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*Virgin and Child with Saint Catharine of Alexandria
Painting by Anthony van Dyck, ca. 1630
Oil on canvas*

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of May

For working conditions

*Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment,
families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be
humanized.*

President's Message



**Dear Bishop Bergie, Father Richard Kowalchuk,
Clergy, and Sisters in the League!**

Habemus Papam! Viva il Pappa!

Robert Francis Prevost became Pope Leo XIV today. *Such an auspicious day!*

Congratulations to the new Pope!



White smoke rises from the chimney on the Sistine Chapel, indicating that a new pope has been elected at the Vatican, May 8, 2025.

Yara Nardi, Reuters

Spring is certainly the season of new beginnings. Just looking around outside and we see God's creation emerging from winter's slumber. Verdant grass, hyacinths, and daffodils, tulips, have already emerged in all their glory. Next, we

will have lilacs, peonies, and lily of the valley bursting forth in a symphony of harmonious colours and scents. Let's all make an effort to pause and reflect on God's gift to all of us: nature.

Dating back to the 13th century, May is traditionally known as the Month of Mary. Let us all try and at least say one Hail Mary daily during this lovely month in deference to our holy Mother, the bearer of new life.

Please remember to let your Parish Council President know that you would like to attend the Speakers' Forum on **Saturday, May 31** at St. Alfred Parish from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The deadline for Presidents to contact me is **Tuesday, May 27**.

Remember--pizzas need to be ordered!

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"We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive—like this square with open arms—everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love."



Pope Leo XIV

Order of Carmelites

Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary





**Everyone makes mistakes in
life, but that doesn't mean they
have to pay for them the
rest of their life.**

**Sometimes good people make
bad choices.**

**It doesn't mean they're bad...
it means they're human.**



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Catharines Diocese



Steering Committee

Presents:

Speakers' Forum

"Where Will My Sister Lay Her Head?"

Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

at

St. Alfred Parish, 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines--

Marni Katzman: Keynote Speaker

lived expert / public speaker / survivor

Father Gerard Power: St. Patrick Parish, Niagara Falls

Jane La Vacca: Executive Director of Westview

Centre 4 Women

Council Presidents: please let Deedee Alexandre know **final numbers** of people planning to attend by **May 28:**

pizzas need to be purchased!

all CWL members, clergy, friends, and spouses can attend!

This event is free!!! Need to register!



JUBILEE 2025

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS

DECEMBER 2024

24 December

Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



JANUARY 2025

24-26 January

Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February

Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

15-18 February

Jubilee of Artists and the World of Culture

21-23 February

Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March

24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-6 April

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April

Jubilee of Teenagers

28-29 April

Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May

Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May

The Jubilee of Bands and Popular Music

12-14 May

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

16-18 May

Jubilee of Confraternities

30 May - 1 June

Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly



JUNE 2025

7-8 June

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June

Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June

Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June

Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June

Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June

Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June

Jubilee of Priests

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August

Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September

Jubilee of Consolation

20 September

Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September

Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

4-5 October

Jubilee of the Missions

4-5 October

Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

31 October - 2 November

Jubilee of the World of Education



NOVEMBER 2025

16 November

Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November

Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December

Jubilee of Prisoners



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Francis

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen



Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada



Pope Francis
1936 - 2025

Prayer for the Next Shepherd of the Church

Holy Spirit,

As the Church mourns, prepare her for new leadership.

Inspire those called to discernment, and raise up a
successor after Your heart—holy, humble,
courageous, and faithful.

Let the new shepherd walk in continuity with
truth, yet be unafraid to lead with fresh fire.

May he honor Pope Francis' legacy and build
upon the rock of Christ.

Guide Your Church in unity and grace.

Amen.

"And I will give you
shepherds after
my own heart." —
Jeremiah 3:15



[HTTPS://PRAYERLIT.COM](https://prayerlit.com)

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

A prayer which would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said. Let's try to make a point of saying this prayer each day.

**“Eternal Father, I offer You
the most precious blood of Your
Divine Son, Jesus, in union
with the Masses said throughout the
world today, for all the
Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere, for
sinners in the universal church,
those in my own home and
within my family. Amen.”**



Past Events

CWL of St. Thomas More at Respect Life Mass

Submitted by Dina Marchionda, President



Members of the Catholic Women's League of St. Thomas More attended the Diocesan Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria, held in the evening of Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

CWL of St. Thomas More at 40 Days for Life

Submitted by Dina Marchionda, President



On Saturday, March 29, 2025, members of the Catholic Women's League of St. Thomas More, together with members of the Knights of Columbus and parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria, braved a chilly, rainy day outside of Niagara Falls Hospital to join in prayer to end abortion.



CWL of St. Julia at the Annual Meeting of Members

Submitted by Maureen Dugo, Vice-President

The Catholic Women's League of St. Julia won the plaque for the most new memberships at the Annual Meeting of Members, held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. It was our second consecutive year, as our membership increased in 2023 & 2024 by 71 members. Our President Mary Joel Modolo received the plaque from Lisa Fillingham, Diocesan CWL Past President/Historian.



Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Catholic Culture

The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season, and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of Heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.



