St. James Council (Colgan), saw an increase of eight.

We were well represented at the diocesan convention for the voting of amendments to the National Constitution and Bylaws and were honoured to host the Truth and Reconciliation Mass and Education Forum in the fall.

Regular fundraising events such as bazaars and bake sales returned and donations to charities, as well as awards to graduating students were made. However, it was most impressive to see the imaginative works that councils undertook in order to serve God and His people. The poor and the vulnerable were not forgotten as Guardian Angels Council in Orillia held a baby bottle drive and St. Margaret's Council in Midland, a baby shower for their local Pregnancy Resource Centre. Holy Martyrs of Japan Council in Bradford provided monthly meals for migrant workers. Members from Holy Spirit Council in Barrie stood on street corners handing out bags of essentials to the homeless. St. Andrews Council in Brechin held a 'Coats for Kids' drive. St. Mary's Council in Barrie supported children in developing countries through a Christmas shoebox drive and the homeless through a socks and mitts drive. Our Lady of Lourdes Council offered free memberships to shut-ins and provided a lasagna dinner to celebrate the patroness of their parish. St. Margaret's Council in Midland raised \$1,810 for the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Sacred Heart Council had the special honour of celebrating the 100th birthday of an original charter member, Ella Cameron, before she passed away only two months later.

Being *Catholic and Living It!* also means understanding and sharing our faith. St. Mary's Council in Collingwood showed videos on Catholicism and on Divine Mercy. St. John Vianney Council in Barrie, began a Welcome Wednesday hospitality event where they showed the historical drama, *The Chosen*. Members of St. Mary's Council in Victoria Harbour lead the rosary at their parish and provided help at Martrys' Shrine in Midland. They offer a mass every First Friday, for CWL members living and deceased. St. Paul's Council in Alliston hosted an Advent retreat at their parish.

Members of the combined councils of St. Patrick's in Stayner and St. Noel in Wasaga Beach graciously hosted the Northern Regional General meeting with great cheerfulness, where Northern's twenty-year time capsule was opened and a letter souvenir, written by the Spiritual Advisor of that time, was given to each council President.

In conclusion, I quote the President of St. Patrick's/St. Noel Council where she summed up the work of her council, using words that cover all CWL members: "We pray for each other and have our faith as our driving force to continue serving God and Canada". May God bless all members of CWL and reward them well for all they do.

Peel Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 19

Rev. Fr. Michael Simoes
Diana Gamboa
Membership: 1437

Catholic Girls League (1): Sts. Peter and Paul

The song “Staying Alive” was the theme of Peel’s 2022 summer party. Indeed, staying alive was the driving force that kept councils going amidst the lingering pandemic and finishing the year with significant accomplishments.

Peel stood strong in 2022 and successfully recruited forty-six new members. Congratulations to the following councils who saw an increase in membership: St. Francis Xavier (three), St. Joseph (three), St. John the Evangelist (six), St. Mary (seven), Guardian Angels (twelve) and St. Martin of Tours (fifteen).

Sts. Peter and Paul Council implemented a new strategy for their membership drive by encouraging their young members to lead in membership recruitment.

A warm welcome to St. John of the Cross, our new charter council.

Milestone anniversaries were celebrated by: St. Joseph Council (sixty-five), St. John Fisher Council (sixty), St. Mary Star of the Sea Council (fifty-five), St. Patrick Council, Wildfield (forty-five), St. Anthony of Padua Council (forty-five), St. Marguerite D’Youville (twenty), St. Anne Council (fifteen) and Guardian Angels Council (five).

Councils stayed resilient in their service and dedication to the parish communities. Food drives to feed the less fortunate were undertaken by councils. Over 6000 pounds of canned goods and dried food were collected and donated to: St. Louise Outreach, Knights Table, Good Shepherd Ministries, Mission Angels, Sisters for Life, John Bosco Charities, Eliza House, Vita Centre, Canadian Food for Children and the Mississauga Food Bank.

