

TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Mary Antonio

Sub-Convener:

Charmaine Alweyn

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the summer with its mixed weather and had time to enjoy family and friends. Hopefully, some of you were able to attend the Provincial and National conventions.

This newsletter includes the Youth Awards recipients. We thoroughly enjoyed their presentations at the TDC convention.

There is a major fundraising event being held on October 20. It will be in the form of a Gala Dinner Dance, which will support the 2025 National convention, being hosted by the Toronto Diocesan Council. The poster with more information is at the back of this newsletter. I encourage you all to support this important event.

Thank you to all the councils and members who have subscribed to the newsletter for 2024. The subscription form is available on the cwltoronto.ca website. If you have any questions or change of information for your council, you may contact me at newsletter@cwltoronto.ca



At the Ontario Provincial Convention held in July, Ann D'Souza was officially presented with her Life Membership. In the group photo with Ann are Toronto Diocesan Life Members in attendance: (back row, left to right) Mary Capobianco, Carole Pitcher and Patricia Cross along with (front row, left to right) Marlin Taylor, Ann D'Souza and Margaret Ann Jacobs.

Photo courtesy of Mary Capobianco

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Rev. Liborio Amaral

Dear Sisters in Christ,

This past July, I completed my first year as your Spiritual Advisor. During this time, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at the various regional meetings across the Archdiocese. I have also had the pleasure of participating in the Annual Toronto Diocesan convention in Ajax, as well as the July Provincial Convention in Cornwall.



This past year has been a learning curve for me. I learned numerous terms that were foreign to me, such as “Life Member”, “Honorary Life Member”, “Accredited Delegate” and others. I have heard and witnessed the wonderful work that the CWL does at the parish, diocesan, provincial and National Council level. Our CWL is indeed made up of committed Catholic women.

We need to pass on to our sisters in Christ, who are not yet CWL members, the understanding that their participation in the League can be faith-filled and make a difference in their lives, in their parish community, in their country of Canada and in the world. There is no easy answer as to how we can best promote the CWL in our parishes. Each parish needs to find out what works for them, for each parish is different. We should learn from what has worked in other parishes, and we should not be fearful to try new initiatives for recruitment.

To promote the League, we need to be able to answer the question, “What is the CWL and how can it make a woman’s life fruitful?” If we cannot answer this question, then how can we expect women to join us? So, let’s start with this simple and important question and when we can confidently answer it, let us go forth and proclaim the League to all women in our parish.

I hope to see many of you in the coming months as we gather once again for our regional meetings and conferences.

Be assured of my continued prayers and success in your CWL endeavours - always for the Glory of God. Blessings.

Fr. Liborio

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and peaceful summer break from council activities.

Annual Convention

The Toronto Diocesan Convention held in April was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of Mary Hawkley, convention chair, and her co-chairs Mary Ellen Stinson and Lynette Mendes as well as the members of the executive, the regional chairs and all those members who volunteered their time and talents. Congratulations to all of you. A special thank you also goes to those members across the regions that came to the convention in a new location in the eastern portion of the Archdiocese, after many years in the Toronto airport area. This allowed us to be good stewards of the council funds as cost savings were realized.

At the Youth Awards evening, our speaker was Nicole Ferrante, a Master of Divinity student at Regis St. Michael's Faculty of Theology and Campus Ministry Coordinator, who spoke on her faith journey. The workshop speaker on Tuesday morning was Kaitlyn Ranasinghe, Program Manager at BridgeNorth Women's Mentorship and Advocacy Services who gave a very informative talk on the dangers of online luring. At the closing banquet, His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo brought greetings and talked about the role of Mary in our lives.

Melanie Nazareth was our official photographer and was kept busy by many requests for photos. We deeply appreciate her commitment to her role. Pictures from the convention are on the TDC www.cwltoronto.ca website under "Past Conventions".



Executive 2022-2024

This will be the second year of our term as your executive council and the committee chairs are already planning how they can best serve you and the League. We thank Dianne Hunter, outgoing Northern Region Chair for her service to the League as she continues to serve at the parish level. At this time, the search for her replacement continues.

Provincial Convention

Twenty-three members, including TDC executive and Life Members from Toronto attended the 76th Provincial Convention in Cornwall. Mary Capobianco (Life Member and Provincial Resolutions Chair), Hilarion Mitchell (Provincial Education and Health Chair) and I, representing

members of Toronto Diocesan Council, made our oral reports. These reports will soon be available on the provincial website.

As Provincial Community Life chair, Karen MacDonald presented to Bishop Thomas O'Dowd, the provincial spiritual advisor, a cheque for \$5,000 to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The provincial council has pledged \$5,000 for five years for a total of \$25,000. This was the second donation to that commitment. Councils wishing to also contribute may send directly to the fund as CWL donations are being tracked separately. Please email Carol Bragagnolo, Administrative Officer, IR Fund at admin@irfund.ca

In the subject line of your email, please include the name of our archdiocese as well as your council's name and the amount transferred.

The keynote speaker was Fr. Eugene (Red) O'Reilly who spoke on how the Beatitudes should guide as "People of The Way". Toronto attendees were also front and center as entertainment on diocesan night.

Ann D'Souza, former diocesan president was officially presented with her well-deserved Life Membership. She also received the traditional CWL blessing from those in attendance.

Planning

Your executive is busy planning the next few months. As you do so, take time to reflect on what activities you have already completed as you prepare for the Annual Report process.

The 2024 diocesan convention will be held on April 29 and 30 again at the Ajax Convention Centre. Councils should be sure to include attendance at the convention in their annual budget. Registration costs at the very least should be covered for those members who attend the business sessions as part of your member development budget line.

Unity Outreach Program

Thank you to all the councils who have booked a session with a member of the executive. These sessions will continue until the end of October. National council requires the information in time for their November meeting so as to plan next steps. On a personal note, I found these sessions to be informative and a pleasure to conduct. Members were open with their hopes and fears for the League.

Continue to share your good works with the Diocesan council and watch for my monthly update of happenings in the diocese. I can be reached at jslubowitz@gmail.com or 905-898-7372

Continue to also pray for the well being of the League as it transitions through many changes. God bless you and God bless the League.