"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms, was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality...With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books—Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

"In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the central rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals—from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, in the medieval period, when monasteries were the centers of horticultural and agricultural knowledge, and with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the actual flowers themselves, of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary..."
—John S. Stokes

"In the hierarchy of holiness, it is precisely the 'woman', Mary of Nazareth,

who is the 'figure' of the Church. She 'precedes' everyone on the path to holiness; in her person, 'the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle'. —John Paul II *Mulieris Dignitatem*, 1988

Other Highlights of the Month

As Spring blossoms forth and we are surrounded by new life, we spend this month full of the joy of our Easter celebration and in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate, on Pentecost.

The feasts and saints that we will focus on this month — those who have already shared in the rewards of the Resurrection — are:

St. Joseph the Worker (May 1),
St. Athanasius (May 2),
Sts. Philip and James (May 3),
St. Damien de Vuester (May 10),
John of Avila (May 10),
St. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras (May 12),
Our Lady of Fatima (May 13),
St. Matthias (May 14),
St. Isidore the Farmer (May 15),
St. Bernadine of Siena (May 20),
St. Christopher Magallanes (May 21),
St. Rita of Cascia (May 22),
St. Philip Neri (May 26),
St. Augustine of Canterbury (May 27)
and the **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (May 31).



The feasts of **St. John I** (May 18), and **St. Bede, St. Gregory VII** and **St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi** (May 25), are superseded by the Sunday liturgy. The **Solemnity of the Ascension** (May 29) is celebrated on June 1 (Sunday).

What the month of May means to Catholics and how to honour it in your home



[Dr. Annabelle Moseley, T.O.Carm.](#) | [Aleteia](#)
published on 05/08/19

10 lovely ways to bring Mary's love into your life

Did you know that each of the 12 months of the year has a devotional theme? It's a great way to bring special traditions, symbols, colors and even foods to enrich our faith life at home. Each of the 12 months of the year can be for our home like each of the 12 apostles: showcasing unique ways to share the Good News. It's fitting to begin with May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here are 10 ways you can make your home bloom with Mary's love:

1. Decorate your table

Now is the time to bring out that blue tablecloth or runner, a color associated with Mary. Or give the kids each a piece of blue construction paper and have them decorate it to honor Our Lady. Then they can use it as a placemat. In some prominent place, display a statue or picture of Mary and add a bouquet.

2. Make a Marian garden

Get a statue of Mary for your garden, then plant some special blooms. There are so many beautiful flowers and herbs associated with the Mother of God such as roses; lilies of the valley (also known as Our Lady's Tears); rosemary; marigolds (Mary's Gold). Seven well-placed rocks could represent the "crown of the seven joys of Mary." Ten stepping stones could signify a decade of Hail Mary's and could assist you in praying a Rosary outdoors. Even a small patio, corner of a balcony, or kitchen window sill can offer space for a Mary garden.

3. Have a May crowning

Children of all ages delight in a May Crowning. Even the littlest ones enjoy picking flowers to place before the statue or helping to make a flower crown. Craft wire and floral tape go far in helping you to shape flowers in a circlet, or you can use wire to fasten blooms to a blue or white pipe cleaner. You can also teach the children to make a daisy or flower chain making a small slit with your nails into each stem and weaving the stems together. Curving branches of forsythia make a beautiful crown. You may prefer to purchase a pre-made crown that you can re-use each year. Gather around the crowned statue, sing songs for Mary, or say Marian prayers.

4. Offer special Marian prayers

Add a Hail Mary after grace before meals. Say a family Rosary or just a decade together. Try a new Marian prayer that you haven't prayed before, such as the Litany of Loreto, the Memorare, or the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows.

5. Cook for the Queen

Make a special Marian-themed dinner. Here are some easy ideas: Since rosemary is the herb associated with Mary, you might try a dinner of rosemary chicken, and for dessert make a rosary or decade out of small cookies or miniature cupcakes. Decorate with confectionary roses or edible flower petals on the top, or blue or white icing. Or make a Bundt cake, which is naturally molded in the shape of a crown and can help recall Mary's queenship. Decorate it colorfully.

6. Play music that reminds you to think of Mary

Whether it's Marian Gregorian chant, Bach's Magnificat, or Pavarotti's Ave Maria, fill your home with the beautiful sounds of homage to our heavenly mother. If you can play an instrument, you might try your hand at playing anything from "On This Day O Beautiful Mother" to "Gentle Woman."

7. Contemplate a Marian masterpiece

Religious art isn't just for church. Search for classic works of art featuring Our Lady and find a favorite; then get a print for your home. Da Vinci, Raphael, Botticelli ... the possibilities for beautiful images are plentiful.

8. Read a Marian classic as prayer

Here are some suggestions: *The Secret of the Rosary* or *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montford; *The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary*; *The Imitation of Mary* by Thomas à Kempis; *The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God* by Fulton Sheen; or for a newer work try *Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God* by Scott Hahn.

9. Make Saturdays special

Saturday is the day our Church sets aside for Our Blessed Mother. Make a short visit to a church that has a Marian chapel or statue and ask for Mary's intercession. It's a great day to focus on her and let her prepare you for receiving her Son in the Eucharist, either at the Saturday Vigil or on Sunday.

10. Practice acts of charity

Choose one of the noted Marian feast days in May, such as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima (May 13); Mary, Help of Christians (May 24); or Feast of the Visitation (May 31), and do a special act of charity for an elderly relative, someone in need, a new mom, etc. And on Mother's Day, find a special way you would like to honor your Heavenly Mother.



