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The Diocese of

St. Catharines

Annual Reports

2019 and 2020

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Spiritual Adviser - Father Richard Kowalchuk

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**Diocesan President’s Annual Report For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

St. Catharines Diocesan Council 2019 President: Josie Rocca (Frances Murdaca) Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Richard Kowalchuk Members: 2480 Honorary Life Members: 0 Councils: 32 Life Members:13 Regions: 4

· Attended OPC Winter Meeting January 31st, February 1st and 2nd, 2019.

· Chaired Diocesan Executive Meetings on February 20th.  & April 10th

· Scheduled and attended monthly Diocesan Holy Hour on February 28th at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, St. Catharines, ON.

· Hosted Annual Diocesan Workshop on March 2nd. Topic: The Future of the League, Gaining a New Perspective Moving Forward.

· Attended Right to Life Annual Dinner on March 2nd.

· Scheduled and attended monthly Diocesan Holy Hour on March 22nd at St. Patrick Parish, Niagara Falls, ON.

· Attended Respect for Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on March 25th to pray for the sanctity of human life. Diocesan Council along with Parish Council Representatives participated in procession before Mass.

· Organized and attended Annual Diocesan Retreat held on March 27th and 30th at Gethsemane Ministries, Wellandport, Ontario.

· Scheduled and attended monthly Diocesan Holy Hour on April 5th at St. Helen Parish, Beamsville, ON.

· Attended Welland Region Spring Conference on April 11th at St. Alexander Parish, Fonthill, ON. Evening began with praying of the Rosary. Topic: Shoe Box Donations.

· Attended Niagara Region Spring Conference on April 25th at St. Joseph Parish, Stevensville which included Mass followed by guest speaker Fr. Peter Rowe, topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe. High Tea Social followed.

· Attended St. Catharines Region Spring Conference on April 26th celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Evening began with the praying of the Rosary. Guest Speaker, Betty Colaneri, National Council Legislation Chair on the topic: A Century of Faith and Service

**·**  Scheduled and attended monthly Diocesan Holy Hour on May 3rd at St. Anthony Parish, Welland, ON.

· Attended Convention Committee Planning Meetings on February 20th, March 16th, April 10th and May 6th.

· Chaired Diocesan Convention held on May 21st and 22nd, 2019. Theme “Living as Women of Faith”. Speakers included: Dr. Anne Jamieson on the topic “A Recipe for Faith: Choosing and Using the Best Ingredients”. Afternoon speaker: Ted van Der zalm from Wells of Hope.

· Installation Ceremony at Diocesan Convention of new President and Executive

· Attended St. Helen Council 60th Anniversary Mass and luncheon on June 2nd.

· Attended St. Helen Council 60th Anniversary luncheon June 2nd

· Attended St. John Bosco Council 70th Anniversary Mass June 2nd

**Diocesan Council Report 2020**

**President: Josie Rocca Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Fr. Richard Kowalchuk Members: Councils:33 Life Members: 13**

**Regions: 4**

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The St. Catharines Diocesan Council continues to carry out the Mission Statement of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada calling its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Featured in the January 2020 issue of the Ontario Provincial Council Newsletter.

On February 15th 2020 The Diocesan Annual League Development Workshop was held at St Mary Parish, Welland. "Find Your Voice": A Public Speaking Workshop.

The February Diocesan Council meeting was held on Wed Feb 19/20 at St Mary Parish, Welland. Guest speakers, Annette Loeffen, 40 Days for Life, Leone Stilec, Development and Peace and Shelley Gilbert and Louise Librock St Catharines Central Council St Vincent de Paul: North of 60 Project.

The Annual Lent Retreat was held at Mount Carmel Spiritual Retreat and Conference Centre in Niagara Falls on Wednesday March 4th, Thursday March 5th (evening) and Friday March 6th 2020. Fr. Stuart MacDonald, Pastor, St Joseph Snyder was the guest speaker. The Theme was "Lent… A Holy Season of Renewal. "

Welland Region afternoon of reflection Saturday March 14th at St. Therese of Lisieux parish Port Colborne. Guest Speaker : Sylvia Verde: Laudato SI

The St. Catharines Diocesan Council, along with several CWL Parish Councils took part in the National Centenary 2020 Tree Planting project celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women’s League National Council.

62 nd Annual Convention was scheduled to take place on May 12th and 13th: Americana Conference Resort Niagara Falls. Opening Mass: St Thomas More Parish Theme: Growing in Faith to Witness to the Love of God through Ministry and Service Guest Speakers: Tuesday: Jade Bilodeau, NCDSB Student Trustee, Topic: Stewardship, A Student's Perspective.Wednesday: Jennifer Pothier, St Catharines Diocesan Development and Peace, Jim Marino, Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, Brian Kon; Indigenous Lead Niagara Catholic District School Board Fr. Richard Kowalchuk , Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and pastor at Star of the Sea Parish, Port Dalhousie, on the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, May 13, 1995. A mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated at Star of the Sea Parish on October 15th 2020., Anniversaries: St.Patrick Merriton, 60 Years, St Ann Fenwick 30 years

**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada**

**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

**For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

**Past President/Historian Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Frances Murdaca

Parishes Reporting: 31 (94%) Sub-chairpersons:

**Serve in a Consultative Capacity**

* Attended scheduled general and executive meetings, spiritual and social events.
* Called upon for advice by members on average once a month.
* Supported and encouraged the President in her role.

**Be Responsible for Archives and History**

* Slightly over half of the parish council Past President/Historians were responsible for the archives in their Council. (14%) reported that the Secretary or other member is assigned this responsibility.
* (84%) of councils stored archives on Church property; other places included members’ homes.
* Methods of storage consisted of: filing cabinets (73%), photo albums (67%), scrapbooks (50%), banker boxes (43%), memory sticks (13%) and DVDs (7%).
* Councils retain the following records:

Annual reports indefinitely (48%); 1-8 yrs. (32%), 9 – 10 yrs. (3%)

Book of Life indefinitely (90%); 1-8 yrs. (6%)

Deceased member history indefinitely (74%); 1-8 yrs. (13%)

Financial information indefinitely (48%); 1-10 yrs. (52%)

List of past executives indefinitely (65%); 1-10 yrs. (24%)

Membership renewal data indefinitely (48%); 1-10 yrs. (42%)

Minutes of executive minutes indefinitely (68%); 1-8 yrs. (14%)

Minutes of general meetings indefinitely (84%); 1-10 yrs. (16%)

* Other records retained include; pin and award recipients; written reports of executive members and years of service of members.
* (81%) of councils review their archives as needed; (10%) annually; (7%) bi-annually and (3%) every five years.
* (48%) of parish councils maintained a history book, (74%) maintained photo albums.

**Facilitate the Study and Implementation of the *Constitution & Bylaws 2013 (revised)***

* Councils reported having a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws (87%).
* Used the Constitution and Bylaws multiple times a year to help guide decisions they required to make (13%).
* Have a copy of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure (84%).
* Referred to the Manual multiple times a year to help with processes and procedures (16%).
* (36%) of councils have its own manual of policy and procedure.
* (82%) update the manual whenever a policy is changed; (9%) update annually and (9%) update every two years.
* Councils sought advice from Diocesan, Provincial, National Executive and National Office.
* (36%) of parish councils seek advice from their Spiritual Advisor on a monthly basis; (3%) reached out to the local Bishop; (10%) Life members.
* Other duties taken on by the position of past president/historian included: chaired the nominations and elections committee; represented their council at Conventions; chaired executive and general meetings; organized spiritual, social or fundraising events, funeral lunches; chaired a standing committee; prepared newsletters or correspondence; promoted council in parish and community events.

**Diocesan Highlights**

* Our Diocesan Archives Project began at the end of 2019. We are in the process of gathering archives that were kept in members’ homes and finding a permanent home on church property. We have commenced the first stage of the project by retrieving some of the archives and creating an index.
* Diocesan Council supported the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through the Planning Strategically 2018-2020 and informed members at our Annual League Development Workshop and by power point presentation made at our Diocesan Meeting.

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**Past President/Historian Report 2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Frances Murdaca

Sub-chairpersons:

Parishes Reporting: 33 (100%)

**Serve in a Consultative Capacity**

* (70%) always attended scheduled executive and general meetings; social events and spiritual events.
* (24%) were called upon monthly for advice by members; (14%) weekly; (3%) two to three times a month.
* (89%) encouraged the President in her role.

**Be Responsible for Archives and History**

* (45%) were responsible for the archives in their Parish Council.

(24%) assigned the Secretary or other member this responsibility.

* (88%) of councils stored archives on Church property; other places included members’ homes (12%).
* (82%) know the whereabouts of their Council’s charter.
* Methods of storage consisted of: photo albums (88%); filing cabinets (70%), scrapbooks (58%), banker boxes (33%), memory sticks (9%) and DVDs (3%); and CDs (3%).
* Councils retained the following records:

Annual reports; indefinitely (55%); 1-4 yrs. (18%); 5-8 yrs. (12%),

9-10 yrs. (3%)

Book of Life; indefinitely (91%);

Deceased member history; indefinitely (70%);1-4 yrs. (3%);5-8 yrs.(3%)

Financial information; indefinitely (39%); 1-4 yrs. (3%); 5-8 yrs. (55%); 9-10 yrs. (3%).

List of past executives; indefinitely (79%); 1-4 yrs. (3%);

Membership renewal data; indefinitely (70%);1-4 yrs .(12%);

5-8 yrs. (12%); 9-10 yrs. (3%).

Minutes of executive meetings; indefinitely (70%); 1-4 yrs. (9%);

5-8 yrs. (3%); 9-10 yrs. (3%).