Spiritual Growth of Members

The 39th Annual Rosary Sunday will be held on September 10. Mass at the Polish Altar is scheduled for 12:00 pm, followed by the procession, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction at the papal altar. There is a \$10.00 entry fee and a rate for buses. <https://martyrs-shrine.com/contact-us/>

Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre will be holding a silent retreat: *Life as a Parable*, September 22 - 24. Father Thomas Rosica, CSB will be the facilitator. Information and registration:

www.manresa-canada.ca

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series in September entitled: *The Way of Beauty: Encountering Jesus in Scripture and the Arts*. The sessions will occur on September 7, 14 and 21. Further details and registration: www.cccb.ca



Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) supports poor mission communities in remote and isolated communities across Canada. Many of them are only *fly-in* communities. It began as the Catholic Extension Society in 1908. Through daily prayer, fundraising and education, CMIC supports 197 missions across Canada. It provides monies to support missionaries and the formation of lay leaders to serve in the missions, educate seminarians, repair and maintain mission churches and provide religious education programs. It would be challenging for these areas to sustain the Catholic faith or to participate fully in the life of the Church without the support of CMIC. Masses of intention, or masses in memoriam to be offered by a priest celebrating mass in a Canadian home mission and prayer cards are available. For information: www.cmic.info

Role of Women in the Church/Lay Ministries

Women of the Word is a lay organization which provides opportunities for women to grow in their love for God, faith and hope. By listening to the testimonies of other women sharing their life's challenges, they find hope. *Women of the Word* are faithful to our spiritual traditions and remain loyal to the magisterium. The sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation and Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are integral to their growth in their

relationship with God. Fall conference: St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg, October 13, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Website: www.wowblessingstoronto.com

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours

Ecumenism aims to bring together various Christian faiths in order to bring about God's kingdom. The Second Vatican Council acknowledged that unity among Christian faiths is the responsibility of the entire church. The Archdiocese of Toronto is a member of the Greater Toronto Christian Council of Churches. The Canadian council of Churches will hold a retreat November 14 to 17 at Queen of Apostles Spiritual Renewal Centre.

The Season of Creation will be celebrated September 1 to October 4 by Christians around the globe. Season of Creation was established in 1989 and was officially adopted by Pope Francis in 2015 through the Laudato Si movement. The logo, a video, prayer card, celebration guide, sample flyers and invitation video can be found on the website:

www.seasonofcreation.org.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Our Lady of Victory) is celebrated October 7. Pope Pius V instituted this feast day in thanksgiving for Mary's intercession at the battle of Lepanto, 1571, against the Ottoman Empire. Further to this feast day, the Feast of Fatima is recognized on October 13. This day originated in honour of three shepherd children who had numerous visions of the Blessed Mother while they tended their sheep in Fatima, Portugal. Her message to them was one of Penance, conversion and faith. More information:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Fatima

On the CWL national website (Resources/Prayers and Hymns/Other) members can find the CWL Novena of Hope. This novena, which begins on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and ends with the Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus, invokes Our Blessed Mother and seven women – both religious and lay, both saints and servants of God – who have been extraordinary mentors for the Catholic women of Canada.

“Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.”

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

ORGANIZATION

Kate O'Quinn

Sub-Conveners:

Online Membership

Member Development

Philomena Menezes

Andrea Tjioe

Provincial Convention, Cornwall, July 2023

Colleen Martin, Ontario Provincial Council

President-Elect/Organization Chair, reported on the importance of our Strategic Plan to enhance membership. Provincially, our membership has dropped 8,000 members over three years. We need to ask ourselves why. We need to reach out to our members who shy away from leadership roles and find out why they don't want to be a leader. We need to encourage others to step outside their comfort zone and we need to discern, let the Divine Spirit guide us to be all that we can be! Colleen encouraged us to take on a project at the parish level and then invite all women, not just members, to participate. Colleen concluded with the following advice: "Live life like a river flows: Be open, Be brave, Be adventurous and Be the Change!"



Membership: Recruiting and Maintaining

As of June 30, 2023, membership for Toronto Diocese is 5,538, which is down 127 members, from June 30, 2022. We have many excellent resources on the National website to assist us with maintaining and recruiting new members.

To assist councils with welcoming new and returning members, the topic for CWL Wednesday on November 22, 2023 will be *Actively Engaging New Members and Homebound Members*. The information for this workshop will be taken from the manual found on the national website and will focus on the three stages of engagement: Welcoming; Building Sisterhood and Growing and Maintaining Engagement.

At our diocesan convention in April, we welcomed St. Charles Borromeo, a new council in the making, to our CWL Toronto Diocesan family. It is now official - St. Charles Borromeo received their charter from National in early June. Congratulations!

Membership fees are due at the national office by February 28 each year; but continue to recruit and send in fees (from new and returning members) as you receive them. Please remember that National sends out their League Magazine to members based on membership dues received from the parish councils.

Strategic Plan Update

An implementation committee update for the Strategic Plan is posted monthly on the national website. The June 2023 update is by Jacqueline Nogier, from The Education on Core Purpose Working Group. The purpose of this working group is to educate members on the objects of the League and the League's Core Purpose. They have created a bookmark and placemat with the core purpose and objects of the League and a short introductory presentation to teach members about them.

The Mentor Members Working Group developed a plan for members to serve as mentors. A survey was circulated to all members between January and March. The 132 responses from the survey that was circulated to all members from January to March have been edited and organized, and the skills bank, which consists of names of members willing to share their knowledge and help their sisters, will be made available.

The July 2023 update is by Christa Grillmair, Goal 1 Lead. Christa reminds us that the League launched the implementation of its strategic plan five years ago with a vision to unite Catholic women and reorganize the structure of the League from coast to coast. The members of the various Goal 1 working groups have created videos and promotional materials to inspire, manuals and guides to inform, and workshops and training programs to educate.

Watch for the release of all resources on the national webpage, www.cwl.ca

Annual Reports

The 2023 Annual Report Survey will soon be upon us. Councils may want to start preparing now, by referring to and reviewing the 2022 Annual Report Book, found on the Toronto Diocesan website, www.cwltoronto.ca, under Resources, then click on Reference Documents. You are encouraged to set time in your agenda at one of your executive and one of your general meetings this fall to get input from your members on what work has been done by your council for the League. Establish guidelines for completing the annual report and encourage your executive members to print a copy of their report for future reference.