10 Things to know about Pope Francis' favorite image of Mary



*Kathleen N. Hattrup | [Aleteia](#)
published on 04/26/25*

Pope Francis has brought this image, Salus Populi Romani, to the attention of the world.

The **Salus Populi Romani**: The *Protectress of the Roman People*. Sometimes translated the *Health* or the *Salvation of the Roman People*. Pope Francis has brought this image to the attention of the world.

1 TRADITION SAYS ST. LUKE (THE GOSPEL WRITER) PAINTED IT

The Marian image is one of the oldest that exists, and it is traditionally attributed to St. Luke.

According to tradition St. Luke was a very talented young man. He not only wrote a Gospel account and the Acts of the Apostles, he was also a Greek physician and an artist. It is believed that he was close to Our Lady, as his Gospel is the only one with certain details of the Annunciation and the birth of Jesus.

He is held by the Eastern Church as the original “iconographer,” responsible for writing the first icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Many painters throughout the centuries have depicted this scene by placing St. Luke in front of an easel, painting a portrait of the Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus.

There exist multiple traditions surrounding what happened to the original icon(s) that St. Luke wrote. Whatever truth there is behind these traditions, one of the images that is attributed to St. Luke is this favorite of Pope Francis, known as **Salus Populi Romani**.

2 ST. HELENA IS SAID TO HAVE FOUND THE IMAGE

Similar to Our Lady of Czestochowa, it is believed this image was discovered by St. Helena (the mother of Emperor Constantine) and taken first to Constantinople. **By the 6th century the image was transferred to Rome** and ever since has been enshrined in the church of Saint Mary Major.

3 PAINTED ON CEDAR

The icon is painted on a cedar panel and depicts Mary with a dark blue mantle trimmed with gold over a purple tunic, the typical dress of figures of power in 5th-century Rome. It is approximately 46 x 31 inches.

She is holding the Christ Child, who is shown with a book in his left hand, presumably the Gospel. Unlike the 3rd-century representations of similar scenes, **we see Mary, rather than Jesus, looking directly at the viewer.**

4 THE ICON IS HOUSED IN ST. MARY MAJOR, ROME'S BIGGEST MARIAN CHURCH

According to tradition, the founding of one of Rome's most important Catholic churches took place on an extraordinary snowfall day, not in the winter, but in **August** of 352.

On August 5, 352, a wealthy Roman nobleman and Pope Liberius both had dreams in which snow was falling over the Esquiline Hill, one of Rome's seven hills. The two men resolved to visit the place of the unusual event, bumped into one another and testified to the unusual snowfall. It so happened that the nobleman had been looking for a way to donate some of his possessions to the Catholic Church. He then resolved to build a beautiful place of worship on top of the hill where the miraculous snow fell.

Pope Liberius then proceeded to trace the perimeter of the soon-to-be-church by moving a stick over the thick white blanket. Since then, Santa Maria Maggiore (St. Mary Major) has become one of the most important worship sites for Catholics and it is **the largest Marian church in Rome**. It is the **oldest shrine in the West** dedicated to the Mother of God. It is one of the **four papal basilicas**, along with St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls.

The miraculous snowfall is commemorated each year on the feast of the dedication of the major basilica. During the celebration, thousands of rose petals fall from the dome onto the crowd in memory of the miraculous snowfall. Pope Francis attended the celebration last year.

5 USED TO FIGHT PLAGUES -- IN 6TH CENTURY AND IN 21ST

During the 6th century there was a deadly plague that ravaged Italy. It killed a great number of people and was spreading like wildfire.

To counteract this epidemic, **St. Gregory the Great (pope from 590 to 604) turned to God and led a procession throughout the streets**

of Rome. The *Golden Legend* narrates this event and explains what happened next.

A procession with the same image was **repeated in 1348**, during a similar plague. An early 20th-century *Pilgrim's Guide to Rome* describes this miracle.

It was this same image that Pope Francis has brought to St. Peter's Square on March 27, 2020, during the Covid epidemic. During the lockdown, the Holy Father had left the Vatican to pray before the image. He also made another stop: at the foot of a wooden crucifix that protected Rome from a great plague. (This crucifix was also brought to St. Peter's for the momentous 'urbi et orbi' during the pandemic.)

6 POPE FRANCIS GAVE HER A GOLDEN ROSE

On December 8, 2023, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis presented her with a "golden rose."

It was not the first golden rose given to this image of Our Lady. His predecessors Julius III and Paul V made the same gesture at Santa Maria Maggiore in 1551 and 1613.

7 THE IMAGE GOT A "FACE-LIFT" IN 2018

In early 2018, the Vatican released images of the icon following restoration. The restoration uncovered the “delicate” colors of the faces of Mary and Jesus and the “brilliance of the child’s golden robe and the blue of Mary’s tunic,” said Barbara Jatta, the head of the Vatican Museums, according to an AP report.

In an article in *L'Osservatore Romano*, Jatta said that the restoration revealed that the work was painted between the 11th and the 13th century. Tradition had it dating from the 5th century — or even earlier, as it was said to have been painted by St. Luke himself.

8 PIUS XII PRAYED TO HER TO SAVE ROME FROM BOMBING IN WWII

Like many European cities, the Eternal City was at risk of being destroyed in World War II. But the Romans, led by their bishop, Pope Pius XII, called upon the Virgin Mary.