Minutes of general meetings; indefinitely (79%); 1-4 yrs. (9%);

5-8 yrs. (6%); 9-10 yrs. (6%).

Records of pin and award recipients; indefinitely (88%); 1-4 yrs. (6%);

5-8 yrs. (3%); 9–10 yrs. (3%).

Written reports of executive members; indefinitely (55%); 1-4 yrs. (3%) 5-8 yrs. (15%); 9-10 yrs. (6%).

Years of service of members; indefinitely (97%).

* (91%) of councils reviewed their archives as needed; (6%) annually; (3%) bi-annually.
* (49%) of councils maintained a history book, (76%) maintained photo albums.

**Facilitate the Study and Implementation of the *Constitution & Bylaws 2013 (revised)***

* (85%) of Councils reported having a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.
* (27%) of Councils used the Constitution and Bylaws once a year to help guide decisions they required to make; (21%) every couple of years; (6%) multiple times a year; (46%) rarely if ever.
* (79%) have a copy of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure.
* (15%) referred to the Manual multiple times a year to help with processes and procedures; (15%) once a year; (12%) every couple of years.
* (30%) of councils have their own manual of policy and procedure.
* (70%) update the manual whenever a policy is changed; (20%) update every five years; (10%) update every two years.
* Councils sought advice from Diocesan Executive; monthly (6%); annually (18%); quarterly (27%); rarely (36%).
* Councils sought advice from Provincial Executive; quarterly (3%); rarely (27%).
* Councils sought advice from National Executive; monthly (3%); rarely (24%). Councils sought advice from National Office; monthly (3%); quarterly (9%); annually (6%); rarely (36%).
* Councils sought advice from their Spiritual Advisor; monthly (30%); quarterly (15%); annually (3%); rarely (18%).
* Councils sought advice from their local Bishop; monthly (3%); rarely (33%).
* Councils sought advice from Life members; monthly (9%); quarterly (6%); annually (9%); rarely (27%).
* Other duties undertaken by the position of past president/historian included: represented their council at conventions (28%); chaired the nominations and elections committee (25%); chaired executive and general meetings (16%); organized fundraiser or charity event (16%); organized social event (16%); promoted council in parish and community (16%); filled the role of a vacant position (13%); chaired a standing committee or task force (9%); organized a spiritual event (9%); facilitated a workshop (6%); prepared agendas (6%); shared information from national and provincial website (3%); organized funeral lunches (3%); prepared newsletters or correspondence (3%).
* (60%) supported the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Planning Strategically 2018-2020.

**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada**

**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

**For the period from January 1 to December 31,2019 Christian Family Life Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St Catharines Chairperson: Heather Tomascin Parishes Reporting: 32 – 97%

**Marriage and Family**

• Councils promoted encounter weekends for engaged couples (6%), marriage encounter weekends (6%) marriage preparation courses (6%) and programs to support happily married couples (3%) • Only 13% of councils had ways in place to support people suffering from domestic abuse. However, many donated to women’s shelters, St Vincent De Paul and a local Refugee Centre. • 31% of councils attended workshops or seminars on the topic of family life

• Between 3-22% of councils celebrated or organized events for Nat’l Family Week, Father’s Day, special anniversaries and Mother’s Day

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**Sanctity of Life**

members and 24% have this brochure available in their church vestibule

• 38% of councils have written to inform legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia, also, 6% of councils have met with • Half the councils held membership in a pro-life organization

• Members attended life chain (66%) 40 days for life (41%) pro life dinners and masses(38% each) march for life (22%) pro life walks (19%) pro life vigils (6%) and 13% participated in a variety of other events. The movie Unplanned was highlighted by several councils

• Money or gifts were donated to these groups which advocate for sanctity of life: local pro life organizations (53%) Euthanasian Prevention Coalition (28%) Birthright (16%) Campaign Life Coalition (16%) Pregnancy and Family Support Services (13%) LifeCanada (3%)

• 9% of councils distribute the current pro-life brochure from national office topro-life legislators

• 25% of councils regularly pray for the protection of life

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**Ministry to Youth**

• 18% of councils have begun to promote the next World Youth Day being held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2022

• Councils participated in parish programs for young people (53%) and encouraged young people to share their gifts in the following: serving at events (65%) lectors (47%) choirs (47%) ushers (29%) cleaning (24%)catechists (12%) other (35%)

• Councils have sponsored youth events or ministries in their parish such as Children’s Liturgy (19%) leadership camps or retreats (13%) youth conferences (9%) NET Ministries (6%) summer camps (6%) Girl Guides of Canada (3%) Steubenville (3%) World youth Day (3%) and other such as Vacation Bible School and Rosary Circle (13%)

• 19% of councils have purchased subscriptions to Catholic mgazines, videos or books for use in the local community, school or parish library

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**Ministry to the Disabled**

• Member have invited disabled persons to take part in liturgical celebrations (29%) • 16% of councils have organized or participated in support groups and respite for caregivers • 22% of councils have urged communities to make churches and other public buildings more accessible

• Councils have arranged for a special designated space with ease of access for wheelchairs in church (47%)

• Have supported shelters or programs designed to assist the disabled (25%) • Council members have reached out to the disabled: visited or called (63%) brought communion (59%) sent cards (59%) prayed (53%) provided transportation (34%) special occasion gifts (25%) organized special events (3%)

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**Ministry to Seniors**

• Since councils themselves have a large proportion of senior members, participation in this area is high: brought communion (72%) visited (69%) involved them in CWL events (59%) sent cards of encouragement (59%) called (59%) gifted them with membership (53%) prayed with them (53%) provided transportation (38%) invited newly retired women to join (28%) organized social events (28%) involved them in intercessory prayer (13%) shared a meal (13%) invited them to share their faith story (9%) initiated social programs and celebrations (6%)

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**Ministry to Widowed**

• Councils have supported widows and widowers in their parish: sent cards of condolence (81%) provided prayer and support after the death of a spouse (63%) arranged memorial services and/or funeral lunches (50%) visited (50%) invited widows to attend CWL meetings and events (47%) called (47%) invited them to attend community events (31%) encouraged participation in programs offered by the parish (22%) ensured there is a bereavement program in the parish (6%) included them in family outings (6%)

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**Ministry to Separated and Divorced**

• Councils have invited them to join group outings (13%) offered their time, should they need a confidante (6%)

• One council has sponsored or attended an informal presentation on the annulment process •

**Vocations**

• Councils have promoted vocations: participated in prayers for vocations (50%) sent spiritual bouquets (50%) adopted or supported seminarians (28%) hosted luncheons for priests and religious (28%) supported Serra (22%) offered mass for vocations (19%) supported priestly retirement funds (16%) invited priests and religious to speak on vocations (13%) supported travelling chalice/crucifix programs (13%) encouraged families to invite priests and religious into their home (9%) encouraged families to discuss vocations with their children (3%) supported discernment events for youth (3%)

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**Christian Family Life Standing Committee Report 2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Heather Tomascin

Parishes Reporting: 33 - 100% Sub-chairpersons:

**Marriage and Family**

**Sanctity of Life**

52% donated to advocate for life organizations; 33% have not

13% gave every member has a copy of the current pro-life brochure

15% have a pro life brochure in the vestibule

3% met with pro life legislators

30% have written letters to inform legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia

58% regularly pray for the sanctity of life

**Ministry to Youth**

13% of parishes have promoted World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2022.

27% participated in youth programs at church

0% had a Catholic Girls League in the parish

40% supported youth summer camps

40% supported Sunday School

27% participated in World Youth Day

**Ministry to the Disabled**

52% sent cards 46% brought communion 46% have not focussed on this ministry at all

**Ministry to Seniors**

58% brought Communion to seniors

58% sent cards of encouragement

55% called

46% paid for their memberships

**Ministry to Widowed**

58% sent cards of condolences

39% provide prayer and support

39% visited

36% did not focus on this ministry

**Ministry to Separated & Divorced**

No one had a seminar or handed out information on annulment or the process

**Vocations**

68% participated in prayers for vocations

32% sent spiritual bouquets

Much less was done or displayed due to COVID

**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada**

**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

**For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

**Communications Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Joelle Toal

Parishes Reporting: 31 – 94% Sub-chairpersons:

***The Canadian League* Magazine**

The highest percentages of usefulness for the League in each category (educational tool, resource, resource for new ideas, spiritual resource and convention oral reports) were indicated to be good by members

Consistently for the League magazine published in the winter, spring and fall of 2019, the President’s massage resonated with members

**Media: for Evangelization**

12% participated in World Communications Day

55% participated in faith-oriented programs

73% did not support or subscribe to Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines

At home viewing of speakers at the National Convention was 9%

52% celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Media: to Promote the League**

Electronic media was encouraged to be used. The National website, telephone committees, meeting minutes and agendas were used more often

Media used to promote the League at the parish level were: 82% bulletin boards, 76% church bulletins and 73% bulletin inserts. The very least used was the Diocesan website and newsletters

**Media: Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content**

15% of councils encouraged members to monitor media content

**Media: Newsletter and Bulletins**

24% produce a newsletter with the parish bulletin and email being the most popular ways to distribute

**Media: Relations**

Majority of parishes do not work with local media

**Pornography**

52% of parishes did not participate in any form of the Pornography Hurts campaign

6% promoted the Over 18 Documentary

3% promoted the film Red Light Green Light

**The Catholic Women’s League of Canada Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report For the period January 1 to December 31, 2020**

**Communications Report \_\_\_\_\_\_2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines, Ontario. Chairperson: Joëlle M.Toal Parishes Reporting: 33 of 33 (100%)

**The Canadian League Magazine**

* The League Magazine was used as resource for advocacy/action, new ideas and spiritual resource.