Leadership/Member Development

Our popular and well-attended virtual CWL Wednesdays will continue this year. As September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, councils have been asked to organize their own program either at the parish or regional level. Our first CWL Wednesday will be October 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The topic is *Faith, Love and Loss (Sustaining Hope amid Memory Loss and the Storms of Life)*. Our presenters will be Harry and Jennifer McAvoy.

I will also be hosting in-person sessions/workshops this fall. I have booked seven councils, to date, for Unity Outreach, in September and October. If your council is interested in hosting an in-person session this fall, of the Parish Executive Training/Effective Meetings session (inviting other parishes in your area/region) please contact me: kateoquinn@yahoo.ca. I will also be assisting parishes with their membership drives this fall. Again, if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to send me an email.

Development Day

This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2024 and it will be virtual. Plans are underway and will be confirmed in the Winter Newsletter. Details will also be posted on the Toronto Diocesan Council website.

PAST PRESIDENT/HISTORIAN

Hilarion Mitchell

I trust that over the summer break you all took time for personal self-care, attended the provincial convention and national Annual Members Meeting, thus reinvigorating your love of the League. Your past president/historian year- end duties will include organizing the council's history, developing/ updating the policy manual, sharing this year's accomplishments in the 2023 annual report survey and some of you will be preparing for elections.



Parish Councils and Toronto Diocesan Council (TDC) Elections Eligibility

Eligibility, Nominations and Elections is in the *Constitution and Bylaws* Part XVI and the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* Section 7 and the Nomination and Elections Form (521) which are all on the national website to assist in running elections or if discerning to serve on the executive.

Parish council elections this year will be the last to transition from the twelve to eight League executive structure. The 2024 diocesan elections for the 2024-2026 term will be the first TDC executive to inaugurate the new structure. Past parish council presidents and co-presidents are eligible to serve on the diocesan executive for three consecutive election terms and are

entered into the TDC Elections Register. Refer TDC policy 6.1.1 (b) which has been a long-standing policy.

Discernment letters and self-nomination forms will be sent to the eligible members by email in January or February. Past presidents/historians are to work with the corresponding secretary and president to ensure that the executive list is mailed to their regional chair who will forward it to the diocesan corresponding secretary. All eligible members are encouraged to discern their *Call to Serve* at the regional and diocesan levels for elected and appointed positions and committees.

5th Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series

The Moira Ste Marie Lecture Series will be held virtually on Monday, September 25 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Speakers from the Yonge Street Mission, a Christian development agency, will present on *Addressing Food Insecurity*. Preregistration is required by September 23. More details are on page thirty-four of this newsletter and on the diocesan website cwltoronto.ca.

Parish and Regional Councils COVID-19 Pandemic Chronicles Project

This project will provide an opportunity for parish and regional councils to record their experiences during the global COVID-19 Pandemic between 2020-2022 as a legacy for future members. The past president/historian, president, other interested executive, or members are to work on the project on behalf of their council. A collated electronic copy of all submissions will be included in the TDC's archives being sent to the Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto (ARCAT) and to all participating councils. Submission should be made in a Word file and sent to Hilarion Mitchell by Thursday, November 30, 2023. Speak with your regional chair or visit the cwltoronto.ca website for more details.

2023 Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award

- **Parish Level: Maryse Ristuccia, St. John's Council, Kingston Rd, Toronto Region**

Maryse, a twenty-one year member, served as council president and regional chair. She also served as past president/historian and as chair of spiritual development, organization/membership and parish community life at the parish level. Maryse 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. The nominator, Carmen Vanderreest, on behalf of the council, 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.”

- **Auxiliary Level: Lucia Vacca, St. Joseph Parish Council, Scarborough Region**

Lucia, a twenty-seven year member, served as council president and regional chair. She served over thirteen years on the diocesan executive, on committees including convention planning for diocesan, provincial and national levels. She served in roles as past president/historian, and as chair of spiritual development, organization/membership, corresponding secretary, communications and newsletter editor.

Nominators were Yvonne Le Gall, St. Francis de Sales Ajax, Durham Region and Therese Baduria, President, on behalf of St. Joseph Parish Council. Lucia is described as *“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.”*

Nominations for the 2024 Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Award will be posted on the diocesan website cwltoronto.ca and circulated by the end of the year. Best wishes through these beautiful and colourful fall days and for a happy Thanksgiving.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Shaila D’Souza

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer break as we now transition to the cooler weather, shorter days, beautiful fall foliage, and return to CWL meetings and events.

Councils with upcoming elections will use the League's new executive structure, combining the recording and corresponding secretary positions. The updated *Handbook for Secretaries* can be found on the national website. After your council elections, please ensure that the list of the newly elected executive, with their names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses is forwarded to the diocesan corresponding secretary.



Virtual Event Registration System.

Managing virtual events can be time-consuming. We receive many responses for events such as CWL Wednesdays and Development Day, and it can be challenging to follow up with each member to gather necessary information. Late responses also impact our behind-the-scenes planning. It's worth noting that around twenty percent of registered members fail to show up for events, so we encourage councils and members to register before the deadline and provide their name, council, region, and event name. The invitation link is provided one day prior to the event and should not be shared with others to ensure everyone's security during the event. Thank you for your cooperation!

Council Correspondence and Christmas Stamps

To connect with members who do not use virtual technology, councils are encouraged to phone or use in-person interactions or a buddy system. Councils should consider organizing computer training sessions and personalizing messages when communicating. Another suggestion is to encourage members to donate unused cards and purchase special occasion cards that align with League values. The use of Christmas stamps year-round is another way to support the Christian faith.

TREASURER

Lolita Perry

As we reconvene this September, I would like to welcome all my fellow treasurers at the parish and regional levels. This is the time when we prepare the budget for the new year and the list of the annual donations to be made, as well as the year-end financial statements for your council.



2023 Treasurer's Annual Report

Sometime in November, you will be commissioned to complete the 2023 Treasurer's Report. This is a compilation of all the charitable deeds your council has done this year. This will be emailed to you with return date instruction. The numbers recorded will be sent to the Ontario Provincial Council for annual reporting.