On June 4, 1944, Pope Pius XII and the Catholics of Rome invoked Our Lady of Divine Love. Then in the church of St. Ignatius, they prayed fervently before the icon of the *Salus Populi Romani*, asking the Mother of God's intercession that their city might be spared.

9 FRANCIS VISITED HER 126 TIMES AS POPE, AND OFTEN BEFOREHAND

“Before beginning a trip, and when I get back, I always go to see the Virgin, the *Salus Populi Romani*, so that she will accompany me during the trip as a mother — to tell me what I need to do, to watch over my words and my actions. With the Virgin, I go with certainty.”

This was an explanation the Pope offered about why he would start and end apostolic trips with a visit. He also started his pontificate with her, visiting March 14, the day after his election. And he thanked her with a visit after his hospital stays. His last visit was the day before Palm Sunday, 9 days before his death.

Pope Francis loved St. Mary Major even before he was pope: “When I came [to Rome], I always went there on Sunday mornings, I stayed there for a while. There is a very strong bond,” he said in an interview in 2023.

10 POPE FRANCIS' TOMB IS NEAR HER, BUT NOT IN HER CHAPEL

An alcove near the Pauline Chapel, where the famous icon is located, was chosen for Pope Francis' final resting place.

The Pontiff did not want to be buried inside the Pauline Chapel, which houses the icon of the *Salus*, “because the faithful who come there must pray to the Lord, venerate the Virgin Mary, not look at the tomb of a pope,” Francis had told the archpriest of the basilica.

The image was placed in the sanctuary to the right of the altar during Pope Francis' funeral.



Video



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The Catholic Crusade | 2 min 16 sec

Video



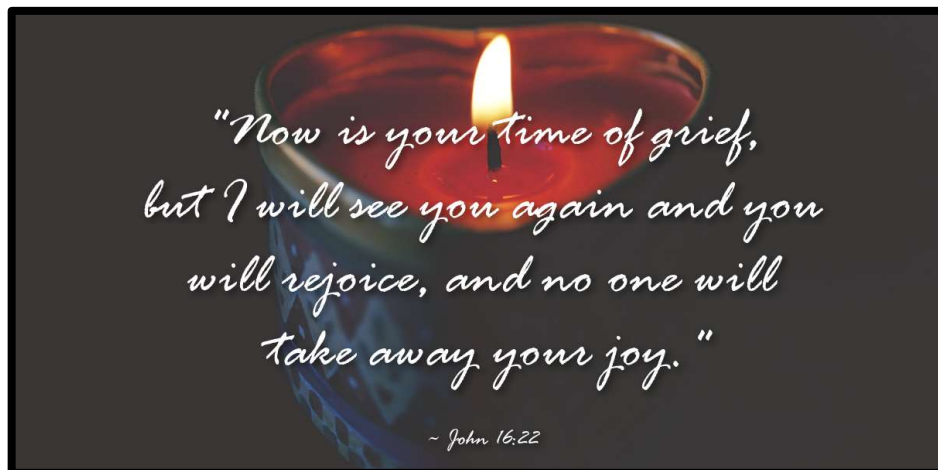
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The Catholic Crusade | 3 min 25 sec



Deceased Members

None to report this month.



Just a Gentle Reminder!

When a CWL member passes away, there is a completed form that needs to be sent to **Debbie Pine**: debbiepine@royalpage.ca as well as to National. Please also send to **Elizabeth Angotti**: elizabethangotti@gmail.com and **Katherine Kehoe**: k.keho88@gmail.com by the 25th of the month. Any questions, contact Debbie.

FORM FOR REPORTING DECEASED MEMBERS

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY AND CORRECTLY
AS RECORDED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP LIST

Name of deceased _____
(as shown on membership list)

Membership number _____

Also known as: _____

Spouse's name (if applicable) _____

Full address _____
(as shown on membership list)

Date deceased _____

CWL parish council _____

Council code _____

Diocese _____

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Parish councils are asked to forward a copy of this completed form to national office immediately upon notification of death, with a courtesy copy to diocesan and provincial chairpersons of faith.

Please do not submit this form if your council has submitted a notification of death through the online membership program.

(date) (signature of council president and/or chairperson of faith) (telephone number)

Mail, e-mail or facsimile to: The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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Email: info@cw1.ca

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Important Diocesan Dates

Saturday, May 31--10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- **Steering Committee Speakers' Forum**
St. Alfred Parish, St. Catharines
Registration Deadline: May 28



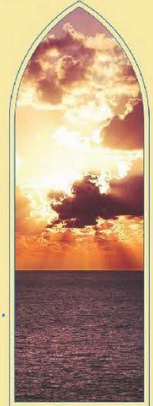
Horizons of Hope - Palliative Care Toolkit for Parishes

Released by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



Interested Parishes!
**Come join us with your pastor
and fellow parishioners to discover
a culture of *LIFE, COMPASSION & HOPE!***

Thank you to Toronto Diocesan CWL member Shirley Christo for her efforts in offering these sessions.
The Ontario Provincial Council is honoured to play a supporting role in facilitating the
zoom sessions and communication of registration details through its networks.