Other fund raising endeavors included bazaars, food fests, bake sales, poinsettias and carnation sales, cake raffle and council cookbook sales. Bursaries were given to deserving high school graduates in parish schools.

Councils continued to support the church in many different ways, as ushers, sacristans, ministers of Communion, catechists and choir members. A statue of St. Kateri was donated by St. Francis Xavier Council to their parish. Sts. Peter & Paul Council supported the Madonna Garden. St. Patrick Council, Wildfield provided food for the priests’ Zone meeting. To keep the members connected, informed and entertained, councils used meetings, newsletters, retreats, increased social time at meetings and special events. St. Ignatius Loyola council hosted a baby shower for a young member celebrating the birth of her first child.

Councils encouraged members to participate in TDC virtual presentations focused on enriching spirituality and league development. St. John Fisher Council proposed a resolution 2022.02: *A National Strategy to Address Loneliness*, adapted at both diocesan and provincial conventions.

By the grace of God and the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the nineteen councils in Peel will be Staying Alive

Scarborough Region

Spiritual Advisor

Chair

Councils: 12

Catholic Girls League (1): St. Bartholomew

Rev. Peter Marr

Patricia Lobo

Membership: 685

Despite the continuing COVID restrictions in early 2022, councils prevailed with caring and generosity towards their members, parishes, and community. They exemplified *Catholic and Living It!* in the activities they undertook.

The Scarborough Winter Event featured our Regional Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Peter Marr giving a keynote address on how we can truly be *Catholic and Living It!* in today's world. St. Bartholomew Council organized an online Healing Prayer Service to mark World Day of the Sick. St. Rose of Lima Council hosted a Sisters of Life morning retreat focused on 'End of life' issues. St. Joseph Highland Creek Council restarted its Travelling Kit of Our Lady of Good Counsel, visiting member's homes for a week at a time.

Many councils participated in the CWL Food Bank Project, some on an ongoing basis. St. Aidan Council delivered more than 1,500 kgs of food to three local food banks during a four-month period. St. Maria Goretti Council and St. Aidan Council sponsored a senior and a child respectively through Chalice. Councils hosted World Day of Prayer ecumenical services.

Three councils held elections. Milestone anniversaries were celebrated in style. St. Boniface Council recognized fifty years by donating a park bench on the front grounds of the church near Our Lady's statue, a beautiful spot for prayer and reflection. St. Barnabas Council celebrated forty-five years with special bookmarks and a celebratory members' meeting.

The Region made a strong showing on Rosary Sunday at Martyr's Shrine. Many councils undertook clothing drives in the fall and winter. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Highland Creek councils donated to Good Shepherd Centre; St. Rose of Lima Council, to Juliette's Place women's shelter; St. Bartholomew Council, to Operation Christmas Child; St. Barnabas Council, to Warden Woods Community Centre; St. Boniface Council, to needy students in their parish schools. Some partnered with their parish Saint Vincent De Paul Society and Knights of Columbus to bring Christmas cheer to the community. Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Council raised \$680 for Aid to Women Raffle. St. Joseph Highland Creek Council's monthly newsletter kept members informed and connected.

Fundraisers to support council donations and activities ran the gamut of bake sales, flower and plant sales, square dances and bazaars. Precious Blood Council sold 230 boxes of the popular Krispy Kreme donuts. Immaculate Heart of Mary Council raised \$1,000 from the sale of Put Christ Back in Christmas coffee mugs. Pilgrimages organized by St. Dunstan Council to Ste. Marie Among the Hurons, Midland, and St. Maria Goretti Council to three shrines in Niagara/Buffalo gave time for reflection and prayer during December. Scarborough Region councils were true witnesses to our Faith - in both word and deed.

Toronto Region

Spiritual Advisor
Chair
Councils: 11

Father Damian Young-Sam-You
Mary Jane Domingo
Membership: 265

Toronto Region continues to work together and here are our celebrations for 2022. Congratulations to St. John, Kingston Road Council, who celebrated their 60th anniversary. It was a long-awaited celebration but well attended. This committed council uses a monthly newsletter and their phone tree to keep their members connected.