2024 Budget

During your council's budget preparation, consider allocating funds to cover the operating costs for the council and members' development and training needs. If feasible, subsidize attendance for members at our annual TDC annual convention and Development Day so that they could see the League from parish to diocesan perspectives. For the 2024 TDC Convention in April, set aside funds for members to participate and attend this event. Budget and donations are to be reviewed by the executive and presented to the members at the general meeting to be voted on. Review the current and previous expenses and revenues generated and use these as a benchmark or guide for the coming calendar year. This will ensure that the operating expenses are covered to the best of your council's abilities and funds are set aside for any planned special projects.

2023 New Executive

If it is an election year for your council, this is a reminder for treasurers to update your bank signatories, which must include the president, treasurer and secretary. All cheques are required to be signed by two of the signing officers. To assist you to carry out your duties, please refer to the *Constitution and By Laws, Guidelines for Treasurers and National Manual of Policy and Procedure* (Manuals cwl.ca). Additionally, you can reach out to your past treasurer or myself at lolita.perry@rogers.com

Voluntary Funds

We encourage you to continue or start supporting the Diocesan, Provincial and National Voluntary Funds. Please make cheques payable to "The Catholic Women's League of Canada" and remit to the respective council's appropriate forms. These voluntary forms include the following:

- Toronto Diocese - St. Michael's Scholarship Fund and Margaret Ann-Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship Fund: Forms - (cwltoronto.ca).
- Provincial Council - Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund: Forms - (cwl.on.ca).
- National Council - Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (until August 31, 2023), Catholic Missions In Canada, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Coady International Institute and National Bursary Fund: 513-National-Voluntary-Fund-Remittance-Form-2022.pdf (cwl.ca).

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

Please make the cheque payable to Indigenous Reconciliation Fund and mail it to:

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund; 53 Glengrove Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4R 1N8

Happy Anniversary!

St. Mary of the People, Durham Region - 65th Anniversary

St. Mary, Nobleton, North York Region - 25th Anniversary

St. Patrick (Stayner)-St. Noel, Northern Region - 55th Anniversary

St. Joseph, Highland Creek, Scarborough Region - 70th Anniversary

SERVICE AWARDS

Maple Leaf Service Pins

Durham Region

Holy Family, Whitby Evette D’Cunha

60 Year Membership Pins

Durham Region

St. Mary of the People Antonia Komel Ann Marie Whitney

55 Year Membership Pins

Scarborough Region

St. Joseph Highland Creek Judith Tieber

50 Year Membership Pins

Scarborough Region

St. Joseph Highland Creek Vilma D’Souza

Durham Region

Holy Family, Whitby Irene Misiaszek

35-Year Membership Pins

Scarborough Region

St. Joseph Highland Creek Barbara Sullivan

Durham Region

Holy Family, Whitby Maria Celebre

30-Year Membership Pins**Scarborough Region**

St. Joseph Highland Creek Elizabeth Mora

25-Year Membership Pins**Scarborough Region**

St. Joseph Highland Creek Colette O'Donnell

Durham Region

Holy Family, Whitby Gwen Schulte-Albert

St. Mary of the People Barbara Staresinic

20-Year Membership Pins**Durham Region**

Holy Family, Whitby Stella Kelly

Scarborough Region

St. Joseph Highland Creek	Marianne Civallo	Giovanna De Acetis
	Costanza De Luca	Paola Gennaro

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10	Rosary Sunday
September 21	CWL National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land
September 25	Moiria Ste. Marie Lecture (Virtual)
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
October 11	CWL Wednesday
October 20	Gala Dinner Dance
November 15	CWL Wednesday

FALL REGIONAL MEETING DATES – 2023

September 12	Toronto Region General Meeting
	Our Lady of Lourdes, Toronto – Mass 7:00 pm
	(520 Sherbourne St.)

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| September 19 | Humber Valley Region General Meeting
St. Margaret Mary, Woodbridge – Mass 6:30 pm
(8500 Islington Ave.) |
| September 27 | Peel Region General Meeting
St. Francis Xavier, Mississauga – Mass 7:00 pm
(5650 Mavis Road) |
| September 28 | North York Region General Meeting
St. Edward the Confessor – Mass 7:00 pm
(75 Churchill Ave.) |
| October 3 | Durham Region General Meeting
Sacred Heart, Uxbridge - Mass 7:00 pm
(70 Toronto Street) |
| October 10 | Scarborough Region General Meeting
Location TBA |
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CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Ciscily Winkler

Sub-Convener:

Kellie Hilliard

Fall presents its metamorphic radiance as we reminisce the past and keep hope for the future. Welcome back to all Christian Family Life Chairpersons (CFL). Together we will adopt the League's newly implemented structure at the national executive council level. The Standing Committees, now reduced to three, incorporate the three pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice. The responsibilities of the CFL Chairperson fall under Faith and Service: Faith covers sanctity of life and vocations while Service is offered to ministries to others. CFL is all about living out our faith and Christian values. The CFL chairperson touches the lives of everyone through all stages of life, from conception to death.



Marriage and Family

The 2023 National Family and Life Week (NFLW) occurred May 7-14. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) through the Office of Family and Life provided a toolkit consisting of prayer intentions, activities for the family, and pastoral initiatives that support family through all stages of life. The 2023 theme, inspired by Pope Francis, repeats Jesus' words, *Love one another. Just as I loved you, you also should love one another* (John 13:34).

The CCCB also offered a webinar titled: *Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness*. This presentation occurred June 3 and was delivered by Monsignor Phillipe Bordeyne who cited issues affecting families today. He mentioned the positive and negative sides of the "Digital Revolution". As Christians, we are encouraged to find new paths to holiness, by seeking the help of the Trinity for the right balance; by choosing a saint to accompany us on our road to holiness, which is living Jesus' ambition. Msgr. Phillipe emphasized that families are where we resonate, therefore we must take time to listen and find God's presence in the family. To be holy is to adjust to the world and make it a better place to live in by showing solidarity and fraternity through looking at poor people in the street as brothers and sisters. To become holy is a long but beautiful path of synodality.