During National Hospice Palliative Care Week St. John Fisher (Toronto Diocese) presents:

Dr. Moira McQueen

Executive Director of Canadian
Catholic Bioethics Institute



**Modules 1 & 2
May 6 & 7, 2025**

Shirley Christo

CWL Life Member
Parish Nurse



Ronald Perinpanayagam

Unity Health Toronto
Catholic Healthcare



**Modules 3 & 4
May 13 & 14, 2025**

Margaret Smith

St. Elizabeth Palliative Care
Parish Nurse



**All sessions are from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Attendance is encouraged for all four modules
You can attend in person or virtually!**

**Location: St. John Fisher Parish Hall-300 Balmoral Dr.
Brampton, ON L6T 1V6**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS: Register here by clicking on the link
below or via the QR Code:**

(All must register in advance)
<https://tinyurl.com/rutfe4yu>

Once registered, a link will be sent via email



Please monitor the following sites for more details as the event draws closer:

www.cwl.on.ca
[OPC Facebook Page](#)





www.serrastc.ca

Serra St. Catharines

"On Eagles' Wings" 5th Annual Golf Tournament 2025



Benefiting Seminarians, Deaconate Candidates, and Religious
Men and Women in the Diocese of St. Catharines

REGISTRATION

Date:

Thursday August 14th

Time:

Check-in: 10:45am
Shotgun Start: 12:00pm
Dinner: 5:30pm
Prizes and Draws: 7:00pm

Questions :

Phone : 416-948-3969 Pat
905-732-4555 Yass

Email : golf@serrastc.ca

Contests:

- Spectator Games & Contests
- Prize Table
- 50/50 draw
- Golfer Contests

Venue:

Niagara National Golf and Country
2302 College Rd Stevensville, ON



Register On-Line

serrastc.ca/golf-tournament-2025/

Golf and Dinner ____ x \$150\$_____

Dinner only ____ x \$45 \$_____

Grand Total \$_____

Completed form and payment due by August 4th, 2025

Team Contact:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY

Team Name: _____

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

\$150.00 Per Golfer

\$45.00 Dinner Guest Only

Please mail form to:

PO Box 1650. Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

E-Transfer: events@serrastc.ca

E-Mail form to: golf@serrastc.ca

Registration fees include:

18-hole green fee, cart fee, dinner,
and welcome gift

☐ I/we don't have a foursome please find me/us a team



The Marian Movement of Priests

**May 10, 2025
Saturday**

*Retreat Day for Laity
at the Mount Carmel
Spiritual Centre,
Niagara Falls Ontario*

Venue: Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre
7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON

Date: Saturday May 10, 2025

Time: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Fee: \$40 per person (lunch included)

Registration:

Contact Kathy at (905) 650-1409 or email her at kabbruscato@protonmail.com by Monday May 5, 2025. Pay at the retreat, cash or cheque.



Holy Mass/ Holy Rosary
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SHRINE TO HOST DAY WITH MARY



by SHELLEY TAMAS

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (*Romans 15:13*)



Dr. Josephine Lombardi

The directors and friends of Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine are overjoyed that Bishop Gerard Bergie has chosen Le Sanctuaire du Rosaire /Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, as one of the five designated sites within the Diocese of St. Catharines, where the people of God can make a **Pilgrim of Hope** journey, during the 2025 Jubilee Year.

On May 24, 2025, the Shrine will host, **A Day with Mary** with Dr. Josephine Lombardi as guest speaker, one of the presenters in the 2025 Jubilee Speakers Series. She is an award-winning author who has worked as a parish minister, university campus minister, high school chaplaincy leader, teacher educator through OECTA, professor of Religious Education, Brock University, St. Catharines, retreat facilitator, faith formation consultant, and program co-ordinator in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Presently she is associate professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, and Director of Lay Formation, St. Augustine Seminary, Scarborough, Ontario. She has done media work in radio and television and has been an advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in the area of doctrine and Catholic-Muslim relations. Her books, **On Earth as it is in Heaven** and **Experts in Humanity**, have been featured on Salt & Light TV.

The day begins at 2 p.m. The schedule of events is not yet finalized; but what is scheduled is that Bishop Bergie will preside at the Eucharistic celebration (fulfilling your Sunday obligation) the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed and a barbecue dinner will be offered, with acceptance of a free will offering.

The outdoor Stations of the Cross will be taken out of storage and installed before Good Friday for those who might be interested. The Shrine will be open from Thursday May 1, 2025 until the last Thursday in October. Mass is celebrated, by a priest of the diocese, every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. preceded by the recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship are enjoyed in the St. Joseph Meeting Room following Mass. All **Pilgrims of Hope** are warmly welcomed to encounter Jesus, the source of hope, at Our Lady's home, an oasis of peace.

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine (Le Sanctuaire de Rosaire) is a home for Our Lady in the Diocese of St. Catharines. This oasis of peace is a humble place of pilgrimage to which the faithful come for prayer and personal reflection.



The Shrine has a French-Canadian heritage, having originated through the prayers and love of the parishioners of l'Eglise Sacré-Coeur in Welland. The original owner of the fourteen-acre property, Mr. Ismael Charest, extended an invitation to all to come pray the Rosary. Thus, the Rosary Fraternity (La Fraternité du Rosaire) was founded, meeting weekly at the Shrine to recite the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady at the east end of the property served as the place of their cenacle, encircled by a rosary of circular patio stones.

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine
4706 Miller Rd, Welland, ON L3B 5N7

If any groups would like to journey to the Shrine during the Jubilee Year, contact Shelley at 905-714-7677 to make arrangements in assisting with the planning of a pilgrimage.