Holy Rosary Council participated in Christmas celebrations with donations of goodies for the children's treat bags and singing in the Christmas concert. Their first fundraising activity of the year was a raffle draw and the funds raised were divided between the parish and their council's initiatives.

Council elections took place at St. Joan of Arc Council and St. Pius X Council. These councils are now operating under the new League structure. St. Pius X Council continued to host monthly coffee Sundays and saw an increase in parishioner attendance. Two membership drives were held at their Coffee Sundays, which resulted in a new member. Their Loneliness Project, reaching out to members and neighbours who are shut-ins, has continued.

St. Helen Council celebrated the installation of their new Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Willyans Rapozo. They remain active through the Eucharistic ministry and hope to see their council grow in 2023. Holy Cross Council kept their council involved by supporting parish initiatives.

St Alphonsus Council has been slowly coming back to meetings. As many of their activities revolved around food, they had to put them on hold. They supported their parish's liturgical needs and focussed on the planning and organization of future excursions and fundraising projects.

Our Lady of Lourdes Council had a reaffirmation of their council executive and celebrated the installation of their new Spiritual Advisor Fr. William Mbugua, SJ, and resumed their monthly meetings.

St. Thomas Aquinas Council celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with a beautiful procession and celebration of the mass in Spanish. Food and festivities were enjoyed after the mass.

Unfortunately, we had one council disband and one council become inactive.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue guide and bless our Toronto Region Councils

Summary of Per Capita Fees as of December 31, 2022

Paid by Parish Councils

	2022	2021R	2020R
Total Membership	6045	6520	7006
Total Councils	98	102	103

R Revised Membership Numbers for the current year

* Re-Activated

** New

National					
Account#	Durham Region (10)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-008	Holy Cross	Oshawa	42	46	51
T-001	Holy Family	Whitby	100	97	97
T-014	Immaculate Conception	Port Perry	54	74	83
T-135	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Uxbridge	31	29	28
T-055	St. Francis de Sales	Ajax	48	38	43
T-112	St. Gertrude	Oshawa	67	70	71
T-061	St. Gregory the Great	Oshawa	27	44	57
T-068	St. John the Evangelist	Whitby	105	100	106
T-030	St. Joseph the Worker	Oshawa	122	147	153
T-130	St. Leo the Great	Brooklin	43	46	42
T-087	St. Mary of the People	Oshawa	113	118	121
	Totals		752	901	944

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Paid by Parish Councils

National Account#	Humber Valley (10)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-122	Immaculate Conception	Woodbridge	90	88	91
T-022	Nativity of Our Lord	Etobicoke	111	110	116
T-026	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal	Alderwood	81	83	86
T-036	St. Ambrose	Toronto	60	64	65
T-059	St. Gregory	Etobicoke	84	85	87
T-031	St. John the Evangelist	Weston	33	40	47
T-078	St. Margaret Mary	Woodbridge	197	199	192
T-121	St. Padre Pio	Woodbridge	58	48	57
T-101	St. Roch	North York	91	91	94
T-110	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Weston	60	61	83
	Totals		855	869	918

National Account#	North York Region (20)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-147	Blessed Frederic Ozanam**	Markham	14		
T-003	Blessed Trinity	North York	58	77	87
T-015	Good Shepherd	Thornhill	62	58	56
T-119	Immaculate Conception/ Our Lady of the Lake	Sutton/Keswick	25	35	26
T-049	Our Lady of Grace	Aurora	42	46	36
T-013	Our Lady of the Annunciation	Richmond Hill	22	8	26
T-032	Sacred Heart	King City	90	91	90
T-143	St. Bernard de Clairvaux	North York	5	5	7
T-047	St. Bonaventure	Don Mills	80	90	103
T-054	St. Edward the Confessor	Willowdale	70	66	74
T-060	St. John Chrysostom	Newmarket	75	93	97
T-136	St. John XXIII	North York	41	39	35
T-052	St. Joseph the Worker	Thornhill	31	31	36
T-063	St. Justin Martyr	Unionville	58	53	47
T-091	St. Luke	Thornhill	27	32	28
T-117	St. Mary	Nobleton	32	35	44
T-004	St. Mary Immaculate	Richmond Hill	105	116	112
T-132	St. Patrick	Markham	71	77	79
T-125	St. Patrick	Schomberg	0	23	27
T-108	St. Timothy	North York	39	53	67
	Totals		948	1095	1161