Please note that the CCCB has a Standing Committee for Family and Life that shares many resources for the family throughout the year. The Vatican also has resources on Family and Life. (*Fall 2022/The Canadian League, Dorothy Johansen, national CFL Chair*).

Two-parent families, after years of decline, have stabilized in Canada. Since 2016, Statistics Canada census uncovered that six-in-ten children live in married-parent families. Data was collected amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and will be monitored through 2026 to see if stability is maintained. *The Catholic Register, March 17, 2023*.

Sanctity of Life

Canada ranks poorly for palliative care services, scoring twenty-two among eighty-one countries in 2021. Hospice/Palliative care is explicitly recognized under the human right to health. Its early intervention can greatly prevent/relieve patients' physical/psychosocial or spiritual suffering. Members are encouraged to become educated about hospice/palliative care; to communicate with all levels of government to ensure that this care is available in absence of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). Revisit Resolution 2018.03: request improvements to access palliative care services, also more trained staff.

MAiD with its further expansion into more vulnerable populations resulted in Bill C-7, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, (medical assistance in

dying) received royal assent in March 2021. People living with disabilities or mental illness are now considered candidates for euthanasia, even in the absence of terminal illness. Members are encouraged to communicate their opposition to all levels of government. Encourage members to support Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, (EPC) at www.epcc.ca. Please read the June 2023 online Newsletter under OPC-CFL Chairperson Betsy Currier www.cwl.on.ca and the Fall 2022 issue of *The Canadian League* under Dorothy Johansen, national CFL Chairperson www.cwl.ca. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) announced that it will adopt 9-8-8 as the number to call or text for Canadians who are in need of immediate mental health crisis and suicide prevention. Abortions have shown staggering statistics since its decriminalization in 1969 which leads to the killing of over four million pre-born babies in Canada. An estimated 100,000 induced abortions are committed annually in Canada. Be a pro-lifer: Join the Life Chain, Sunday, October 1. Visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain.

Vocations

November 4 celebrates the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo, the patron saint of religious vocations. Please participate!

COMMUNICATIONS

Nenita MacKenzie

Sub-Convener:

Lucia Vacca

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a relaxing and memorable summer with your family and friends. This is my second year as the Communications Chair and I am very glad to connect with all of you. Councils have different ways to connect and keep in touch with their members. Some use social media while others make phone calls or drop by for home visits.



Newsletters, League Magazines and Websites of Interest

Councils are encouraged to subscribe to the Ontario Provincial Council (OPC) online Newsletter, by going to cwl.on.ca to subscribe. The monthly online newsletter will come directly to your email inbox.

The Toronto Diocesan Council will be featured in the September 2023 ON-Line OPC Newsletter.

Please check the National website, as it has a new look! The changes were made to make the site more user friendly. Councils are encouraged to send photographs of parish activities and events to Catherine at digitalmedia@cw1.ca to be featured in the “Spotlight” section.

Please read Communiqué #10 by First Vice President and Communication Chair, Betty Colaneri, at cw1.ca/communique-9-communications-2/.

Continue to check out the website catholicwomenunite.ca/ which is a communication tool to engage and promote national sisterhood. The theme is “Catholic Women Unite, Where Women Come Together to Live Their Faith”.

Canada Post Stamp - The Indigenous Leaders Series

The Indigenous Leaders series, launched in 2022, celebrates and highlights the accomplishments of Indigenous leaders who have made a mark on their communities.

The 2023 stamps feature:

- Nellie Cournoyea, the first Indigenous woman to serve as the head of a provincial or territorial government in Canada. She was the premier of the Northwest Territories from 1991 to 1995.
- George Manuel, member of Secwepemc Nation in British Columbia, a political strategist, author and advocate of Indigenous peoples’ rights.
- Thelma Chalifoux, Métis, was appointed the first Indigenous woman to become a Canadian senator and had a long history in elevating the Métis voice in political circles.

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN)

Council members are encouraged to subscribe to APTN to be informed on Indigenous issues in our communities. Visit the website at aptnnews.ca. You can also follow APTN News on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Little Bird is a highly recommended Canadian drama television series which premiered on Crave and APTN lumi on May 26, 2023. There are six episodes which center on a First Nation woman from Long Reserve, Saskatchewan, who was adopted into a Jewish family during the “Sixties Scoop” as she attempts to reconnect with her birth family and heritage.

The movie ***Sound of Freedom*** is inspired by the life of Tim Ballard, a former US Department of Homeland Security agent who devoted his life to rescuing children from global sex trafficking. If it is no longer playing in theatres, the film will be available on streaming services.

Catholic Register

Council members are encouraged to subscribe to the Catholic Register Newsletter at catholicregister.org/ to receive it directly to your email.

A free copy of the revised and updated book *Revolution in World Missions! And Help Share His Love to Others* is available. Please check out the Catholic Register website for more information.

You might consider reading *The Little World of Fr. Raby, 1980-2007* by Msgr. Thomas Raby. The book comprises eighty-one of Raby's best columns. For more information, please check the website at catholicregister.org/littleworldoffraby

Pornography Hurts Campaign

The Pornography Hurts Postcard from the National website, under Resources (items #178 and 178A) can be downloaded. Please continue to write letters and send Pornography Hurts campaign postcards to your members of parliament and the federal government, expressing your concern for the proliferation of pornography and its harmful effects on society.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Elizabeth Joseph

Sub-Convener:

Yvonne LeGall

Welcome back to all Community Life Chairs.

Household Food Insecurity

Is the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints? (The Canadian Encyclopaedia, June 2020). There are three categories of food insecurity: marginal, moderate and severe. Marginal food insecurity is when a household worries about running out of food. Moderate food insecurity means that households compromise the quality and quantity of food because of financial restraints and in severe food insecurity, households go days without proper meals. Approximately six million individuals in the ten Canadian provinces live in households with some level of food insecurity. Although 5.8 million individuals including 1.4 million children face food insecurities, only 1.2 million Canadians access food banks. The data does not reflect the Canadian territories, homeless individuals and people living on First Nations, who are



at higher risk of food insecurity (Valerie Tarasuk, University of Toronto, 2022).