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- Hear personal stories of resilience and strength.
- Engage in meaningful dialogue.
- Learn ways to support Indigenous communities and League sisters.
- Feel empowered to walk together toward reconciliation.

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Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry
Diocese of St. Catharines
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The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

For information or to participate via Zoom, email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com, or call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2025 (Jan - June)

January 13, 2025	The Catholic Faith and Divorce Fr. Paul MacNeil, Presenter
January 28, 2025 (<i>Note date change to Tuesday</i>)	Embracing the New Year
February 10, 2025	Overcoming Loneliness
February 24, 2025	Understanding Loss and Grief
March 10, 2025	Facing Fear
March 24, 2025	Asking for God's Grace Deacon Gunther Eyer, Presenter
April 14, 2025	What is Forgiveness?
April 28, 2025	Learning to Forgive
May 12, 2025	Navigating Change
May 26, 2025	Self Esteem
June 9, 2025	Who Am I Now?
June 23, 2025	Loving and Respecting Yourself
❖ No meeting July and August	
❖ Next meeting September 8, 2025	

Indigenous Teachings Book Study

First Monday of the Month - 2—3:30 p.m. ET

Facilitated by Donna McGreal

Are you interested in learning more about Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation? Consider joining our book study. Each month participants discuss the suggested book or film and then join an online discussion. Indigenous guests may be present for some discussions.

2024-25 Schedule

- September 3: *The Reason You Walk* by Wab Kinew (Premier of Manitoba from Onigaming First Nation, Northwestern Ontario) (NB: This is a Tuesday since Monday is Labour Day)
- October 7: *Split Tooth* by Tanya Tagaq (Inuk, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut)
- November 4: *The Clay We are Made Of: Haudenosaunee Land Tenure on the Grand River* by Susan M. Hill. (Haudenosaunee – Mohawk-Wolf Clan- Six Nations of the Grand River, Ontario). Readers may also want to read: *The Puzzle of the Haldimand Tract* – Phil Monture
- December 2: *Medicine Walk* by Richard Wagamese (Ojibwe, Wabaseemoong Independent Nations, Northwestern Ontario)
- January 6: *Film- Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World* (Documentary narrated by the late Robbie Robertson of Six Nations. (Cayuga/Mohawk, Six Nations of the Grand River, Ontario)
- February 3: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters (Mi'kmaq, Maritimes)
- March 3: *My Conversations with Canadians* by Lee Maracle (Stó:lō Nation, British Columbia)
- April 7: *Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation* by Andrew Stobo Sniderman & Douglas Sanderson (Swampy Cree, Beaver Clan, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, North Manitoba)
- May 5: *Come Dance with Me: A Medicine Wheel Practice of Anishinaabe Catholic Interculturation of Faith* by Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ, ssm. (Henley Inlet First Nation)
- June 2: *Laughing With the Trickster* by Tomson Highway (Barren Lands First Nation, Manitoba) OR 2022 CBC Lecture - *Laughing with the Trickster*



Facilitator Donna McGreal received her Combined BA in English and Cultural Studies and Indigenous Studies at McMaster University. Working on Indigenous Reconciliation is her passion and vocation.



To register and for a list of links to books send an email to concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com.

We will send a Zoom invitation along with further details.

The Meuse to The Seine: Catholic and Cultural Heritage Sites **-- North of France, Benelux, Germany**

May 12-23, 2025 with Fr. Peter T. Rowe



Dear Pilgrims, Parishioners, and Friends:

To find ourselves in close proximity to the holy touches something that is essential to our humanity. Along the way, you may find places that tug at your heart more deeply than others. On the whole, the fruits of the journey will be inestimable!

For you who have been on a pilgrimage with me before, you'll find this one to be very compact in terms of distances covered. If you haven't journeyed with me before, I sure welcome you to the adventure! You'll meet many wonderful people, and we'll traverse four (and more) major river basins: the Meuse, the Mosel, the Somme, and the Seine – all crossroads of European history.

We begin in the Netherlands. In its southeast is Limburg, our base for visits into eastern Belgium and Germany. While perhaps not as well-known as more famous Marian shrines, nonetheless Banneux and Beauraing in Belgium are worth a prayerful visit. The German cities of Aachen and Trier are saturated with historical significance, from Rome's empire to Charlemagne's. Nearby Luxembourg beckons, too.

Our pilgrimage complements Pope Francis' own pilgrimage to Catholic Belgium and Luxembourg (2024) and looks back to St. John Paul being in the Benelux countries forty years earlier (1985). For a small country, Belgium has a remarkable number of cities of art: among them, Brussels, Gent, and Brugge introduce us to the Flemish Masters. We commemorate the sacrifices of so many "in Flanders fields" as we take in Ieper (Ypres), Passchendaele, and Vimy. After traversing the north of France to behold its great cathedrals, we arrive in Paris for an enjoyable couple of days in the city and vicinity.

A phenomenal Jubilee Year pilgrimage awaits you, Pilgrims of Hope!



(Fr.) PETER T. ROWE
Parish Priest / Pastor
St. Vincent de Paul,
Niagara-on-the-Lake

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, PADRE PIO AND ROME

CELEBRATING THE HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

WITH THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF **FATHER STEPHEN BRUZZESE, PASTOR OF ST. DENIS PARISH, ST. CATHARINES.....JULY 7 TO 18, 2025**

ITINERARY

DAY 1, MONDAY-JULY 7

FLIGHT TO DUBROVNIK

We fly to Dubrovnik via Vienna. Relax and enjoy your flights. Complimentary meals and in-flight movies on transatlantic flight only. Group seating for our flight will be pre-assigned by the airline.