**Media for Evangelization**

* Councils promoted faith-oriented programs (55%) and World Communication Days (9%).
* Members and Councils supported financially or through subscription: Catholic Register (9%), Salt and Light TV (12%), Mass for shut-ins and Vision TV.
* Used e-mail to send out meeting agendas or minutes (64%)

**Media to promote the League**

* Members were encouraged to use the following to promote the League: visit CWL on Facebook and Twitter (33%), visit website cwl.ca (64%) use of local media to advertise activities and events (46%), organized a telephone committee (61%), prepared news releases (70%), urged Councils to send out meeting agendas and minutes (70%)
* Types of media used most to promote Council activities and events were: church bulletin boards (53%), bulletin inserts (63%), email (59%), school newsletters (13%), telephone committees (44%), diocesan website or newsletters (9%), council websites (9%), local newspapers (25%), council designed promotional brochures (16%), local cable television stations (16%), On the Spot (9%), local radio stations(9%), newsletters in parish bulletins(16%),
* Councils promoted the League through videos: Salt and Light’s Woman on a Mission and CWL’s Testimonials Video.

*Communications Annual Report 2020*

**Media Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content**

* Councils encouraged members to monitor media content (18%)

**Media: Newsletters and Bulletins**

* Councils produced newsletters (15%). Newsletters were prepared by the President (40%), Communications Chair (50%) or by an appointed member or secretary (40%)
* Newsletter is distributed E-mail (60%), Parish Bulletin (60%), Mail (40%), Facebook (20%).

**Media Relations**

* Councils have worked with local media to benefit the League in the following ways: Submitted material for publication (12%), advertised with them (18%), invited them to attend an event (6%), sent thank you cards (3%)

**Pornography**

* Members have taken steps to become informed about the influence that pornography has on children and adults by doing the following: read newspaper articles (43%), reviewed current legislation (29%) and attended a seminar or conference (7%)
* Councils distributed “Pornography Hurts Postcards (9%)
* The Over 18 documentary was promoted by Councils (6%)

Resolution 2017.02 “Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites”. Councils acted by contacting members of parliament, the minister of justice and prime minister (12%), encouraged members to become educated on Internet safety and responsible and appropriate technology use (30%), made members aware of the lack of age verification controls on adult websites (18%), Monitored the federal government’s response to the issue (15%), written to provincial/territorial government to establish procedures to prohibit the sale/rental/distribution to minors of videos, movies and games that contain graphic imagery which promotes violence and even killing as an acceptable behaviour (9%), encouraged that the educational system contains required curricula o provide studentswith the tools to respond thoughtfully and critically to media content (6%), encouraged federal government to continue

*Communications Annual Report 2020*

* supporting research and development of tools to protect children against offensive content on the Internet (12%), encouraged members to educate themselves and their families on safe, wise and responsible internet use (27%).

**Strategic Planning Information**

* Encouraged members to educate themselves and their families

on safe, wise and responsible Internet use (27%), Shared with the members the strategic planning information (42%), Shared with the members the strategic planning information as printed in The Canadian League magazine (33%), Councils aware of the strategic planning monthly updates on the national website (24%), Councils reciting the strategic planning’s Renewal Prayer, found on the national website, at the meetings (15%), Councils viewing the national website (46%).

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**Community Life Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Diane Szydlowski

Parishes Reporting: 32 – 97% Sub-chairpersons: N/A

**Dignity and Rights of Persons**

56% of this chair is filled and 67% were elected

67% have not held this chair previously

43% of those doing this chair we over age 75

56% were familiar with Declaration of Human Rights

100% supported minority groups by volunteering

90% of parishes donated to Domestic Violence and 89% to Homelessness

83% know of the struggles of Indigenous Women but 0% have had Indigenous Women as guest speakers or run a workshop

94% have not discussed Bill C-262 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

72% are aware of the fight against Human Trafficking

**Social and Economic Justice**

91% did not discuss collaboration missions with the Anglican church

97% have not discussed Kairos (Indigenous Rights Circle)

97% have not had a guest speaker guest speaker on any topic related to social and economic justice

72% have encouraged members to participate in the work of organizations caring for others needs

67% provide prayerful support, 33% provide financial and 33% offer volunteer support for affordable housing

13% supported organizations geared towards Indigenous women

3% celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2019 through prayer

**Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship**

50% are informed about Canada's official immigration and refugee policies

Personal understanding of the needs of immigrants and refugees in your community 6% said excellent, 11% very good

Understanding of the availability if English courses 17% excellent, 17% very good, 17% good

Understand financial assistance for food and rent that is offered 6% excellent, 17% very good and 11% good

Understanding country of origin 6% excellent, 11% very good and 33% good

83% know the difference between a temporary foreign worker, immigrant and refugee

63% participated in Remembrance Day Services

38% wear red on Fridays to support the Canadian Troops

**Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (CCODP)**

Due to a review that is currently being done with programs that are related to CCODP, we are unable to fulfill our commitment to the 1% Program at this time. (from National)

**Developing Countries**

33% become aware of conditions of child labour in developing countries

22% become aware of the implications of trade laws and practices in the global economy

17% become knowledgeable through study about the economic difficulties of developing countries

17% criticized structures that put profits before people and pressure governments to change these structures

65% support Chalice

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Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Diane Szydlowski

Parishes Reporting: 33 – 100% Sub-chairpersons: N/A

**Dignity and Rights of Persons**

56% are aware of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Donations were provided to those suffering domestic violence (50%), homelessness (73%) and impoverished (85%)

56% are aware of the struggles of Indigenous women.

75% have not discussed bill C262 – United Nation Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous People

**Social and Economic Justice**

33% were able to assist those in need with supplies.

Prayerful support was offered for affordable housing (75%), anti poverty foundation (57%), before, during and after school programs

(50%) and the anti poverty foundation (57%)

Financial support was given to clothing drives (55%), drop-in centers (33%), emergency shelters for homeless (67%), shelters for domestic abuse (67%)

Due to COVID – no one was able to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day and no one wore orange to promote awareness on the residential school system and the impact it has on indigenous communities for over a century, an impact recognized as cultural genocide.

**Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship**

81% are not versed well to explain Canada’s official immigration and refugee policies so they can be explained to others

13% rated themselves very good in understanding the needs of immigrants and refugees in our community.

19% thought their personal understanding of the need of immigrants and refugees was very good.

Personal understanding of the needs of immigrants were good (44%) in understanding financial assistance for food and rent that is offered, good (19%) for countries of origins of immigrants and refugees and good (13%) in knowing the number of immigrants and refugees in the community

69% said they could explain the difference between a temporary foreign worker, immigrant and refugee.

**Developing Countries**

18% of councils participated in donating to the Pieta Bhavan India, to repair the well cover that was destroyed in a major storm.

3% donated to und the school of children of Adigrat Diocese in Ethiopia with food for the children.

69% are not aware of the implications of trade laws and practices in the global economy

50% are not knowledgeable through the study of economic difficulties of developing countries.

91% of councils participated in the Canadian Food for Children the mission to feed the poor in developing countries.

69% of councils donate to Chalice.

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**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

**For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

**Education and Health Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Deedee Alexandre

Parishes Reporting: 32 – 97% Sub-chairpersons: none

**Catholic Education**

1. **Catholic Schools and Catechesis**

88% Have become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in the Catholic schools in our diocese

50% has investigated the needs of Catholic schools in your diocese that could be met by the council

These needs were noted to be: Scholarships were 85%, Breakfast Program and sacramental development both were 31% respectively

1. **Rites of Christian Initiation**

12% of CWL members are active in the RCIA Program

**Literacy and Continuing Education**

* 29% have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills
* 50% have a current list of Catholic universities or colleges in your diocese and is the information provided
* 44% of councils have a list of scholarships and bursaries that are available and could be accessed by Catholic women to further their education

**Scholarships and Bursaries**

* Only 44% provide bursary or scholarships
* 44% of elementary children received scholarships

**Wellness and Sickness/Disease**

* Only 10 Councils, approx. 33%, took action on resolutions during the past year. There were 8 Councils who took action on Quality End of Life Care and 7 on Hospice Palliative Care.

**Environment**

* 69% of Councils participated in the CWL Water Pledge Challenge Campaign but only 9% celebrated the United Nations World Water Day on March 22, 2019.
* 19 % of Councils acted on the Water Use in Canada resolution.
* The main environmental issues that Councils addressed over the past year were: 69% eliminating plastic water bottles, 56% on recycling, and 44% on reducing the use of Styrofoam cups.

**Genetics**

* The World Health Organization defines genetics as the study of heredity and states genetics scrutinizes the functioning and composition of the single gene.
* The Councils indicated their knowledge in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic Church.

None indicated excellent or very good.

22% indicated good while 19% fair and 13% poor.

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**Education & Health Standing Committee Report  2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Deedee Alexandre

Parishes Reporting: 33 – 100% Sub-chairpersons: none

**Catholic Education: Catholic Schools and Catechesis**

86% Have become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in the Catholic schools in our diocese

39% have investigated the needs of Catholic schools in your diocese that could be met by the council

These needs were noted to be: Scholarships were 77%, Breakfast Program 46%, and sacramental development 39%

**Rites of Christian Initiation**

14% of CWL members are active in the RCIA Program

**Literacy and Continuing Education**

* 21% have you encouraged members to assist those who wish to improve their literacy skills  
  3% have a current list of Catholic universities or colleges in your diocese and the information provided
* 30% of councils have a list of scholarships and bursaries that are available and could be accessed by Catholic women to further their education

**Scholarships and Bursaries**

* Only 55% provide bursary or scholarships
* 67% of elementary children received scholarships

**Wellness and Sickness/Disease**

* 70% did not support any national organizations that focus on health and wellness
* 18% supported the Canadian Cancer Society
* 15% supported the Alzheimer Society of Canada

**Environment**

* 58% of councils participated in the Care for Our Common Home initiative;
* only 9% participated in plastic and waste clean-up
* 42% planted a tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the League

**Genetics**

* The World Health Organization defines genetics as the study of heredity and states genetics scrutinizes the functioning and composition of the single gene.
* The Councils indicated their knowledge in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic Church.

