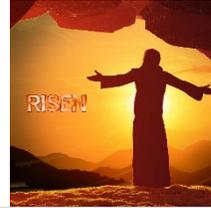


Spring Newsletter



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Message from our President

It is hard to believe Spring is almost here! Spring represents the start of something new, new beginnings, progress, blossoming of new things, birth, and new life. Speaking of new life, Easter is right around the corner. COVID-19 vaccines are so close. Life is good!

On Easter Sunday, remember, He is risen. *"The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia."*
"Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father." [Excerpted from The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.]

He is risen, indeed he has risen!

Your sister in the League,
Donna Guiney, President

Updates

We have had three Zoom/teleconference meetings this year so far, and have finalized our 2021 budget.

The winner of the Early Bird membership draw was Suzanne MacDonald. Congratulations Sue!

President's Report

The Catholic Women's League of Canada "calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service". This has been the theme at the top of all our CWL agendas since I took office. This motto depicts all we are doing, e.g., attending Mass, praying, altar serving, reading at Mass, giving to the Lionhearts, giving to those in need, the list is endless. We are indeed living by "our values, they are the compasses that guide everything we do. They ground our decision-making and root our actions in a purpose greater than ourselves. In short, they give our lives both direction and meaning — which is why having a very clear understanding of what our values are is so important". Well done ladies!!

In a recent communication from Elizabeth Knudson, she talked about the importance of welcoming our members! We are a welcoming community not only to our CWL members but also parishioners and people of our community!

Submitted by Donna Guiney, President

Diocesan News...

Everyone is invited to attend a Zoom meeting featuring *The Stations of the Cross* in March. The first is **Thursday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m.** – Praying the Stations of the Cross for Seniors. The other is **Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m.** – Everyone's Way of the Cross.

Join here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82177604859?pwd=OFJLTldXYON>

Past President's Report

Update re "The League" and membership fees:

As previously reported, \$13.00 of our membership fee goes toward the costs of running National's office and the cost of publishing "The League"- the magazine published 3 times a year. I have approached, as per instructions from National staff, the Diocesan treasurer to address our members' concerns. That is, to not remit the \$3.00 for the magazine if they do not wish to receive the printed copy of the magazine. Our request was forwarded to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, who did respond.

The result: Given that the National Secretary-Treasurer has submitted a motion to be presented at National's convention in Toronto, August 2021, to increase National's portion of our membership fees (i.e. their per capita amount of \$13.00), our request will be denied. Cost of publishing the magazine is one of the reasons for the increase. Because this is an "instructed" vote, councils have been asked to hold in-person meetings. However, recognizing the difficulties and uncertainties due to COVID-19, results of the instructed vote will be deferred to 2022. I recommend that you read Communique #7, "Laws" on National's website regarding the motion.

By now you should have received the Winter issue of "The League". According to National's website, the Fall issue will be on-line only. This is on a trial basis.

Danna Dobson, Margaret Barker, Shirley McDonald and I have been working on updates to our Policy and Procedure Manual. At our February virtual meeting, a motion was presented and passed to include funding for the President and or an Accredited Delegate to attend Provincial conventions. This was necessary as Donna Guiney was invited to attend the Provincial meeting – not a convention - in Ottawa. Again, these are unusual circumstances – all COVID-related.

I highly recommend reading Provincial Council's March on-line newsletter as we are one of the councils featured. Margie Norwood, Diocesan Communications Chair, and Lyne Tuepah, 2nd Vice President and Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair, were the authors.

Submitted by Mary Lou Hills, Past President

President-elect Report

As part of my role as president-elect I am responsible for leadership development and training. With that said, I am wondering how many are aware of the Catholic Women's League promise. It goes like this: "For the glory of God and the good of God's people, I promise as a Catholic woman to honour, invoke, and imitate our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. I promise to be a loyal member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada and to promote its interest and growth in every way. I promise to cooperate with officers in all programs under their direction and to conform to the best of my ability to the bylaws of the organization in all League activities."

Submitted by Kelly Neville, President-elect

Christian Family Life Report

It is imperative that we continue to pray every day for the sanctity of life, from conception to the natural end. Persistence works!

Stations of the Cross for Older Adults by John VanBemmel [*available at Amazon:* <https://www.amazon.com/Praying-Stations-Cross-Seniors-Bemmel/dp/1627853200>] is great for the 'Golden Aged'. It really makes one contemplate life. I highly recommend it.