DAY 2, TUESDAY-JULY 8

MEDJUGORJE

After landing in Dubrovnik airport and collecting our luggage, we meet our guide and depart for Medjugorje. We will arrive at our hotel and get some rest after the long journey. Each evening, we will attend the parish evening programme which begins with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass and depending on the day, we finish with adoration.

Overnight: Medjugorje

Dinner

Since 1981, in this small village of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. These years that She is spending with us are a time of special Grace granted by God. In Her own words She tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God".

DAYS 3 TO 5, WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY-JULY 9 TO 11

MEDJUGORJE

During our stay, you will experience the beauty and peace of this simple village and have the opportunity to share your faith with pilgrims from all over the world. Here are some of the activities planned for our visit:

Daily Mass: Each morning at St. James Church for Mass.

Climb Apparition Hill: Recite the Rosary while climbing the hill to the place where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady.



Climb Cross Mountain: In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Climb to the top, stopping 14 times along the way to rest and Pray the Stations of the Cross.

Apparitions: Join the villagers and fellow pilgrims in praying the Rosary in St. James Church and stay for the apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries and Blessing of the Sick immediately following.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our Lady has always called us to be close to Her Son. Join fellow pilgrims for Adoration every afternoon at St. James Church.

Meetings with the Visionaries: Pending their availability, the guide will arrange meetings with the Visionaries.

Visit to the Community of Cenacolo: Founded by the Sisters of Charity, Cenacolo is a community for young men and women who have lost their way in life and are on the road to recovery. We will hear their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ: Pray at the bronze statue located on the grounds of St. James Church and witness the droplets of water that miraculously seep out of Christ's right knee.

Overnight: Medjugorje

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, SATURDAY-JULY 12

MEDJUGORJE-DUBROVNIK

We travel to Croatia and arrive in Dubrovnik. Enjoy a walking tour of the old city, under UNESCO protection, for more than 30 years. During our visit we will see Stradun, dive into the history of Rector's Palace, St. Francis Church, explore Sponza Palace, Orlando's Column, the first pharmacy in Europe inside the Franciscan Monastery, as well as interesting churches and city streets. Enjoy some free time to stroll on your own and dinner at our hotel.

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, SUNDAY-JULY 13

DUBROVNIK-SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Today we travel by ferry across the Adriatic Sea towards the city of Bari in Italy. We disembark and head towards **San Giovanni Rotondo**, home to our beloved **St. Padre Pio**, where he spent a lifetime of prayer, penance and self-denial through intense pain. We get settled in our hotel, enjoy dinner and retire for the evening.

Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, MONDAY-JULY 14

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO: ST. PADRE PIO

This Morning we pray at the Old Church, tour the sanctuary and view the crucifix, in front of which St. Padre Pio received the stigmata. We also see the humble saint's confessional from where St. Padre Pio spent an innumerable number of hours listening to the faithful's confession. Later visit to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel in Cagnano Varano.

Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, TUESDAY-JULY 15

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO-LANCIANO-ROME

We say goodbye to Padre Pio and depart towards Lanciano, where we see the greatest Eucharistic Miracle— a consecrated Host that turned into human flesh and has remained so for centuries. Carol Wojtyla, then Cardinal of Krakow, visited the SS. Relics of the Eucharistic Miracle on November 3, 1974. On the guestbook the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II expressed his devotion so: "Let us always believe more in you, have hope in you, love you." Continue our journey to Rome and check-in at our hotel for the last 3 nights of our pilgrimage.

Overnight: Rome

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, WEDNESDAY-JULY 16

ROME: VATICAN CITY

This morning we arrive at St. Peter's Square where we are blessed by the Holy Father (providing His Holiness is in residence). Following the Papal Audience, we have free time to eat lunch and shop for religious souvenirs before embarking on a visit to the incomparable Sistine Chapel. We end the day at St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred, and we join pilgrims from all over the world in celebration of Mass.

Overnight: Rome

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, THURSDAY-JULY 17

ROME

Our last day of Pilgrimage. Enjoy a guided tour of Rome visiting the major Basilicas: St. John the Lateran, (the oldest Basilica in Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope) and across from it, the Holy Stairs (regarded as the stairs climbed by Jesus on his way to face Pontius Pilate). Next, St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Trevi Fountain where we throw 3 coins to ensure our return to the Eternal City and stop by the Colosseum - for a memorable picture. We end the day at the St. Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, which contains a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus.

Overnight: Rome

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, FRIDAY-JULY 18

FLIGHT TO TORONTO

Sadly, our pilgrimage has come to an end. We depart for the airport for our return flight to Toronto. Arrival at Pearson Terminal 1.

END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE.

Breakfast

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

\$ 5,990.00 CAD

Price includes Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes \$ 917.17 CAD – Taxes are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing. Staying in individual room Pay \$ 1140 CAD supplement. See next page for complete list of inclusions.



Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage (Psalm 84)

To register and for more information please contact:



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Sep 2 Afternoon departure from Toronto to Athens on Air Canada direct flight
 Sep 3 Upon arrival in Athens, you are met by your guide and bus driver. Transfer to your hotel. There will be a walking tour with Mass at the Cathedral. Dinner, then free time - overnight at the hotel.
 Sep 4 Today we visit Athens, we see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum & the Propylae. We will ascend Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one & only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient agora, former center of the Athenian public life. Afternoon you will visit the Olympic Stadium, where they were first held in 1896 and then also a tour of the current Olympic Stadium. Afterward free time in Plaka before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.



Sep 5 This morning you will board the ship and sail to the world-famous island of **Mykonos**. The town is a small architectural miracle, with its gleaming, white-washed buildings and windmills, and one of the most cosmopolitan places in the world.

Sep 6 In the morning you will arrive in **Kusadasi**, Turkey, and drive to **Ephesus**, there we will have Mass at the House of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The impressive remains of Ephesus include the **Agora**, the **Theater**, the **Stadium**, the **Library of Celsius**, the ruins of the **Temple of Diana** (one of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”) and many more. Later, you will sail for the island of **Patmos**, where you can choose to visit the **Monastery of St. John**, on one of the island's highest points. From there, you will walk down to the **Grotto of the Apocalypse**, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine.



Sep 7 In the morning arrive at Heraklion, Crete, where you can choose to visit the Minoan Palace of **Knossos**, home to king Minos and his legendary beast, the Minotaur. Then, sail north to the isle of **Santorini**, the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The exquisite, whitewashed villages, including the town of **Fira**, or Thira, cling to volcanic cliffs, accessible by cable-car, or mule.

Sep 8 You arrive in **Pireaus**, Athens, early in the morning and, after breakfast, you disembark and begin your trip to **Meteora**, which has particularly impressive scenery Continue to the Meteora Monasteries, perched upon the summits of gigantic rocks, which have been etched into variety of strange shapes. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



Sep 9 We become acquainted with this great city, the “Queen of the North”, where Paul wrote two epistles to the ancient **Thessalonians**. Our city tour takes us to the Arch of Galerius on the Via Egnatia, where we look over the second largest city of Greece from the Old City ramparts.

Sep10 We visit the beautiful city of **Kavala** (ancient Neapolis), and from there on to **Philippi** which was a Roman garrison town and the chief city in the province of Macedonia. Next, we visit the Panagia Eikosifinitisa Monastery. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Sep11 We continue to **Veria** (Beroea) where we visit the monument dedicated to Paul; we see the Bema where he stood and preached to the people of Veria. Then to Vergina is where Philip built a massive palace and a theatre. The tomb of Philip was found here undisturbed in 1977, full of treasures that are now on display in Thessaloniki's Archaeological Museum. Enjoy a wine tour and wine tasting at a local winery. Continue to Athens. Tonight, you will enjoy a cooking demonstration on Greek cuisine and will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local Greek restaurant.



Sep12 We board our coach for **Corinth**, taking the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Short stop for pictures and continue to the site of ancient Corinth, Paul's beloved city and site of his most extensive ministry. Time for leisure at the port of Cenchrea. Before taking the way back to Athens we will stop to a Greek traditional olive oil farm! You will see how the olive oil is made and taste it. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Sep13 Transfer to Athens International airport for your Air Canada direct flight to Toronto

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Enter through the Holy Doors with Most Reverend Gerard Bergie

October 16 - 24, 2025



Dear Pilgrims of Hope:

His Excellency Bishop Gerard Bergie extends an invitation to join him on pilgrimage to Rome and to enter through the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and the Basilica of St. Mary Major during the 2025 Jubilee Year.

This Spiritual Journey starts on October 16th with a Toronto flight to Rome and coach to Assisi where we honour and pray at the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The tour continues with a full day tour in Assisi. On the way to San Giovanni Rotondo (Shrine of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) we stop in Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle of Jesus.) Via the Montecassino monastery, we reach Rome, enter through the Holy Doors and receive a Papal Blessing. The return flight is scheduled for October 24.

Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, until the max. of 42 passengers has been reached. Please complete the attached booking form. For more information contact Ineke Brinkman, Travel Advisor for Direct Travel and Organizer of Pilgrimage Tours since 1993 at ibrinkman@dt.com or call Ineke at 905.988.1313.

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Catholic Resources

We would like to provide CWL members with a list of Catholic resources, which include apps, podcasts, articles and more.

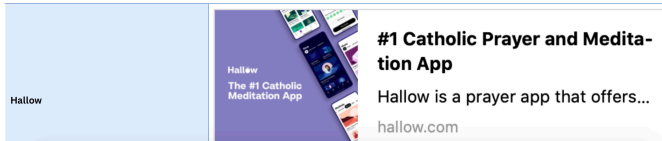
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Resources

We would like to provide Catholic resources to deepen our faith journey as CWL members. Please feel free to suggest any content to our team!

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The Church lists the corporal works of mercy as follows:

1. **Feeding the hungry**
2. **Giving drink to the thirsty**
3. **Sheltering the homeless**
4. **Clothing the naked**
5. **Visiting the sick**
6. **Visiting the imprisoned** (sometimes listed as “**ransoming the captive**”)
7. **Burying the dead**

The Church lists the spiritual works of mercy as follows:

1. **To instruct the ignorant**
2. **To counsel the doubtful**
3. **To admonish sinners**
4. **To bear wrongs patiently**
5. **To forgive offenses willingly**
6. **To comfort the afflicted**
7. **To pray for the living and the dead**