None indicated excellent or very good.

36% indicated good while 43% fair and 13% poor.

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**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

**For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

**Legislation Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Sue Pellerin

Parishes Reporting: 28 – 85% Sub-chairpersons:

**Monitor and Study Legislation at All Levels of Government**

* Most members are able to identify government represents at all levels.
* Almost 50% reported that they receive mailings from government representatives.
* A large number have knowledge of issues discussed at all levels of government.

**Level of awareness of Federal Bills** :

* **Bill C-57** An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act) : 29%
* **Bill C-75** An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and other Acts and to make consequential amendments to other Acts) : 42%
* **Bill C-418** Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act : 42%

**Action taken on Provincial Bills :**

* **ON-19.03** Education & Health-Long Term Care Beds in Ontario

Members acted upon other National resolutions:

* **2019.02** Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons : 16%
* **2018.03** Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in

Dying : 88%

Other activities :

* Re : recent federal election : highlighted information from the CCCB 2019 Federal Election Guide and encouraged members to know the candidates’ positions on poverty reduction, climate change, euthanasia, abortion, conscientious objection. etc

**Briefs and Position Papers**

* Members were made aware of issues of concern and received some direction as to action needed.

**Legislation Standing Committee Report 2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Sue Pellerin

Parishes Reporting: 33 – 100% Sub-chairpersons:

**Monitor and Study Legislation at All Levels of Government**

* On average, 74% of members are able to identify government represents at all levels.
* On average, 60% reported that they receive mailings from government representatives.
* On average, 63% have knowledge of issues discussed at all levels of government.

**Level of awareness of Federal Bills** :

* **Bill C-7** An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying : 60%
* **Bill C-13** COVID-19 Emergency Response Act : 45%
* **Bill C-14** COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 : 45%
* **Bill C-15** Canada Emergency Student Benefit : 42%
* **Bill C-71** An Act to Amend Certain Acts and Regulations in Relations to Firearms : 24%

**Action taken on Provincial Bills :**

* Monitoring Ontario changes to Long Term Care and the need for better pay and more qualified staff in nursing homes

Other activities :

* Highlighted some of the concerns with regard to MAiD (Bill C-7); shared an infographic on palliative care - to contrast MAiD; had a guest speaker from Niagara Hospice, emailed the Star Opinion piece by Cardinal Collins on the dangers of Bill C-7 and the need for more resources for palliative care and hospice.

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**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

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**Resolutions Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Sue Pellerin

Parishes Reporting: 31 – 94% Sub-chairpersons:

**Research and Preparation of Resolutions and Briefs**

* 39% of members have attended workshops on the Resolutions process
* Topics of concern : assisted suicide and helping and informing our community seniors who await placement in a long-term care facility
* Some challenges brought forward : the learning curve, understanding the legalese, presenting reports in a way that the members will understand and follow up, whether it is signing petitions. engaging in letter or email campaigns or personally contacting politicians, changing the culture to encourage advocacy.

**Study and Implementation of Resolutions Passed by Other Levels**

* Specific actions councils have undertaken this year to support resolutions adopted at any level include : signed petitions, made members aware through meetings, e-mail or newsletters, wrote to federal or provincial governments, arranged for a guest speaker, mobilized members to address the issue locally through outreach, organized demonstrations, met with local member of parliament.
* Topics : awareness of the "global" or far-reaching thinking that is happening at our provincial and national levels, campaign focused on water conservation, palliative care and hospice to educate members about this issue in support of the resolution that looks to change Bill C-14.
* It was found that a small percentage of councils were actively involved in contacting members of government, whether at the municipal, provincial, or federal level

**Resolutions Standing Committee Report 2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Sue Pellerin

Parishes Reporting: 33 – 100% Sub-chairpersons:

**Research and Preparation of Resolutions and Briefs**

* 22% of members have attended workshops on the Resolutions process
* Topic of concern: Lyme disease
* Some challenges brought forward: Communicating solely using email, phone and internet instead of having face-to-face meetings, focus and initiative has been difficult to sustained, the shear volume and urgency which local, provincial as well as federal governments are trying to move to correct and regulate circumstances.

**Study and Implementation of Resolutions Passed by Other Levels**

* Specific actions councils have undertaken this year to support resolutions adopted at any level included: signed petitions, made members aware through meetings, e-mail or newsletters, wrote to federal or provincial governments, participated in 40 days for life demonstration
* Topic: Changes to Long Term Care - educated and increased awareness within our members of the issues calling for change
* A small percentage of councils were actively involved in contacting members of government, whether at the municipal, provincial, or federal level.

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**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

**For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

**Organization Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Lisa Fillingham

Parishes Reporting: 32 – 97% Sub-chairpersons: N/A

**Recruit Members and Maintain Membership**

Women aged 16 to 50 were a low demographic as opposed to majority of members being over 70

33% of new members who joined were under the age of 40

Successful recruitment methods were advertising in the bulletin/bulletin boards, personal invitations and envelopes in the collection baskets

0% have non Catholic women involved

Death and moving are the largest factors in not renewing memberships. Moving includes nursing homes

To retain members personal phone calls (63%) and mailings/emails (41%) were most commonly used

Non participatory members were contacted by phone (73%), cards (70%) and visits (70%)

89% of members are recognized through presentation of service pins

Conversations with new members (83%) and introduction at meetings (79%) were the ways most used to introduce new members

63% administer member renewals on line

**Leadership Development**

48% of parishes did not participate in development days

3 women (less than 1%) attended the National Convention

65 women attended leadership workshops while this is the highest area we need to grow in

44% of parishes indicated they have someone in another level of the League

9% of parishes offered leadership skills or mentoring

69% of parishes are able to keep their meetings to the 90 minute protocol

63% did not know what the Catholic Women’s Leadership Foundation offers for development

69% did not promote it at their parishes

**League Resource Material**

Executive Handbook (91%), the League Magazine (88%) and Constitution and Bylaws (88%) were most often on hand for reference

Promotional material purchased were service pins (53%), welcome brochure (38%) and mass cards (28%)

**Annual Reports**

43% of organization chairs did help their executive do these reports

69% used the minutes for reference to complete these reports

**Life Membership**

34% of parishes have life members

Our Diocese did not have any new life members for 2019

47% benefitted from life members residing in their area

**Additional:**

**Report on any League Development Workshops during 2019 including numbers of members attending, facilitators etc.**

Spring Workshop:Strategic Planning was introduced. Where we were to this point and then discussed the Core Purpose, Core Values, Mission Statement and Envisioned future. Group discussion what each term meant and then break out/group work sessions and sharing of answers.

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**Organization Standing Committee Report 2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Lisa Fillingham

Parishes Reporting: 33 – 100% Sub-chairpersons: N/A

**Recruit Members and Maintain Membership**

61% of this position were filled, 55% through election and 45% through appointment

90% have held this position previously

15% of new members who joined were under the age of 40

Successful recruitment methods were asking through personal invitations, advertising in the bulletin or on bulletin boards, social

events, display tables and presentations at Mass

The most effective was personal invitation at 64%

58% of members are recognized through presentation of service pins

Introduction at meetings (79%) and conversations (55%) were the ways most used to introduce new members

61% administer member renewals on line

80% of members reflect the cultural diversity of the parish

Less than 1% of our members are under 35

**Diversity**

Members identified with their ethnicity:

Oceana – 3 people or .15% of the membership; North American Indigenous – 84 (4.2%), European - 699 (34.95%); Latin, Central or South America – 48 (2.4%); Caribbean – 20 (1%); Other North American – 805 (40.25%); African – 16 (.80%); Asian – 32 (1.6%); Unknown – 293 (14.65%)

Parish Executives identified with these ethnicities: Oceana - 0; North American Indigenous – 6.5%; European – 35.75%; Latin, Central or South America: .55%; Caribbean – 1.75%; Other North American – 44.80%; African – 0; Asian - .65%; Unknown – 10%

80% of the membership believe it s true reflection of the cultural diversity and community.

**Leadership Development**

95% set annual goals with members in put

49% of parishes indicated they have a member in another level of the League

55% do not know the latest activities of the Strategic Planning Implementation

Percentage of Members participate in the following: fundraising – 40%, meetings – 40%; social events – 35%; spiritual events 35%

**Annual Reports**

45% of organization chairs did help their executive do these reports

100% of the parishes did the reports

**Life Membership**

32% of parishes have life members

Our Diocese did not have any new life members for 2020

**Additional:**

**Report on any League Development Workshops during 2020 including numbers of members attending, facilitators etc.**

Winter Workshop: Anna Tremblay and Lisa Henry facilitated Find Your Voice. 65 members attended and the workshop was very well received.

Due to COVID 19, everything else for the year was postponed.

