

Fall Newsletter



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A Message from our President...

I am nearing the end of my term as President of the Catholic Women's League. It has been a wonderful experience. Our executive team are an amazing group that have so many talents! The Catholic Women's League ladies bring so many gifts to the parish and God blesses those gifts and makes those talents abundant. Those gifts fit together like a puzzle working to create a masterpiece. Our parish is blessed to have our Catholic Women's League working together to serve the parish!!! Our mission statement is: "...to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service." Our ladies have done this to perfection! God bless...

Your sister in the League,

Donna Guiney, President

Coming this Fall: 2nd FundScrip Campaign

Get ahead of Christmas by ordering your gift cards during our November FundScrip campaign. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to our CWL. We encourage you to invite your family members, friends, co-workers and neighbours to participate! More information and an order form may be found on the parish [website](#). **Deadline for orders is November 14th.**

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Virtual Silent Auction

Our second virtual silent auction was held on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 and was a huge success! This will help us to meet our financial goals for 2022. Thanks to everyone who supported the auction with donations, promotion and participation.

President's Report

The new two-year theme “Catholic and Living It!” will run from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. There is a supply of themed prayer cards that will be distributed shortly. The winter issue of *The Canadian League* magazine will have information on the theme plans for the next two years. I hope that building relationships as a “Catholic and Living It!” will make for stronger family, member, council, parish communities, partner organizations and beyond. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Submitted by Donna Guiney, President

Past President's Report

Diocesan Meetings – especially the June 9th, 2019/2020 Annual meeting – continue to be conducted via Zoom or Teleconferencing. At the June meeting, those present voted to increase the amount of membership fees remitted to the Diocesan Council by \$1.50, beginning January 2022. Two Councils voted against (ours was one of those who voted against the raise in fees).

National Office has deferred their instructed vote to raise the amount remitted to them, beginning January 2023. The deadline for voting on this has been extended to March 28th, 2022. National Office is requesting an increase of \$12.00, thus raising their portion of our membership fees to \$25.00. They cite the cost of publication, loss of membership as part of their rationale. By extending it to March 28th, 2022 it is hoped that all Councils will be able to have met in person as per National's By-Laws.

Another reminder that the Fall issue of “The League” is only available on -line. This is an experiment only. I encourage you to contact National Office with your concerns regarding this experiment.

There will be a Fall Diocesan Executive meeting – which consists of Diocesan Officers and all Parish Council Presidents (or an alternate) – on November 6, 2021. It will be held at St. John's Evangelical Church in Gananoque.

Submitted by Mary Lou Hills, Past President

Membership Report

Last December, a package of proposed amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws and a motion to increase the National per member fees was sent to parish council presidents. However, due to the pandemic and a partially virtual national annual meeting of members, an extension until March 2022 has been given to all parish councils to vote and return the results to national office. Some councils have taken the vote and returned the completed forms.

The proposed national per capita fee would increase from \$13.00 to \$25.00, effective January 2023—an increase of \$12.00 per year.

Most parish councils currently collect \$20.00 to \$25.00 per year membership fees for all levels – National, Diocesan and Provincial Councils. The Blessed Sacrament CWL membership fee is \$25.00; of that membership fee, Blessed Sacrament Council paid \$20.45 to all other levels in 2021. The following is a breakdown of 2021 and 2022 fees and their allocations:

2021 National Fee \$13.00

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2021 Provincial Fee \$3.00

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2021 Diocesan Fee \$4.00

2022 Diocesan Fee \$5.50

2021 Insurance Fee \$.45

2022 Insurance \$.50 (TBD)

2021 Balance remaining for Blessed Sacrament: \$4.45

2022 Balance remaining for Blessed Sacrament: \$3.00

Of note as well, National Council will no longer mail a paper copy of the Canadian League Magazine to our members. This is on a trial basis effective the fall 2021 issue. You can read the magazine online at <https://cwl.ca/the-canadian-league-fall-2021>.