Food banks are the last food resource option for Canadians. According to Food Bank Canada “33.1% of children; 45.4% single adult households and 49% of household access, are those on social assistance or disability related supports” (Hunger Count, 2022).

Factors associated with food insecurity are household income, dependence on social support, working and renting a home. Individuals from households that are in a low-income bracket are at higher risk to experience severe food insecurity.

Individuals who depend solely on social support such as provincial welfare and disability income programs experience some level of food insecurity.

Those who accessed Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), Canadian Recovery Benefit (CRB) and other pandemic benefits which were found to be especially insufficient. Low employment income is a precursor to food insecurity and most Canadians are not earning a living wage.

Interestingly, a low percentage (33%) of food insecurity exists for households of private and public pensions as this income acts as a buffer and benefits seniors with a stable income that is indexed to cost of living and inflation.

Although household renters (25.9%) and some homeowners experience food insecurity, homeowners with and without a mortgage experience lower food insecurity (7.2% and 13.9% respectively). Food insecurity not only affects households of children and indigenous peoples but also households headed by female single parents (PROOF, 2022, Government of Canada, 2022).

In Canada, food insecurity highlights factors including “racial disparity to demonstrate that individuals who identify as white Canadians” are less likely to experience food insecurity than other ethnic groups (Olivia Dowd, 2022). Since food insecurity is linked to income, it impacts individual health and healthcare due to poor dietary intake, especially as individuals develop diseases that need treatments and further impact health care. In addition, individuals who are food insecure, lack income and insurance to purchase medications, further impacting their health.

The Government of Canada has stated that food insecurity is a social determinant of health.

Councils may help combat food insecurity by:

- Making donations to local food banks and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

- Conduct a food drive (an idea begun in 2010 was 40 cans for Lent: www.40cansforlent.org.)
- Serving at local food kitchens.
- Work on the action plan from Resolution 2022.01 Enact Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Andrea Smart

Sub-Conveners:

Mary Matthews Public Speaking
 Mary Dobell Essay
 Mary Dobell Poetry
 Jean McCann Service Award
 St. Michael's Scholarship

Carolyn Meaney
 Irene Szutka
 Margaret Arangio
 Kay Booker
 Catherine von Zuben

2023 Youth Awards

The Toronto Diocesan Council extends its congratulations to all the students who participated in the Youth Awards and to all the teachers and parents who continuously support their efforts. Additionally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parishes and regions for their dedication and hard work which allows these contests to continue each year in schools across the Archdiocese.



Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest

First Place: Neo Smolders, Guiding Light Academy, St. Joseph's Parish (Peel Region)

Title: God's Favourite Sport is Baseball

Mary Dobell Pro-Life Awareness Essay and Poetry Literacy Awards Intermediate Essay

First Place: Nicole Gavazzi, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School, St. Margaret Mary Parish (Humber Valley Region)

Title: Life

Senior Essay

First Place: Melanie Dias, Senator O'Connor College School, St. John XXIII Parish (North York Region)

Title: Life In Its Purest Form

Intermediate Poetry

First place: Aaron Malik, Sacred Heart Catholic School, St. Timothy Parish (North York Region)

Title: The World and Christian Faith

Senior Poetry

First Place: Melanie Dias, Senator O'Connor College School, St. John XXIII Parish (North York Region)

Title: I am "God's design"

Jean McCann Service Award for Youth

Leah Thomas, St. Joan of Arc High School, Holy Spirit Parish, (Northern Region)

Toronto Diocesan - St. Michael's College Scholarship (2022-2023 Academic Year Award)

Madelaine Kukovic, a graduate of Bishop Allen Academy, Etobicoke, and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

Toronto Diocesan - Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship (2022 Award)

Whitney Nguyen who is now attending Humber College.

I encourage everyone to go on to our website

<https://www.cwltoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-Youth-Awards-booklet-body-Final.pdf> to read all the winning entries of the 2023 Youth Awards. Their talent is awesome and everything is a great read!!

There will be a new submission process for the 2024 contests. The forms should be submitted to one of the sub-conveners.

Mary Matthews Public Speaking forms to Carolyn Meaney at caameaney@rogers.com

The intermediate and senior essay forms to Irene Szutka at iszutka@yahoo.ca

The intermediate and senior poetry to Margaret Arangio at marangio@gmail.com

The Jean McCann Service Award to Kay Booker at kaymax@sympatico.ca
The St. Michael's Scholarship submissions to Catherine von Zuben at catherine.vonzuben@outlook.com

The 2024 Diocesan deadline for the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Poetry and Essay contests, the Jean McCann Service Award and the Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest is March 10. The Diocesan Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest is tentatively scheduled for March 24. All the updated

forms will be loaded on the TDC website in early September. Regional Chairs will forward all the pertinent details thereafter.

Please continue to support the Toronto Diocesan Scholarship Funds with your generous donations by using the *Toronto Diocesan Voluntary Remittance Form* that can be found on the Toronto Diocesan CWL website: <https://www.cwltoronto.ca/forms/>. Remember to make your cheque payable to The Catholic Women's League of Canada not the Scholarship Fund and send to the TDC Treasurer (Lolita Perry).

Your donations make a huge difference in the life of the scholarship recipient. St. Michael's College recently welcomed us into the Vice-Chancellor's Club, which recognizes their most generous and loyal supporters. Donors play a crucial role in ensuring St. Michael's College continues to provide the best possible experience to all students including scholarships that recognize excellence and bursaries that support acute financial need, and their renewed Campus Ministry program which supports students across faith traditions and so much more. Graduates are being equipped to become transformative leaders committed to working in service of the common good and care of all creation.

Environment

The Green Churches website provides environmental activities councils can participate in as a group or parish community - <https://greenchurches.ca/tools/education/activities/>

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Development has a wealth of information regarding the Church's response to caring for our common home. Together, with the Stockholm Environment Institute, they have published *Our common home: A guide for our living planet*. The guide is a result of a collaboration between the scientific and spiritual communities. It sets out facts and solutions on key topics along with advice on how communities can respond. There is an interesting blog on the Laudato Si Platform portion of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development website about the *Impact of the Environment on Human Health: A Vital Connection*. <https://laudatosiplatform.org/the-impact-of-the-environment-on-human-health-a-vital-connection/>. Perhaps there is something here that your council can get involved with or invite a guest speaker to talk about one of these important topics.