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**Recording Secretary ‘s Annual Report 2020**

Diocese: St.Catharines Recording Secretary: Cathy Crabbe

Parishes Participating: 33 (100%)

**Duties of the Recording Secretary**

* 50% were elected to this position; 32% were appointed
* This position is held for 2.55 years on average
* 52% are a signing officer for official documents
* 64% know where the council charter is
* 70% maintain a list of executive contact information
* 44% of councils have a motion book
* 62% have a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries
* 53% had a copy of the Persona Letter Writing Guide from National
* 42% Keep a copy of each executive member’s monthly and annual reports

**Challenges**

Chair vacant

No computer or lack of skills

Trying to become paperless (within guidelines)

**Successes**

Gathering email lists and being able to communicate with members during the pandemic was very successful

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**Spiritual Development Standing Committee Report 2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Ethel O’Brien

Parishes Reporting: 32 – 97% Sub-chairpersons: N/A

**Spiritual Growth of Members**

Out of the 45 parishes in the Diocese, 32 councils responded to the theme “Care for Our Common Home”. 2 councils held a retreat, 1 hosted a workshop, 5 invited a guest speaker, 7 prepared prayer services, 17 reflected on the theme at meetings, 6 studied “Laudato Si” and 11 didn’t choose to spend time studying the theme this year. 18 councils spent at least one third of their time on Spiritual Development of their members, while 13 responded they do not.

A variety of liturgies and programs were organized: 8 adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 audio / musical media events, 2 candlelight vigils, 20 crowning of Mary, 26 deceased member services / funeral honour guard, 5 Divine Mercy, 4 intercessions, 2 Litanies, 24 Masses, 5 Novenas, 30 reciting the League prayer, 15 retreats, 15 scripture reflections, 11 seasonal prayers, 11 Stations of the Cross, 20 Rosary / Living Rosary, 5 visual displays, 21 World Day of Prayer. In addition, councils were very creative in offering a variety of other programs and devotions, to their members. The most widely used planning resource was the Living with Christ missal.

**Study of Catholic Teachings**

3 councils studied the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1 studied the CCCB website, 6 attended lay formation programs, 1 searched Vatican Website

**Role of Women in the Church**

A few councils have shared in some capacity the article “The Genius of Women” with their members. 7 councils had undertaken studies of women in Scripture while 11 have promoted an awareness of women’s place in Church and society found in Scripture. Our councils had undertaken these leadership roles within their parishes: 15 Diocesan council / committees, 17 parish committee chairpersons, 12 parish finance committee, 8 parish pastoral councils, 1 pastoral associate.

**Evangelization and Mission Assistance**

4 councils participated with the Knights of Columbus in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. 22 councils had a subscription to Catholic Missions in Canada magazine, 4 councils monetarily supported Esk-Omi Missions and 2 councils monetarily supported St. Francis Xavier Mission. Some councils contacted Catholic Missions in Canada or other Canadian Missions with monetary help and food and clothing offerings.

**Lay Ministries**

Council members had participated in lay ministries as: 12 Catechists, 28 choir / music, 18 cleaning, 24 decorating, 30 Eucharistic ministers, 12 facilitator, 23 hospitality, 28 Lector, 10 Sacristan, 15 ushers. These CWL members actually chaired / organized the following committees: 5 Catechists, 7 choir / music, 7 cleaning, 7 decorating, 6 Eucharistic minister, 4 facilitator, 11 hospitality, 4 Lector, 4 Sacristan and 1 usher.

**Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours**

1 council initiated joint prayer services with other churches, 1 with other faiths, and 6 councils did both. 2 councils invited women from other churches to their meetings. 7 councils invited women from other churches to social events and 6 councils invited people from other churches and faiths. 2 councils invited other churches to listen to a joint speaker and 2 councils invited both other churches and other faiths.

5 councils celebrated a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 4 councils participated in Women’s Inter-church Council of Canada. 19 councils participated in World Day of Prayer. 3 councils participated in WUCWO Day

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**Spiritual Development Standing Committee Report 2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Chairperson: Ethel O’Brien

Parishes Reporting: 33 – 100% Sub-chairpersons: N/A

**Spiritual Growth of Members**

100% of the 33 councils responded to the theme “Care for Our Common Home”. The break down of how each council celebrated the theme … 7 councils discussed at meeting, 11 councils did nothing due to Covid, 4 councils shared the prayer, 2 councils discussed water conservation, 1 council discussed loneliness, 1 council implemented using less paper, 1 council discussed the tree planting for the 100 year anniversary. Most Spiritual Development chairs were unable to discuss the theme because of Covid and lack of meetings. 17 councils managed to spend 1/3 of their business meeting on Spiritual Growth while 16 were unable to.

A variety of liturgies and programs were organized: 9 some type of prayer, 4 masses prior to meetings, 1 Rosary, 1 Lenten retreat, 1 learned about the Beatitudes, 10 nothing due to Covid. We were unable to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady this year as we were closed due to Covid. Spiritual Advisors attending meetings … 11 always, 10 sometimes, 7 never, 5 most of the time.

**Study of Catholic Teachings & Role of Women in the Church**

25 churches did nothing to encourage studying of Catholic teachings due to Covid. 8 churches managed to ask their ladies to read or listen at masses and online forums to learn more about Catholic teachings and the role of women in the church.

**Leadership Roles in the Church / Lay Ministries**

Leadership roles in the church as: 12 parish finance committee, 10 parish committee chairpersons, 9 diocesan council / committees, 6 parish pastoral councils, 4 other, 2 pastoral associates, 15 none of the above. Council members had participated in lay ministries as: 4 Catechists, 4 choir / music, 6 decorating, 11 Eucharistic ministers, 3 facilitator, 12 hospitality, 10 Lector, 1 Sacristan, 3 ushers. These CWL members actually chaired / organized the following committees: 4 Catechists, 9 choir / music, 9 decorating, 8 Eucharistic minister, 2 facilitator, 10 hospitality, 7 Lector, 9 Sacristan and 3 usher.

**Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours**

3 councils initiated joint prayer services with other churches, 1 with other faiths, and 9 councils did both. 5 councils invited women from other churches to their meetings. 6 councils invited women from other churches to social events and 6 councils invited people from other churches and faiths. 4 councils invited other churches to listen to a joint speaker and 3 councils invited both other churches and other faiths.

10 councils celebrated a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 4 councils participated in Women’s Inter-church Council of Canada. 23 councils participated in World Day of Prayer. 0 councils participated in WUCWO Day due to Covid.

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**Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report**

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**Treasurer’s Report\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2019**

Diocese: St. Catharines Treasurer: Karen Hofstede

Parishes Reporting: 31 of 31 (100%)

**Annual Report Survey**

* Thirty-one (31) councils reported
* Seven (7) more than last year
* Thirty (30) of the treasurer’s position is filled (97%)
* Twenty-five (25) were elected (83%)
* Nine (9) have been members for more than twenty-five (25) years (39%)
* Nineteen (19) have held this position previously (83%)

**Receive All League Monies**

* Membership fee will remain the same (100%)
* The bulk of membership fees were collected in December (55%) and November (52%)
* Bulk of per capita fees sent in January (39%) and February (36%)
* Assists the organization chairperson in remitting per capita fees
* Councils undertook fundraising initiatives such as Annual Bazaars (55%), Bake Sales (55%), Funeral Lunches (39%), Lottery/Raffles (39%)

**Pay All Accounts and Signing Officer**

* Paid all accounts by cheque (100%)
* Acted as one of the signing officers (100%)
* Councils (100%) required the signature of two of the three signatories on every cheque
* Signing officers on cheques: treasurers (100%), President (90%), Recording Secretary (52%), Past President (16%), other (3%)
* Cheques are signed only after they are made out (100%)

**Annual Budget**

* Fifteen (15) Councils (48%) prepared an annual budget that was presented to the membership for approval in January (56%), February (43%)
* Thirty (30) Councils (97%) presented a financial statement at monthly general meetings
* Twelve (12) Councils had their books examined annually by an independent individual experienced in accounting (39%)
* Council books were examined by an experienced bookkeeper (50%), Accountant (17%), and audit technician (8%), CPA(8%), other (17%)
* One (1) Council suggested that the audit of books been done every 2 years at the end of the term

**Treasurer’s Activities Report**

The following activities were performed:

* Prepared and presented the 2019 budget
* Processed cheques and deposits
* Maintained the financial ledger
* Prepared annual report for provincial treasurer
* Prepared updated financial reports for all executive meetings
* Prepared all financial information for review
* Ensured that financial statements were forwarded to the voting and accredited delegates 21 days prior to the annual convention

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**Treasurer’s Report\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2020**

Diocese: St. Catharines Treasurer: Karen Hofstede

Parishes Reporting: 33 of 33 (100%)

**Annual Report Survey**

* Thirty-three (33) councils reported
* Thirty (30) of the treasurer’s position are filled (97%)
* Three (3) are held by other executive members

**League Monies**

* Membership fee will remain the same (100%)
* Limited fundraising was done in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions therefore donations to all entities were down
* $3,919 was donated to the League’s National Voluntary Funds, $200 to the National Bursary Fund, $49,838.93 under the various standing committees and $22,871 to parishes for a total of $76,828.93, a decrease of 52.3%
* Paid all accounts by cheque (100%)
* Acted as one of the signing officers (100%)
* Councils (100%) required the signature of two of the three signatories on every cheque
* Thirty-two (97%) used cheque books; twenty-nine (88%) used bank statements; twenty-six (79%) used deposit books; seventeen (52%) used ledger books; eleven (33%) used spreadsheets; five (15%) used receipt book; five (15%) used computer programs and 1(3%) used a disbursement book to keep track of their receipts and disbursements

**Annual Budget**

* Twenty Councils (61%) prepared an annual budget that was presented to the membership
* Twenty-two Councils (67%) had their books examined annually by an independent individual experienced in accounting

**Treasurer’s Activities Report**

The following activities were performed:

* Prepared and presented the 2020 budget
* Processed cheques and deposits
* Maintained the financial ledger
* Prepared annual report for diocesan treasurer
* Prepared updated financial reports for all executive meetings
* Prepared all financial information for review