Submitted by Suzanne MacDonald, Christian Family Life Chair

Communications Report

Members are invited to follow the League on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter @CWLNational. This web page is the home for inspirational messaging and videos promoting the League. Share the information with friends and others who might be interested. The more activity generated by liking, commenting and sharing these posts, the better it will be to help create awareness of the League.

Parish councils are encouraged to submit photographs of council activities for *On the Spot* to communications@cw.ca. Each council should take photographs of events for its archives, and members would love to see what has been happening amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites urges all members to write letters and send the Pornography Hurts Postcard to government officials at all levels of government to enact laws requiring mandatory age verification mechanisms for adult pornographic websites. Access the postcard from the national website under: To Organize, Resources, 100 Series and #178 Pornography Hurts Postcard, which includes the postcard and printing instructions.

Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Communications Chair

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Membership Renewal

Although we have a way to go, our membership drive is going well considering the circumstances we find ourselves in.

The cost for this year is still \$25.00 and cheques should be made out to "Blessed Sacrament CWL". If anyone wants to renew their membership for 2021 there are a few ways to do it:

- Drop off a cheque in the donations basket at the front of the Church during Mass.
- Drop off a cheque in the mail slot at the Church.
- Drop off a cheque at my house at 103 MacDougall Drive, or call me at (613) 888-6495 and I will pick it up.

For those a little more tech savvy, e-transfer \$25.00 to our Treasurer Danna Dobson at eggdob2020@gmail.com. Make a note that it is for CWL membership.

Submitted by Margaret Barker, Membership Convenor

Resolutions Report

Parliament has moved forward to propose amendments on Bill C-7 that will expand eligibility for medical assistance in dying, which now sits before the Senate. In its original form, Bill C-7 allowed assisted dying for those whose natural deaths are reasonably foreseeable. The current amendment expands access to assisted dying to intolerably suffering individuals who are not approaching the end of their lives. Information has been distributed to members by e-mail, including a sample letter to MPs and Senators. All members are encouraged to continue to show disapproval for this bill by writing to their elected officials.

Submitted by Danna Dobson, Resolutions Chair

Spiritual Development Report



The announcement that many people have been anxious and longing to hear for several years finally came on Dec. 8, 2020 as Pope Francis declared the beginning of a Year of St. Joseph. The timing was

perfect, coming on the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX declaring St. Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church and on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Joseph's spouse.

Along with the Pope's announcement in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde* ("Heart of the Father") came a proclamation from the Apostolic Penitentiary about special plenary indulgences that are now available for this Year of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Canada, the Universal Church, Unborn Children, Fathers, Workers, Travellers, Immigrants and a Happy Death. You may have heard of people planting statues of St. Joseph in their gardens to help sell their house. The Solemnity of his Feast Day is March 19 every year

DECEMBER 8, 2020

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

Prayers for April from Catholic Culture:

1. [Holy Thursday](#), Triduum
2. [Good Friday of the Lord's Passion](#), Triduum
3. [Holy Saturday](#), Triduum
4. [Easter Sunday](#), Solemnity
5. [Monday in the Octave of Easter](#), Solemnity
6. [Tuesday in the Octave of Easter](#), Solemnity
7. [Wednesday in the Octave of Easter](#), Solemnity
8. [Thursday in the Octave of Easter](#), Solemnity
9. [Friday in the Octave of Easter](#), Solemnity
10. [Saturday in the Octave of Easter](#), Solemnity
11. [Second Sunday of Easter \(or Sunday of Divine Mercy\)](#), Solemnity
18. [Third Sunday of Easter](#), Sunday
21. [Anselm](#), Opt. Mem.
23. [George; Adalbert](#), Opt. Mem.
24. [St. Fidelis](#), Opt. Mem.
25. [Fourth Sunday of Easter \(Good Shepherd Sunday\)](#), Sunday
26. [Our Lady of Good Counsel](#)
28. [Peter Chanel \(NZ, Feast\); Louis Mary de Montfort; Gianna Molla, mother \(Italy\)](#), Opt. Mem.
29. [Catherine of Siena](#), Memorial
30. [Pius V; Bl. Marie de l'Incarnacion \(Can\)](#), Opt. Mem.

Submitted by Bernadette Veitch, Spiritual Development Chair

