



Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League

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Ponderings

*It's that time of year again!
Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea
Saturday, November 16, 2019
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

New Members Join the Catholic Women's League of Canada "For God and Country"



(Left to right) Mary Ditullio, Melanie Ducharme, Amelia Pierce and Shirlene Condie-McVeigh. Absent were: Elisa Barlow, Tamara Bass-Taggart, Andrea Boutilier, Kelsey Godbout, Mafadla Ann Meyers and Madeleine Morison.

On Wednesday, September 4th, 2019, during the General Meeting, nine new members were welcomed to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League of Canada, raising the number of members to 221. During the ceremony, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, Council President stated, "We welcome all new and current League members and visitors. We pray that your membership will be most enjoyable and fulfilling. As members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, we are guided and inspired by our Mission Statement. *'The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God'*" She then lit each new members' candle as a symbol. "You have been given lighted candles as a reminder of the candle you received at your baptism. Let your light shine before all, so that your good works may give glory to God."

CWL Prayer for Renewal

God of new beginnings, ever faithful God, we thank You for Your constant care for the women of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

We have sought to serve You in faith by service to Your people.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we continue to discern Your call to seek justice and build Your Kingdom on earth each day.

We ask Your guidance as we plan the evolution of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

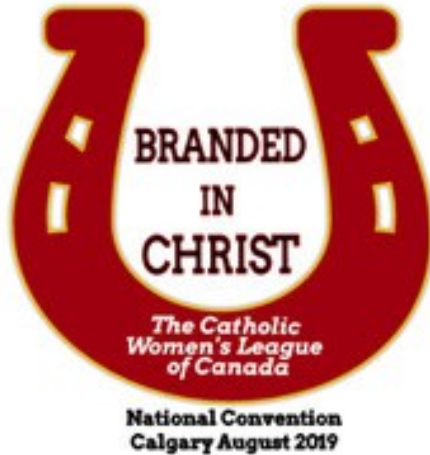
Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength.

May each of us open her heart and mind to Your will and welcome the new life You bring to the League.

We ask this through Jesus, Your beloved Son and Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

AMEN





Highlights from the 99th National CWL Convention

Article by: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, Council President

Day 1: The convention opened in beautiful Calgary, Alberta, with a Eucharistic celebration and reception at St. Albert the Great church. Then, business meetings commenced with committees and provincial presidents presenting their reports. It is always good to hear what other areas are doing, such as: knitting for children, workshops on faith, service and social justice, gift bags for women's shelters, finger puppets for children, working with Catholic school boards to maintain Catholic education, discussion on how to reduce plastics, and sponsoring meals .. Just to name a few.

Day 2: We broke up into different groups to discuss how we are living Laudato Si.

Group 1—Living Laudato Si: Practical tools on how we can care for “Our Home/Common Home.”

Group 2—Spiritual Practice and Care for our Common Home

Group 3—What the Catholic church says about Care for Creation and why it is fundamentally Catholic that we are “good stewards” of the environment.

Group 4—A Carbon Conversation! Why it is so hard to change? How can we respond, understanding change, maintaining the motivation to change. The conversation is something that we will likely introduce at a future meeting, with the intent of introducing more ways to initiate change.

In the afternoon Sr Dorothy Ederer, a Dominican nun from Grand Rapids, gave a wonderfully engaging, amusing and spiritual talk on “What is our Common Home?” She made me realize that our common home is not just local (where we live) but includes the entire world and the people in it. No falling asleep during her talk ... she was very interesting!

Day 3: Wednesday concluded the reports and included new business.

We heard from Canadian Home Missions and witnessed the donation to that group in the amount of \$38 000. A motion was made and adopted that there be a Day of Prayer for this ministry. More information will follow after a day has been chosen.

We received information on Christian Families Overseas, informing us of the struggles of families who try to live Christian lives in third world countries. A donation was presented to that group in the amount of \$15 000. A motion was made and adopted that we have a Day of Prayer for this organization and group. More information will follow when a day has been chosen.