**Membership Achievements**

**Increase in Membership**

Third Place - Star of the Sea, President Connie Tracey - 5%

Second Place - St. Joseph, Grimsby, President Maureen Crane - 9%

**First Place - St. Julia, President Naty Canaria - 13.5%**

**ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS REPORT**

**PARISH COUNCILS & DIOCESAN COUNCIL 2019**

**Special Anniversary of Parish Council 2019**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish Council 60th Anniversary

St. Helen Parish Council 60th Anniversary

St. Stephen Parish Council 95th Anniversary

**Insignia Pins**

Silia D'Angela, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Ersilia DelDuca, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lisa Pizzacalla, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Valerie Rollins, Our Lady of the Scapular Manon Bilodeau, Our Lady of the Scapular Esther Marcos, Our Lady of the Scapular Lynne Orr, Our Lady of the Scapular Karen Sequeira, Our Lady of the Scapular Linda Thompson, Our Lady of the Scapular Anne Marie Dominic, Sacred Heart Annette Loeffen, Sacred Heart Sandra Downs, St. Alfred of Rome Nicole Pigeau, St. Catherine of Alexandria Katherine Kehoe, St. Catherine of Alexandria Mary Crossan, St. Julia Mary Garrett, St. Julia Ruth McLean, St. Julia

Linda Docherty, St. Julia Jackie Kerry, St. Julia Kathy Ogundokun, St. Julia Catherine Dugo, St. Julia Edith Matuch, St. Julia Mary O’Neill, St. Julia Joanne Morello, St. Michael Pam Yasko, St. Michael Rikki White, St. Therese of Lisieux

**5 YEAR PIN**

Marie Fast, Star of the Sea Laura Fillingham, Star of the Sea Margaret Ford, Star of the Sea Merlyn Johnston, Star of the Sea Carol-Anne McIntyre, Star of the Sea Irene Savage, Star of the Sea Idella Serafini-DeLuigi, Star of the Sea Marta Skaab, Star of the Sea Joan Sim, Star of the Sea Angela VanKralingen, Star of the Sea Mary Stanley Tirone, St. Alexander Suzanne Tiffin, St. Alexander Norma Kehoe, St. Catherine of Alexandria Rose Ann Mullally, St. Catherine of Alexandria Mitcheline Oakes, St. Catherine of Alexandria Frances Prindiville, St. Catherine of Alexandria Katherine James, St. Catherine of Alexandria Claire Beckermann, St. Julia Naty Canaria, St. Julia Valerie Honsberger, St. Julia

Marilyn Plouffe, St. Mary and St. Ann Mae Del Puerto, St. Michael

**10 Year Pin**

Judy Wooldridge, Our Lady of the Scapular Ellen Parker, Our Lady of the Scapular Rose Brown, Our Lady of the Scapular Veronica Grant, Our Lady of the Scapular Carol Campaner, Our Lady of the Scapular Carmen Gomez-Palacio, Our Lady of the Scapular Jean Speller, Our Lady of the Scapular Lorraine Savriga, Our Lady of the Scapular Maria Nespeca, Our Lady of the Scapular Carol Grace Lundy, Our Lady of the Scapular Phyllis Kelly, Star of the Sea Mary Jane McIntee, Star of the Sea Deedee Alexandre, St. Alexander Mikell Bering, St. Alexander Donna Bitondo, St. Alexander Maria Ferrara, St. Alexander Miranda Mencfeld, St. Alexander Edna Chin-Yet, St. Alfred of Rome Carla Lafergola, St. Alfred of Rome Mary Plata, St. Alfred of Rome Frances Van Esch, St. Alfred of Rome Bernice Kramer, St. Catherine of Alexandria Siglinde Zimmerman, St. Catherine of Alexandria Donna Jeynes, St. Julia Noreen Garafolo, St. Kevin Cheryl Laur, St. Michael Mary Ann Ruske, St. Michael Jennifer Foster, St. Theresa of Lisieux Nancy Klukach, St. Theresa of Lisieux Leah Gordon, St. Thomas Aquinas Barbara LaBatte, St. Thomas Aquinas Yvonne Wowk, St. Thomas Aquinas Antoinette Colosimo, St. Thomas More Mary Flynn, St. Thomas More Diane Giammarco, St. Thomas More Philomena McCracken, St. Thomas More Eva Hunsburger, St. Thomas More

**15 Year Pin**

Theresa Citrigno, Our Lady of the Scapular Marilyn Quinn, Our Lady of the Scapular Barb Devine, Star of the Sea Ann Monster, Star of the Sea Celestina Stanziano, Star of the Sea Marie Gobbi, St. Alexander Kim Holland, St. Alexander Catherine Malon, St. Alexander Christine Wraight, St. Alexander Jean Rosie, St. Alfred of Rome Pat Schaubel, St. Alfred of Rome Mikki Petrella, St. Michael

**20 Year Pin**Leona Brinda, Our Lady of the Scapular Lidia Carlesso, Our Lady of the Scapular Marina Fohr, Our Lady of the Scapular Angela Uguccioni, Our Lady of the Scapular Sheila Cline, Star of the Sea Karen Lee, Star of the Sea Lucia Malvestuto, St. Alexander Edna O’Rourke, St. Alexander Ghislaine Vandenbosch, St. Alexander Patricia McDonnell, St. Alfred of Rome Emily Green, St. Catherine of Alexandria Joanne Bin, St. Michael Margaret Niederland, St. Michael Shirley Vorstenbosch, St. Michael

**25 Year Pin**

Anna Girotti, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Sharmila Andrews, Our Lady of the Scapular Sally Schuyler, Our Lady of the Scapular Helen Henye, St. Alexander Teresa Schlosser, St. Alexander Mary Glumac, St. Alfred of Rome Louise Ostrynski, St. Alfred of Rome Alfreda Zacharjasz, St. John Bosco Mabel Ball, St. Julia Jo-Anne Miani, St. Kevin Eileen Taraba, St. Mary of the Assumption Kathy Engel, St. Stephen Barb Harper, St. Stephen Carol Smith, St. Stephen Linda DiBartolomeo, St. Theresa of Lisieux Jean Jules, St. Thomas Aquinas Leona Watson, St. Thomas Aquinas

**30 Year Pin**

Bridget Sacco, Our Lady of the Scapular Karla Gilmore, Star of the Sea Helen Klerks, Star of the Sea Corrie Mooren, St. Alexander Catherine Craig, St. Alfred of Rome Mary Lou Davis, St. Alfred of Rome Phyllis Bonomi, St. Catherine of Alexandria Collette Saranchuk, St. Catherine of Alexandria Marie Grodde, St. Joseph, Grimsby Leitha Marucci, St. Joseph, Grimsby Margaret Champion, St. Julia Lee Bowen, St. Mary and St. Ann Pat Smith, St. Mary of the Assumption

**35 Year Pin**

Joelle Toal, Star of the Sea Eva Battaglini, St. Alfred of Rome Lucy Favotto, St. Alfred of Rome Elly Olthof, St. Catherine of Alexandria Phyllis Tota, St. Joseph, Snyder Norah Behlau, St. Julia Jeanette Kamendy, St. Julia

**40 Year Pin**

Irene Warkentin, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Margaret Morandin, Our Lady of the Scapular Bibianne Henry, Sacred Heart Paulette Helesic, Star of the Sea Jean Roberts, Star of the Sea Mabel Barnard, St. Alfred of Rome Anne Camus, St. Alfred of Rome Veronica Collini, St. Alfred of Rome Nancy Grodesky, St. Alfred of Rome Maria Clifford, St. Catherine of Alexandria MaryJane Collee , St. Joseph, Snyder Anna Ferrara ,St. Joseph, Snyder Marg Brunning, St. Joseph, Synder Rhea Laus, St. Helen Nancy Winslow, St. Helen Hannah Zamprogna, St. Helen Vi Knebel, St. Julia Irene Gyetko, St. Kevin Barbara Wolek, St. Kevin Toni Ten Den, St. Mary of the Assumption Carol Handley, St. Mary of the Assumption Lynda Bertulli, St. Mary of the Assumption Georgette Taylor, St. Mary of the Assumption Gloria Bliss, St. Michael Pauline Taylor, St. Michael Theresa Ruigrok, St. Stephen Theresa Tamborine, St. Stephen

**45 Year Pin**

Albina Comin, Our Lady of the Scapular Elsa Santin, Our Lady of the Scapular Janice Rivest, Our Lady of the Scapular Anne Adam, Star of the Sea Theresa Bujtas, Star of the Sea Sylvia Heidebrecht, St. Alexander Lillian Diggins, St. Julia Angela Kachur, St. Mary of the Assumption Angilina Ciprian, St. Mary of the Assumption Maria Ghirardi, St. Mary of the Assumption Marge Johnston, St. Michael Mary Kingston, St. Michael Joyce Lea, St. Michael Joan Rogala, St. Michael Joyce Schofield, St. Michael

**50 Year Pin**

JoAnn Luciani, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Joanne Priestman, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Betty Sobanski, Our Lady of the Scapular Ida Marcellini, Star of the Sea Sheila Howcroft, Sacred Heart Mary Carpenter, St. Alfred of Rome Mary Pizzo, St. Julia Carolyn Crowley, St. Julia Isabelle Facette, St. Kevin Sally Kerr, St. Kevin Janette Bertulli, St. Kevin Shirley Caylor, St. Mary and St. Ann Pam McBride, St. Mary and St. Ann Mary Van Gentevoort, St. Mary of the Assumption Theresa McKellar, St. Michael Alma Sullivan, St. Michael Gladys Lynch, St. Stephen Ruth Ibey, St. Thomas More Rena Stewart, St. Thomas More Katie Pirko, St. Thomas More