Sub-Convener:

Carla Beckett

Greetings and welcome back! As we approach the fall, it is the time to review and renew our commitment to the CWL and our sisters in the League. Many councils will have elections and the new League structure, through the chairperson of Social Justice, gives every member the opportunity to be involved and participate. The key words for social justice are: *uphold, advocate, care, educate, initiate* and these fit perfectly with the work of Legislation. As members of the League this is our opportunity to be informed and affect change to better Canadian society through our Christian values.



Federal Bills

Bill S-210: An Act to restrict young persons' online access to sexually explicit material - has progressed through the Senate and is currently at second reading in the House of Commons. Online age-verification technology has become increasingly sophisticated, therefore this Bill is targeted at restricting access to sexually explicit material and protecting the mental health of young persons and the harmful effects of exposure to such content. Demeaning and violent sexual materials are particularly harmful to young persons and women. Bill S-210 not only restricts access but also enables enforcement authority to take steps, from such material being made available on the Internet.

Related CWL Resolutions: 2017.02, 2004.11, 2002.11

Bill C-18: An Act respecting online communications platforms that make news content available to persons in Canada – received Royal Assent June 22, 2023. Recently in the news we've heard about the social media companies (Google, Facebook, Meta) carrying out tests to block access to Canadian news sites on their platforms. This is in response to the Bill C-18 which seeks to regulate and support the Canadian news industry and enhance fairness in the Canadian digital news marketplace, contributing to its sustainability in the non-profit, for-profit and independent Canadian outlets by making Facebook and Google negotiate deals to compensate and pay a fee to news outlets in Canada for posting or linking to their work.

Provincial Bills

Bill 103: Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2023 - Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 is amended by this Bill to include, prohibiting the promotion of vapor products, that tobacco and vapor products may not be sold or supplied to persons under the age of twenty-one, that vapor products may only be sold in speciality or designated stores and that the tax revenue generated from the sale of such products gives the Legislature funds to continue educating the public of the health risks associated with vaping. This Bill essentially makes selling and purchasing vaping products more difficult for all consumers, in particular children. Related CWL Resolution:, 2014.02, 2014.03

Homelessness and Social Justice

The situation for homeless persons in Toronto has come to a critical point where emergency shelters are overwhelmed with those seeking refuge. There has been an influx of refugees, asylum claimants and residents experiencing homelessness with nowhere to go. Although the city is taking steps to gradually return to pre-pandemic bed capacity in the shelters, it will take some time for the issue to be rectified. Many factors have contributed to this global crisis and the migration of people will only increase as climate change adds to the economic displacement of people. The federal government provided \$212 million in emergency funds for the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) \$97 million of which is earmarked for asylum seekers in Toronto.

Action: Partner with community groups, organize food drives, assist at outreach programs, offer space in our homes and connect with your MPs & MPPs. Continue letter writing, sign petitions and monitor Bills, in particular those that relate to CWL Resolutions. Our work matters, our voice matters, our membership matters, as citizens – you, matter.

To access Legislative information visit:

www.parl.gc.ca/housechamberbusiness/chambercalendar

www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISInfo

www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current

You may also read the official report of the day-to-day parliamentary debates; *Hansard* (very interesting!)

“Love God, serve God; everything is in that.”

St. Clare of Assisi

RESOLUTIONS

Connie Cristinziano

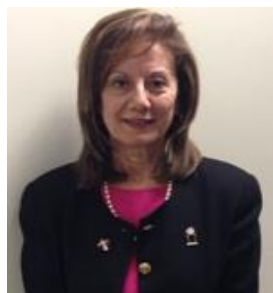
Sub-Conveners:

Donna Capobianco

Darlene Marino

As we welcome a new season, it is a good time for reflection, awareness and mindfulness. Our work in the League is that beacon of hope for the voice of the voiceless, through this standing committee. Over the next year, I intend to focus on ways to generate and increase interest in resolutions.

Resolutions play a major part in the League's work. Through them, League policy and *position papers* may be established, programs planned, or concerns and views expressed to governments. The League can serve the Church's mission and be a Christian witness through resolutions (*Resolutions Handbook*). I look forward to working with all of you over the next year.



Toronto Diocesan Convention

The return to our in-person Resolutions Dialogue Session was a huge success with approximately 120 participants in attendance. The second half of the session consisted of a workshop. Participants were provided with random resolution topics and given the opportunity to formulate their own resolution. Great fun was had by all during the group sharing session. Seventy-seven percent of the participants completed an evaluation form. The majority of responses received were very positive. Members indicated that the Resolution Dialogue Session and its fruitful discussions helped them to better understand the resolution that was being presented and the workshop helped them to better comprehend the overall process of a resolution.

The following resolution was presented and adopted at our Toronto Diocesan Annual Convention in April 2023:

TDC 2023.01 To Establish a Sustained Universal Intermittent Catheter Coverage

Congratulations and many thanks to St. Francis de Sales Parish, Durham Region for submitting the resolution and Elizabeth Joseph for all her work on this resolution.

Ontario Provincial Convention

The following two resolutions were presented and adopted at the Ontario Provincial Convention in July:

ON.23.01 To Establish a Sustained Universal Intermittent Catheter Coverage (gifted by Toronto Diocese)

ON.23.02 To add Compassionate Community Care to the Temporary National Voluntary Fund (gifted by London Diocese). This resolution will be forwarded to the National Board for their consideration.

Both resolutions and their action plans will be available on the OPC website: www.cwl.on.ca

Advocacy

We often wonder and perhaps many of us have asked the questions: *What happens to a resolution once it has been adopted? How does the league make its impact through resolutions? Are they presented to Government? What is the governments' response/what steps have been taken? What still needs to be done?*

The following resolutions that were adopted at the 2019 and 2022 national conventions were presented to the Federal Government in February 2023 by appointed delegates of the national executive/board:

2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste

2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites

2015.01 Increased Early Access and Intervention to Children and Youth Mental Health Services

2015.02 Ban Microbeads in Personal Care Products (came into force in 2018)

2013.01 Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples

2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children

I encourage all councils and members to read the full details and outcome from these visits which is featured in The Canadian League Spring 2023 issue (pgs.4-6) submitted by our National Resolution Chairperson Rolande Chernichan. The League magazine can also be downloaded from the national website: cwl.ca/to_inform

Be sure to review the recently launched *Resolutions Handbook* (#618) and *Resolutions Guide* (#620) which can be found on the national website: www.cwl.ca/resources/manuals. Both resources are excellent tools that will help you to formulate, review and assess your resolutions.