Information was shared from the Coady International Institute, keeping us updated on the good work that they do. We watched a video and were thanked by some of the women around the world that the Coady Institute has helped to education. A donation of approximately \$24 000 was given to the representative from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Two resolutions were passed and will be taken to the Canadian Government early next year. More information will be release on the resolutions at a later date.

I am one of many. I belong to a sisterhood from which I can draw spiritual and temporal support, comfort and strength in times of need. I am reminded of my religious teachings and responsibilities. I am aware of my culture and my country.



Message from the Christian Family Life Chairperson

As of September 13th, for the month of September, 27 masses for vocations were offered and approximately 200 prayers were said.

Life Canada's gala was held in Vancouver in August of this year. The feature guest speaker was Raymond Arroyo, whom many of you might know from EWTN. The gala raised \$100,000 to support Life Canada's initiatives.

Life Canada's executive director, Natalie Sonnen talked about the success of The Dying Healed Program, it's recent National Poll and a new initiative The Missing Project. The Missing Project is a 75-minute documentary reflecting on 50 years of abortion in Canada through the testimonials of 50 individuals. The documentary can be accessed at www.missing-project.com. I viewed some of the testimonies and found them quite moving. Life Canada's National Conference will be held in Calgary on November 8th and 9th.

North Bay and Area Right to Life/ProVie Life Chain will be held on October 6th on Lakeshore Drive from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come join them for an hour of peaceful, prayerful witness in support of the Unborn.

The North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Center is now incorporated. An application for charitable status has been initiated. They expect approval in approximately 6 months. Volunteers are always welcome.

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THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE TURNS 100! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THESE CELEBRATIONS!

2020 will mark 3 momentous occasions as the Catholic Women's League turns 100 at various levels.

Please plan on joining us! It won't be a celebration without you!

April 24 to 26, 2020 - The Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada will be turning 100 and will mark the occasion with their 100th annual convention which will be taking place right here in North Bay at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre!

June 17, 2020 - Our very own Pro-Cathedral CWL council will be turning 100 and we will be celebrating with a mass and following that, a banquet at the Davedi Club.

August 9 to 12, 2020—National Convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in Montreal.

These occasions will have very special events and presentations to celebrate these grand milestones. The women of the CWL past and present have made significant contributions to their local communities, country and in some cases, globally. We are proud to have such an incredible legacy of serving God and Canada for 100 years and we're not done yet!

Watch the bulletin and quarterly issues of Ponderings for more details of these events as the dates draw closer!



Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League

Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

Saturday, November 16th, 2019

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Parish Hall, 480 McIntyre St. West

Raffle prizes: \$1,000, \$750, \$250

Tickets on sale at Bazaar

\$1 each or 6 for \$5!

Wheelchair accessible entrance on Algonquin Ave. side of the church



Care for our

Common Home

For more information about our council visit us on the web at www.procathedral.ca

The Ponderings newsletter is located on the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption webpage under "groups". All questions and ideas can be forwarded to Leah Pierce, Education & Health Chair, at pn.thebay@gmail.com

The Heritage and Hidden Treasures tables are always a popular shopping location at the Bazaar. Convenor, Wilda Beaupré, 705-497-8124 is ready to receive your donations of gently used items such as linens, jewellery, fine china and crystal, household items, purses, scarves, Christmas decorations, artwork, toys, games etc. Thank you for your generosity.

Interested in putting your creativity to work making decorations for our upcoming Bazaar?

Contact Annette Dutrisac for more information at 705 495 4584.



Upcoming Meetings & Events 2019

Events

5 Oct - CWL Lasagna Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser

16 Nov - CWL Christmas Bazaar & Tea Fundraiser

4 Dec - CWL Christmas Dinner

Meetings

Executive Meeting Dates

28 Oct 19

25 Nov 19

General Meeting Dates

2 Oct 19

6 Nov 19

4 Dec 19