**55 Year Pin**

Jessie Rocco, St. Alexander

**60 Year Pin**

Margery Longo, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Shirley Brunet, St. Helen Rina Hendriks, St. Helen Teresa Pachereva, St. Helen Margaret Smallbone, St. Helen Rita Ferri-Morgan, St. John Bosco Edna Ecker, St. Michael the Archangel Mary Barrey, St. Michael the Archangel Ann Loeffen, St. Theresa of Lisieux Mary Alice Albano, St. Thomas More

**65 Year Pin**

Dorothy Sutherland, St. John Bosco Alice Sherk, St. Joseph, Snyder Fern Bunz, St. Michael the Archangel

**70 Year Pin**

Helen Antal, St. John Bosco Phyllis Carter, Star of the Sea Jacqueline Cornelius, Star of the Sea Elizabeth Mindorff, St. Michael

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**

Lisa Fillingham, Star of the Sea Florence Paul, St. Alexander Edna O’Rourke, St. Alexander Denise Levar, St. George Gloria Trombley, St. George Maria Scott, St. Joseph, Snyder Bea Kore, St. Joseph, Snyder

**ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS REPORT**

**PARISH COUNCILS & DIOCESAN COUNCIL 2020**

**Increase in Membership**

Third Place - St. Joseph (Grimsby), President Maureen Crane - 9.1 %

Second Place - Star of the Sea, President Connie Tracey - 9.3%

**First Place - St. Martin of Tours, President Carolyn Vaughan -** **13%**

**Special Anniversary of Parish Council 2020**

**The Cathedral of St.Catherine of Alexandria Parish Council**

**85th Anniversary**

**Insignia Pins**

Christina Ciancio, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Tanya Garofolo-Cirone, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Angiolina Gabriele, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Rebecca Gabriele, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Tracy Gabriele, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Gerri McManamy, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Darlene O’Brien, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mary Draper, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lilly Gasparotto, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Rose Sirianni, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mary Caterini, Star of the Sea Sheri Duns, Star of the Sea Susan Eaton, Star of the Sea Selina Hagopian, Star of the Sea Sheila Hill, Star of the Sea Nancy Linkson, Star of the Sea Anne Marie MacDonald, Star of the Sea Liliana Selimovic, Star of the Sea Julie Sicurelli, Star of the Sea Jane Sneek, Star of the Sea Louise Steele, Star of the Sea Seddem Abbew-Jackson, St. Catherine of Alexandria Jacquie Bastings, St. Catherine of Alexandria Claire Corupe, St. Catherine of Alexandria Jennifer Fraser, St. Catherine of Alexandria Pam Kline-Howley, St. Catherine of Alexandria Leslie Landlot, St. Catherine of Alexandria Patricia Nash, St. Catherine of Alexandria Katherine Kee, St. Catherine of Alexandria Absoede Ogunmeeun, St. Catherine of Alexandria Joyce Fabbro, St. Helen Margaret Henderson, St. Helen Brenda Tokarchuk, St. Helen Janet Uhrun, St. Joseph Snyder Candice Foley, St. Julia Donna Markarian, St. Julia Diane Michaud, St. Julia Shirley Pyper, St. Julia Toni Peters, St. Patrick Caledonia Judith Valentine, St. Patrick Caledonia Jushna Ekperigin, St. Patrick Caledonia Sinead Graham, St. Thomas More

5 YEAR PIN

Marie Brophy, Star of the Sea Linda Dirks, Star of the Sea Susan Marrone, Star of the Sea Karen Shakespeare-Eckstein, Star of the Sea Marianne Switilek, Star of the Sea Kate Dirks, Star of the Sea Tracey Findlay, Star of the Sea Brenda Miculan, Star of the Sea Mary Jane Stacey, Star of the Sea Margo Wynhofen, Star of the Sea Danielle Pine, St. Alexander Laura Donatelli, St. Alfred of Rome Alba Fiorino, St. Alfred of Rome Linda Gosling, St. Alfred of Rome Regina Hammond, St. Alfred of Rome Nicola Mancini, St. Alfred of Rome Michelle Scott, St. Alfred of Rome Denuta Wagner, St. Alfred of Rome Audrey Doucette, St. Catherine of Alexandria Jocelyn Malangis, St. Catherine of Alexandria Andrea Piller, St. Catherine of Alexandria Eleanor Adams-Keltos, St. Julia Maureen Dugo, St. Julia Linda Hicks, St. Julia Bev Marciniec, St. Julia Diane Lougheed, St. Mary/St. Ann Mary Dueck, St. Michael

Murielle Robinson, St. Michael Helen Nitza Stapleton, St. Michael

Mary Jo Panetta, St. Patrick Caledonia Alice Niles, St. Patrick Caledonia

10 Year Pin

Anita Berzins, Our Lady of the Scapular Rosalba D’Addio, Our Lady of the Scapular Yolanda Fera, Our Lady of the Scapular Ellen Parker, Our Lady of the Scapular Mabel Barbisan, Sacred Heart Lauren Eldrige, Sacred Heart Ann King, Star of the Sea Lorna Reid, Star of the Sea Cynthia Ratkovsky, Star of the Sea Lois Yakelashek, Star of the Sea Margaret Jones, St. Alexander Janet McPherson, St. Alexander Sonja Pizzacalla, St. Alexander Nancy Perotta, St. Alexander Monica Fabello, St. Alfred of Rome Gerry Korsmit, St. Alfred of Rome Louise Minniti, St. Alfred of Rome Carol Collins, St. George Rosanne Onciul, St. George Maria Luisa DeStefano, St. Helen Maria DiLettera, St. Helen Joanne Minello, St. Helen Rita Adams, St. Helen Elena Bakker, St. Helen Alda Bianco-Dolino, St. Helen Kate Dyson-D’Onofrio, St. HelenLouise Huisman, St. Helen Nancy Michener, St. Helen Bonnie Savegnago, St. Helen Andree O’Mara, St. Julia Moira Durocher, St. Joseph Snyder Josephine Hodge, St. Joseph Snyder Maria Scott, St. Joseph Snyder Dulcie Susin, St. Joseph Snyder Lucia D’Addario, St. Kevin Margita Galat, St. Kevin  Anna Kuhar, St. Kevin Sharmain Vandenbrink, St. Thomas Aquinas Caroline Matovic, St. Thomas More

15 Year Pin

Kate Gordon, Our Lady of the Scapular Eileen Stevens, Our Lady of the Scapular Phyllis Kelly, Star of the Sea Katrina Wallace, Star of the Sea Yvonne Scott, St. Alexander Ivana Wilson, St. Alexander Donna (Raby) Zimmer, St. Alexander Darlene Aubin, St. Alfred of Rome Maria Archibald, St. Helen Pat Cadeau, St. Helen Terri Della Manna, St. Helen Carol Lampman, St. Helen Helena McNeil, St. Helen Barbara Abramek, St. Julia Marion Frendo, St. Julia Majella Laliberte, St. Julia Brenda Coleman, St. Mary of the Assumption Carol Spencer, St. Michael Lucy Cuviello, St. Thomas More Carmela Altieri, St. Thomas More

20 Year Pin

Peggy Boutin, Our Lady of the Scapular Coletta McGrath, Star of the Sea Barbara Burke, St. Alfred of Rome Irma Pawlowski, St. Julia Dora Neudorf, St. Mary of the Assumption Ann Marie Hudak, St. Michael Anne Kranics, St. Michael Sister Loretta Rollheiser, St. Thomas More Paula Scott, St. Thomas More

25 Year Pin

Jean Czop, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Clara DelGobbo, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Rose Fatels, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Sandra Romano, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Donna Quattrini, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Jane Celentino, Our Lady of the Scapular Donna Cole, Star of the Sea Margaret Hendrie, St. Alexander Josephine Karner, St. Alexander Mira Josipovic, St. Alfred of Rome Denise Kelly, St. Alfred of Rome Marie Lund, St. Alfred of Rome Barbara Burke, St. Alfred of Rome Josephine Carver, St. George Barbara O’Keefe, St. George Lorraine Martin, St. Helen Shirley Collee, St. Joseph Snyder Elaine Fitzgerald, St. Kevin Mary Gratton, St. Michael Anne Long, St. Stephen Karen Whittington, St. Stephen Joanne Masiah-Neelin, St. Thomas Aquinas Mary Ellen O’Brien, St. Thomas Aquinas Marilyn Shea, St. Thomas Aquinas Marguerite Labelle, St. Thomas More

30 Year Pin

Barbara Piro, Our Lady of the Scapular Polly Corso, Star of the Sea Jacquie Karabinos, Star of the Sea Mercedes Demkowitz, St. Catherine of Alexandria Leona Dempsey, St. Alfred of Rome Naomi Perera, St. Alfred of Rome Clelia Petaroia, St. Alfred of Rome Arlene Pizzacalla, St. Alfred of Roma Louise Butko, St. Julia Eva Palencar, St. Julila Anne Braham, St. Patrick Caledonia Maria Luis, St. Thomas Aquinas Celine De Grosbois, St. Thomas Aquinas Assunta Basil, St. Thomas More Maria Vacca, St. Thomas More

35 Year Pin

Ada Giancola, Our Lady of the Scapular Mary Honsberger, St. Catherine of Alexandria Sonia Ippel, St. Alfred of Rome Lucienne Chemerka, St. Alfred of Rome Marianne Allen, St. Mary of the Assumption Corinne Rowland, St. Mary of the Assumption Anne McGrinder, St. Patrick Caledonia