Summary of Per Capita Fees as of December 31, 2022

Paid by Parish Councils

National Account#	Northern Region (16)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-005	Guardian Angels	Orillia	138	146	119
T-011	Holy Martyrs of Japan	Bradford	126	137	143
T-127	Holy Spirit	Barrie	49	56	59
T-024	Our Lady of Lourdes	Elmvale	51	54	57
T-033	Sacred Heart	Port McNicoll	16	18	19
T-037	St. Andrew	Brechin	20	20	20
T-053	St. Columbkille	Uptergrove	36	35	35
T-046	St. James	Colgan	46	38	42
T-069	St. John Vianney	Barrie	109	109	125
T-077	St. Margaret	Midland	58	61	60
T-082	St. Mary	Barrie	176	195	192
T-084	St. Mary	Collingwood	46	47	76
T-111	St. Mary	Victoria Harbour	52	47	48
T-093	St. Patrick	Phelpston	44	50	52
T-086	St. Patrick/St. Noel	Stayner	58	63	71
T-076	St. Paul the Apostle	Alliston	78	105	116
Totals			1103	1181	1233

National Account#	Peel Region (19)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-141	Guardian Angels	Brampton	45	33	33
T-126	St. Anne	Brampton	73	88	101
T-115	St. Anthony of Padua	Bramalea	28	32	44
T-118	St. Francis Xavier	Mississauga	175	172	177
T-065	St. Ignatius Loyola	Mississauga	47	47	48
T-145	St. Jerome	Brampton	13	24	18
T-146	St. John of the Cross**	Mississauga	39		
T-066	St. John Fisher	Bramalea	129	132	136
T-140	St. John the Evangelist	Caledon	19	13	28
T-072	St. Joseph, Streetsville	Mississauga	76	73	83
T-035	St. Leonard	Brampton	91	95	96
T-120	St. Marguerite d'Youville	Brampton	58	68	69
T-113	St. Martin of Tours	Mississauga	101	86	101
T-083	St. Mary	Brampton	86	79	105
T-057	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Mississauga	66	88	91
T-092	St. Patrick	Mississauga	89	93	98
T-114	St. Patrick, Wildfield	Brampton	11	31	36
T-107	St. Timothy	Orangeville	17	28	33
T-124	Sts. Peter and Paul	Mississauga	274	285	277
Totals			1437	1467	1590

Summary of Per Capita Fees as of December 31, 2023

Paid by Parish Councils

National					
Account#	Scarborough Region (13)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-013	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	North York	27	24	40
T-020	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Scarborough	15	8	13
T-142	Our Lady of Fatima Shrine	Scarborough	2	10	12
T-034	Precious Blood	Scarborough	93	96	111
T-123	St. Aidan	Scarborough	65	73	69
T-043	St. Barnabas	Scarborough	57	65	73
T-039	St. Bartholomew	Scarborough	51	54	55
T-058	St. Boniface	Scarborough	21	16	8
T-050	St. Dunstan	Scarborough	22	31	35
T-071	St. Joseph Highland Creek	Scarborough	200	197	206
T-006	St. Lawrence Martyr	Scarborough	0	0	8
T-079	St. Maria Goretti	Scarborough	102	101	107
T-144	St. Rose of Lima	Scarborough	30	28	28
	Totals		685	703	765