Deadline for Submissions of 2024 Resolutions Topics

Does your council have a concern, become aware of an issue of social injustice or equality that needs to be addressed? Then you have the basis of a resolution in the making! The deadline to submit your topic along with your first draft with some basic research on the subject is Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Be sure to review the “How To Get Started” document and other material that is available on our website:

www.cwltoronto.ca/resources/resolutions. Three main points to keep in mind in order that your resolution meets the criteria:

- Your research material must be Canadian-based and not older than five years.
- Focus of the resolution should be on one issue only.
- The topic is to be unique and not one that has already been covered in a previously adopted resolution.

The preparation and presentation are all part of the resolution process and may require lot of work. However, it is through resolutions that we can advocate for the less fortunate in society and our chance to **go out and make a difference!**

I look forward to receiving your resolutions topics. If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at ccristinziano@rogers.com or 416 258 6678

Resolutions “Go Make a Difference” Project

Submitted by Mary Capobianco, Provincial Resolutions Chair

The 2002-2024 Project - *FAITH into ACTION - Making a Difference* was launched in September 2022. The project was introduced in Resolutions Directive #2.

This information is still available on the Ontario Provincial Council website (<https://cw1.on.ca>) and can be found under *About Us - Communiqués - Resolutions - Directive #2 and #3*.

The action plans are the most important part of the resolutions process. What better way to make a difference? Each council is encouraged to take part in this project and the following are some basic steps to follow.

1. Choose a resolution listed on the national or provincial websites as these have been adopted at their annual conventions.

2. Review the Action Plans - share these with your council and select one for your project.
 3. Once a resolution action plan has been selected, brainstorm to decide on next steps.
 4. Once activities have been completed - fill in the Action Project Form
 5. Submit the form to the provincial resolutions chair:
mt.cap@sympatico.ca
 6. Some resolution topics may deal with the same or similar topics. Feel free to combine your activities to include more than one resolution and/or action plan.
 7. Projects can be ongoing over the next two years. Feel free to work on as many Action Plans as you like.
- There are so many resolutions and action plans to choose from and so much we can do as members.

Toronto Diocesan Councils may wish to consider one of the following:

From Provincial resolutions

ON.22.01 Long Term Care Homes

ON.22.02 National Strategy for Loneliness

From National resolutions

2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste.

2013.01 Building relationships and partnerships with Indigenous Peoples

2002.11 Responsible internet use for children

2019.02 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition-of-Nuclear Weapons

A soul that has never tasted the sweetness of inner silence is a restless spirit which disturbs the silence of others."

St. Faustina Kowalska



The resolution submitted by Toronto Diocesan Council was adopted at July's provincial convention. Pictured (left to right) are Connie Cristinziano (TDC 1st VP and Resolution Chair), Elizabeth Joseph (TDC Community Life Chair) from the St. Francis de Sales Parish Council who gifted the initial resolution and Mary Capobianco (Provincial Resolution Chair).
Photo courtesy of Mary Capobianco

Seventy Year Membership pins were presented to members of St. Andrew's, Brechin, Northern Region, by the President, JoAnn Emons on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council.

Below is **Helen Cormack** who resides at Spenser House.





At right **Bernadette Readman** receives her pin from JoAnn Emons.

Ruth Windatt accepts the pin from JoAnn Emons on behalf of her Mother in Law, Madeleine Windatt, who is in a nursing home.





The Catholic Women's League of Canada Toronto Diocesan Council 5th Moira Ste. Marie Memorial Lecture Series

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY

The right to a truly human life logically leads to the right to enough food to sustain a life with dignity. (Catholic Social Teaching)

Featuring guest speakers from the [YONGE STREET MISSION](#) (YSM), a Christian development agency specializing in poverty-related challenges, to help individuals, families, children, youth, and entire communities to rise out of poverty.



Angie Peters
President, CEO



Sandra Seaborn
Senior Director Programs



Ann Mary Nakayima
Community Support Services
Program Coordinator

DATE: Monday September 25, 2023

VIRTUAL: Zoom

TIME: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (EST)

GOAL: To provide background on food insecurity and our part as individuals and councils in addressing the issue.

REGISTRATION DONATION

- A suggested registration donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per council.
- All registration donation fees and additional donations will be shared between the Yonge Street Mission and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto.
The CWL is a non-charitable organization so tax receipts are not issued.
- Make cheque payable to the Catholic Women's League of Canada, Toronto Diocesan Council and indicate on the memo line 2023 MSMM Lecture Series
- Mail one cheque per council to **Shaila D'Souza, 35 Lilac Ave., Thornhill, ON L3T 5K1**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Register with Shaila D'Souza shailaflavy@gmail.com
Login details provided after registration.

Registration Deadline: **Saturday September 23rd**

We are not able to accept late registrations



The late Moira Ste. Marie, Past President, Life Member,
Toronto Diocesan Council

FALL GALA DINNER DANCE

Fundraiser for the 2025 C.W.L. National Convention

Date: Friday, October 20, 2023

Venue: LA PRIMAVERA EVENT SPACE

77 Woodstream Blvd

Vaughan, Ontario L4L 7Y6

Time: Doors open at 6 pm Dinner at 7 pm Sharp

Four course meal with Wine and Soft Drinks included

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Tickets: \$90 per person

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Members have asked about the CWL ribbon designed to hold your service pins and other CWL pins. We have been able to source out a supplier and are making them available to members. This new version has a magnetic back. Cost is \$10 each plus mailing charges. Payment is by cheque payable to Toronto Diocesan Catholic Women's League. Mail cheques to Sue Lubowitz, 201 Penn Avenue, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2S4

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