May God bless each of you and keep you in His loving embrace.

Submitted by Margaret Barker, Membership Chair

Communications Report

Thanks to those who came out on September 30th in their orange colours to bless our new oak tree, celebrating our 25th anniversary as a council (which was actually last year), and to commemorate the new National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. Although we could not actually plant the tree on that day pending an underground cable inspection, it was a lovely ceremony on a beautiful day. Thanks to Donna for providing the blessing and saying a few commemorative words.

UPDATE: The tree has now been planted!



Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Communications Chair

Keep current with our local CWL events:

Facebook Site:

Chat with members, keep updated on events

<https://www.facebook.com/cwlamherstview/>

Website:

Upcoming events, meeting minutes

http://www.blessedsacramentamherstview.org/bls_cwl.html

Resolutions Report

No new Resolutions have been raised within the CWL Community over the last couple years. That being said, all Resolutions remain available for local advocacy in the spirit of the annual themes. We at Blessed Sacrament can review and consider if there is an area of particular interest that could make a difference in our community.

Submitted by Danna Dobson, Resolutions Chair

Legislation Report

All business of the House of Commons and Senate ceased only to resume after the election on September 20th, 2021. Bills focused on environment, vulnerable persons, internet pornography and human trafficking were lost. They may come back with different numbers and titles; presented within a different context; or not reintroduced at all.

The Legislation Standing Committee has its work cut out for it. There is workshop information that is available to members to reflect upon to determine any local course of action that we can discuss over the remainder of this term and of course the next.

Submitted by Danna Dobson, Legislation Chair

North Bay Regional CWL Spiritual Reflection

“We Honour God’s Creation”

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

2:00 pm (EDT)

Virtual Presentation via Zoom

You are invited! All are welcome!

The North Bay Regional CWL members will be hosting our monthly time of prayer and fellowship and we would love you to join us as we pray and reflect on the wonder and beauty of God’s Creation.

Please share this invitation to anyone in your council, parish or community.

You may join by clicking on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86917621416?pwd=WFoxL1Bzb0cvYlovchkybk00cUlkdz09>

Spiritual Development Report

There are people, places, and events from our past that stimulate memories and invoke emotions. They help tell a story and remind us of who we are and where we have been. During the month of November, there are many such events that are scheduled to take place in our community that will serve the purpose of reminding us of our roots.

At the start of November, we have "All Souls' Day", which commemorates the faithful departed, in particular one's relatives.

We remember the children and families of Residential School Children who died and Survivors. We will Never Forget our Veterans who lost their lives and the ones who came home broken in body and spirit, as well as their families who have sacrificed much for our freedom.

We are grateful for The Past Year of St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Canada, a shining example for our families and our Country.

We look forward to Advent and of the coming of the Light of the World, who will direct our steps for the future in this world with all its darkness. We hope that the Lord will give wisdom to our Leaders and as members of the Catholic Women's League, we can affect change one family, one community at a time.

Submitted by Bernadette Veitch, Spiritual Development Chair



SAINT KATERI TEKAWITHA – LILY OF THE MOHAWKS

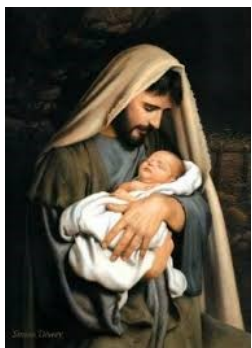
Saint Kateri Tekawitha, our elder sister in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us.
May your love for Jesus and Mary inspire in us words and deeds of friendship, forgiveness, and reconciliation.
Pray that God will give us courage, the boldness, and the strength to build a world of justice and peace among ourselves and among all nations.
Help us, as you did, to encounter the Creator God present in the very depths of nature, and so become witnesses of Life.
With you, we praise the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Amen



DECEMBER 8, 2020 – DECEMBER 8, 2021

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you, God entrusted His only Son,
In you, Mary placed her trust,
With you, Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father and
Guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage
and defend us from every evil. Amen



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