National					
Account#	Toronto Region (11)	City/Town	2022	2021R	2020R
T-009	Holy Cross	Toronto	26	26	26
T-129	Holy Rosary	Toronto	26	26	25
T-025	Our Lady of Lourdes	Toronto	26	39	47
T-012	St. Alphonsus	Toronto	23	21	28
T-062	St. Helen	Toronto	6	7	8
T-064	St. Joan of Arc	Toronto	21	21	50
T-027	St. John	Toronto	40	48	67
T-051	St. Matthew	Toronto	10	11	14
T-089	St. Monica	Toronto	55	59	64
T-099	St. Pius X	Toronto	32	35	36
T-139	St. Thomas Aquinas	Toronto	0	11	11
	Totals		265	304	395

Council Presidents and Spiritual Advisors as of Dec. 31, 2022*

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

Durham Region

<u>Council</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Spiritual Advisor</u>
Holy Cross	Kim Beatty	Rev. Marijan Sisko
Holy Family	Gwen Schulte-Albert	Rev. Lazlo Nagy
Sacred Heart	Mary Donnelly	Rev. Gerard Pilon
St. Francis de Sales	Rosemary Plantinga	Rev. Steven Kwon
St. Gertrude	Linda Butler	Rev. Michael Hughes
St. Gregory	Joanne Bone	Rev. Marijan Sisko
St. John the Evangelist	Lynne Childerhouse	Rev. F. Fernandez Siles
St. Joseph the Worker	Diana Petre	Rev. David Twaddle
St. Leo the Great	Donna Shaddick	Rev. Mounir El-Rassi
St. Mary of the People	Josephine Gangemi	Rev. David Bollo

Humber Valley Region

<u>Council</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Spiritual Advisor</u>
Immaculate Conception	Lori Napoli	Rev. Eugene Chianain
Nativity of Our Lord	Nancy Fenech	Rev. Michael Machacek
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Rose Nesich	Rev. Valentin Batic
St. Ambrose	Margaret Gombita	Rev. Donatello Iocco
St. Gregory	Darlene Pedlar	Rev. Sean Lee Lung
St. John the Evangelist	Cherryl Ann Koylass	Rev. Andrew Maderak
St. Margaret Mary	Rita Zanatta	Rev. Rony D. Grayda
St. Padre Pio	Debbie Fisher	Rev. George Parayil
St. Roch	Rose Stange	Rev. Philip Smith
Transfiguration of Our Lord	Carol McErlain	Rev. Carlos Tobin

North York Region

<u>Council</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Spiritual Advisor</u>
Blessed Frederic Ozanam	Carmela Ientile	Rev. Ricardo Davis
Blessed Trinity	Kay Booker	Rev. Edward Murphy
Good Shepherd	Alana Papeo	Rev. Anthony Iacobelli
Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of the Lake	Ann Palmer	Rev. Paul Hancko
Our Lady of Grace	Lori Thompson	Rev. John Bertao
Our Lady of the Annunciation	Veronica Sadehanbi	Rev. Peter Lackmanec
Sacred Heart	Beverly Flanagan	Rev. John Arulthas

Council

St. Bernard de Clairvaux
 St. Bonaventure
 St. Edward the Confessor
 St. John Chrysostom
 St. John XXIII
 St. Joseph the Worker

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

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 Rev. Mark Van Patten
 Rev. Ignacio Pinedo
 Rev. Pawel Zborowski
 Rev. Dominic Barber
 Rev. Ignacio Pinedo
 Br. Joseph Sagayaraj
 Rev. Galen Bank

Northern Region**Council**

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

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

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 Rev. John Asadoorian
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 Rev. Allen Lepay
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 Rev. Roselle Azares
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Rev. James Bussanich
 Rev. Thomas Kulger
 Rev. Norberto Eyule

Peel Region

Council

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St. Anthony of Padua
St. Francis Xavier
St. Ignatius Loyola
St. Jerome
St. John Fisher
St. John of the Cross
St. John the Evangelist
St. Joseph
St. Leonard
St. Marguerite D'Youville
St. Martin of Tours
St. Mary

St. Mary Star of the Sea
St. Patrick, Mississauga
St. Patrick, Wildfield
St. Timothy
Sts. Peter and Paul

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