

## Patricia Beattie Memorial Mentoring Awards 2023

### Parish Level Recipient Maryse Ristuccia, St. John Council (Toronto Region)

The nominator wrote that Maryse "... will go to any length to provide sound guidance and trusted advice for those seeking it. Over the years her mentorship has drawn many members up through convenor and executive positions." "She helps members find their strengths and encourages them to develop those attributes. ... Is a wonderful CWL cheerleader!" "...is a role model, teacher and mentor for all League members. She is always encouraging parishioners to become members "and to bring a friend!" She respects and supports others in their ideas and contributions."



Lucia Vacca, Auxiliary Level (left)  
Maryse Ristuccia, Parish Level (right).

Maryse has been a member for 21 years, served as parish council president and regional chair. She has served as past president/historian, spiritual development, organization/membership and parish community life at the parish level. As outgoing Toronto Regional Chair (2016) she organized and hosted the first ever Toronto Diocesan Council Aboriginal Mass in June 2016 at St. John Council with the Aboriginal community of St. Anne's Parish which set the standard for indigenous events pre-COVID.

### Auxiliary Level Recipient Lucia Vacca, St. Joseph Highland Creek Council (Scarborough Region)

Lucia was nominated independently by her parish council and another member from a different council and region. Both nominations were evaluated independently and received 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the auxiliary category.

The supporting testimonials included, she "is a dedicated member who mentors any sister in the League by sharing her knowledge and experience and helping her understand how the CWL

operates and how to fit her talents in a particular role."; "... gives great advice, is an excellent mentor and is always there when you need her. She is knowledgeable in all areas of the CWL and never hesitates to lend a hand to whoever needs"; "She possessed all the important characteristics like patience, wisdom and sharing her experience with others."

Lucia has been a member for 27 years. She has served as council president and regional chair, over 13 years on the diocesan level, served on committees including convention planning for diocesan, provincial and national levels. She has served in roles as past president/historian, spiritual development, organization/membership, corresponding secretary, communications chair, and newsletter editor.