40 Year Pin

Vera Tarapcik, Our Lady of the Scapular Rita Visentin, Our Lady of the Scapular Holly Baker, St. Alfred of Rome Carmelina Passero, St. Alfred of Rome Clarisse Burton, St. Helen Sandra Mactaggart, St. Helen Chris Albano, St. Kevin Marney Donohue, St. Kevin Mary Lescesin, St. Kevin Gail McSorley, St. Mary/St. Ann Josephine Gillespie, St. Patrick Caledonia Helen Goodale, St. Stephen Thea Hanrath, St. Stephen Diane Hoover, St. Stephen Sheila Austin, St. Thomas More Nicki Diodati, St. Thomas More

45 Year Pin

Doreen Wigglesworth, St. Alexander Theresa Armstrong, St. Alfred of Rome Lorette Bauer, St. Alfred of Rome Anna Blair, St. Michael

50 Year Pin

Maria Falovo, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Sheila Howcroft, Sacred Heart Linda Valade, Our Lady of the Scapular Janet Madere, St. Alfred of Rome Rita Maloney, St. Alfred of Rome Jacqueline Herman-Wing, St. Julia Rebecca Leon, St. Kevin Karen King, St. Mary/St. Ann Mary Rykhoff, St. Michael, Dunnville Irene Marr, St. Michael the Archangel Kathleen Pierroz, St. Stephen

55 Year Pin

Anna Tartaglia, Our Lady of the Scapular Dorothy McIntyre, Star of the Sea Paula Brisson, St. Alexander Katie Eigner, St. Alexander Antonia VanHezewyk, St. Alexander Mary Imiolo, St. Alexander Helen Dubnickky, St. Mary/St. Ann Karen Swayze, St. Patrick Caledonia

60 Year Pin

Joan Devine, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Betty Gheidoni, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Olga Kenney, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Teresa Miksza, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Jean Venzon, Our Lady of the Scapular Laurie Turner, Star of the Sea Helen Hendriks, St. Helen Jane Rose, St. Kevin Rose Manchella, St. Michael Margaret Long, St. Stephen

65 Year Pin

Colleen Hayes, St. Alfred of Rome Jenny Zaroda, St. Alfred of Rome Theresa Peischl, St. George Mary Cameron, St. Kevin Mary D’Amico, St. Kevin Mary Fromberger, St. Kevin Jean Chmiel, Sacred Heart

70 Year Pin

Theresa Howe, Star of the Sea Mary Jane McIntee, Star of the Sea Marie Leon, St. Kevin

Maple Leaf Service Pi**n**

Colleen Drake, St. Helen

100th Anniversary Trees

Catholic Center

Our Lady of Scapular

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Star of the Sea

St. Ann, Fenwick

St. George

St. Helen

St. Joseph, Grimsby

St. Joseph, Snyder

St. Julia

St. Mary of Assumption

St. Therese of Liseux

St. Martin of Tours

St. Thomas More

The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

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| In Action During a Pandemic  During a time where nothing is normal and things are hard to  do, look at our wonderful Diocesan CWL’s and all they have accomplished during these trying times!!! This is a combined  Report instead of individual Regional Chair Reports as two are vacant.  St. Catharines - Lisa Fillingham, Interim  Welland - Debbie Pine  Haldimand - Vacant  Niagara Falls - Laurie Anderson  Newsletter - No one appointed  Reach out- call to membership to see how everyone was doing  Christmas Cards with hand written messages by executive mailed to all members  Easter cards also sent out to all members.  Continued to support all the charities we usually do in spite of not having as many fundraisers. Started a prayer group to say prayers for anyone asking us. Prayed the Rosary by conference call in May Made reusable masks & washable bags for healthcare workers Made calls to all members, to keep in touch and ask how they were Had a virtual meeting Prayer Shawl Ministry continued We continued giving rides to medical appointments if needed Continued volunteer work where allowed, ie. at food bank and hospice We held a lovely Installation Ceremony in January to formally welcome our executive for 2020-2021. We held a Communion Breakfast in January with Fr. Rico’s mother, Carmelina Passero, as our guest speaker. We collected cake/cookie/muffin mixes for donation to a village in Nunavut. We participated in World Day of Prayer. We prayed together for increased access to palliative care. We prayed for and had a special mass for Christians living in the Holy Land. We participated in the Grimsby Life Chain. We planted our 100th anniversary tree! We collected 1594 pairs of socks and donated them to four charities in the Niagara Region. We assisted at our annual Memorial Mass to remember those in our parish family who had died over the previous year. Presented 15 Prayer Shawls Only 2 children received their First Holy Communion (between church closure times) - Presented each with - Mass book, Rosary and pamphlet how to pray the Rosary Forwarded all Prayer Services & Retreats received electronically and encouraged them to participate. ( I have only 13 members with e-mail ) Send or presented 4 Mass Cards for Deceased Member or Husband (only a few members were able to watch funeral service on life stream) Planted 100th anniversary tree (in front of church near statue of St. Therese) Presented 27 poinsettias to all parish shut-ins at Christmas. Planted Centenary tree Winter wear donations were collected for the homeless (out of the cold program) Supported North of 60 program Supported Pieta Bhavan (House of Mercy project) India We reached out to members by calling them and we also sent out thinking of you cards/Happy Easter cards. Held an outdoor gathering with social distancing in Sept/2020 We participated in Life Chain - Oct4, -2020 Planted tree for 100th anniversary- Oct/2020 Bishop Bergie celebrated mass for our 85th Anniversary of inception as a parish council on Oct.25th, 2020 Recently Feb. 2021 started prayer shawl ministry. Keeping in touch with our members via Telephone Committee and E-Mail Committee was even more diligent than usual. Extra telephone calls were made to our Seniors. Also, Easter and Christmas cards were mailed to our Seniors. \*Organize, organize, organize.... several members have been sifting through their home files and adding to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League permanent history files. \*Planted a tree - 100th Anniversary \*Learned how to Zoom and Go To! Emoji Provided gifts for sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation as well as materials for preparation Prayer shawl ministry made many shawls for the sick in the parish.... my husband treasures his..... and also for new babies. They also made a great number of 'ear savers' for frontline workers early in the pandemic. They are a very hard working group and also donated many lap quilts and baby quilts to charitable groups in the community All virtual retreat and online prayer opportunity information was forwarded to all members in order to allow them to participate as they were able. In honour of the 100th anniversary of the CWL, we planted a Serviceberry tree near the shrine to Mary on the Church grounds. We made a donation to North of 60 to buy cake mixes and to the Catholic Near East Welfare Committee. While many of us made efforts to keep in touch especially with members who lived alone or did not have access to a computer, one of our members called a number of members every Tuesday to keep in touch.... and the day that Olga forgot, she received several calls to make sure that she was okay! We also met together on a number of occasions on Zoom or Google Meet to keep in touch. Crochet grocery/produce bags (This is done in the name of CWL with an environmental plus) and some scarves that were made and sold online as a fundraiser. Sacred Heart gave all elderly members a box of cookies and a card at Christmas we also called for a distance visit We also had a CWL Mass for members between lock downs Prayer Shawl Committee worked all year on Prayer Shawls and lapghans. As well hats, scarves, mittens made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry were donated to Out of the Cold and Westview Women’s Center Made 25 family gift baskets for Chez Marie Held a CWL Memorial Mass for deceased members, their spouses and children Cancer turbans made Held a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Father Richard Kowalchuk’s 25th Anniversary and saying good bye to Deacon Ed West Soctober with all donations to Out of the Cold Over 1000 ear savers made for our feeder schools Cards at Christmas for members Easter cards sent to every member Lent and Advent Retreats Virtual Meetings Door Checker and Ushers are all CWL members 100th Anniversary Tree planted Deliver palms for those who are not attending Mass | | | |  |  |  |
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| Here is a prayer I found in [*Heart Cries to Heaven*](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1846252296?ie=UTF8&tag=dietofbookwor-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1846252296) by David Campbell. It seemed very appropriate for the start of the 2021 - 2022 St. Catharines CWL Diocesan  Our great and Gracious God,  As we come to the close of another year, we would indeed make it the prayer of our hearts that you would abide with us.  We thank you that you have been with us through the days of this past year.  Perhaps many a day we have not felt you near,  Perhaps at times we have even felt that you have  forsaken us and forgotten us but we thank you  that it has never been so.  We thank you that you are constantly with your people, and that you have enabled us to persevere in grace,  You have comforted our hearts,  You have heard our prayers,  You have come so often to our aid.  We pray that you will go with us into this new year.  There is none of us who knows what the new year will hold, but we thank you that every moment of that year is in your hands, and you will be with your people.  We thank you that with that promise girding us, we can go forward with confidence and in your peace. We pray that you will help us to walk with you in this new year better than we have ever done before. Forgive us, Grant to us, as the days of the new year unfold, an ever closer walk with you.  Help us to put sin to death,  Help us gladly yield our lives unreservedly to Jesus Christ, our Savior, and God that we may regard ourselves entirely at his disposal to be, to go, to do, as he would wish  We pray that it may be our privilege to serve him,to bring glory to him, to help others to know him better, and to help some, indeed, to come to know him for the first time.  Have mercy, we pray, upon those connected with us who come to the end of this year and their hearts are still closed against you, still hardening their hearts against you.  Spare them, O God, we pray; spare them! Grant that this new year would mark the beginning of new life in Jesus Christ. We are so thankful for the almighty Holy Sprit, for his limitless power  to bring conviction of sin, to give new birth, and to draw those who are away from you to faith and to repentance.  We pray, Lord, that you would do that in the hearts and lives of all who are upon our hearts.  For Jesus’ sake,  Amen. | | | |  |  |  |
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