

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

PEMBROKE DIOCESAN COUNCIL



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

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Let us give thanks for the world around us.
Thanks for all the creatures, stones and plants
Let us learn their lessons and seek their truths,
So that their path might be ours,
And we might live in harmony, a better life.
May the Earth continue to live,
May the heavens above continue to live,
May the rains continue to dampen the land,
May the wet forests continue to grow,
Then the flowers shall bloom
And we people shall live again.

--Hawaiian indigenous prayer

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Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary for Help and Protection During the Coronavirus Pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. **AMEN.**

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin. **AMEN.**





May 2020

My Dear Sisters in the League

This year, 2020, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of our national organization, The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we do not know whether we will be able to come together at some point in 2020 to celebrate this milestone, but let each of us celebrate this great organization by reading the history of the CWL. You will find it on the CWL website cwl.ca. From there go to Manuals, and under the National Manual of Policies and Procedures, on page 11, you will read the historical background on the formation of the CWL. Then under the same heading "Manuals" click on 1990-2005 Supplement to League History. It's a most interesting read. I feel so honoured to be a part of this dynamic organization.

After the first convention, which was held in Montreal, June 17th 1920, "more than 100 councils were organized across Canada within the next year, by women travelling across Canada, visiting small and large centres in every diocese, inspired by the motto 'For God and Canada'". (National Manual of Policies and Procedures, pg. 11) The Pembroke Diocesan Council was formed in 1921, along with 4 parish councils – St. John Chrysostom, Arnprior, St. James the Less, Eganville, St. Columbkille, Pembroke and St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew. In 2020 we have 30 parish councils.

In 1891, Pope Leo XII's papal encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, called for workers to have right to dignity, form unions, and to just wages and fair working conditions. This encyclical planted the seed for the formation of the Catholic Women's League, which sprouted and grew over the next 30 years. The quest for social justice has always been a part of the CWL mandate. As we enter into our second century, and are carving out our new strategic plan, let us remember the work that our fore mothers accomplished, and continue to work for Faith, Service and Social Justice.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bless Us
Joan Lemay

Pembroke Diocesan Executive 2019

Spiritual Advisor	
President	Joan Lemay
Past President/Historian	Carmel Rumleski
President Elect/Organization	Elaine Turner
Secretary	Donna Provost
Treasurer	Nancy Guyea
Christian Family Life	Annette Chaplin
Communications	Bev Drouin
Community Life	Pat Weller
Education and Health	Sheila Bielawski
Legislation	Karen McKibbon
Resolutions	Karen McKibbon
Spiritual Development	Irene Perrault
Life Member Liason	Margaret Maloney

Pembroke Diocesan CWL Life Members

Sheila Bielawski	1997	St. Michael's, Douglas
Andrea Bonneau	2007	Our Lady of Sorrows, Petawawa
Bev Drouin	2014	St. Anthony's, Chalk River
Mary Hass	1994	St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew
Margaret Maloney	2007	St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew
Suzanne Mullins	2011	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Braeside
Irene Perrault	2003	Our Lady of Lourdes, Pembroke
Donna Provost	2016	St. Mary's, Quyon, QC
Carmel Rumleskie	1999	St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay
Sylvia Smith	1999	St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew

Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Keray O'Reilly, CPA, CMA

April 5, 2020

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Pembroke Diocesan Council
c/o Nancy Guyea
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Renfrew, ON K7V 2J4

Dear Mrs. Guyea,

Please find enclosed the financial statements for the Catholic Women's League of Canada Pembroke Diocesan Council for the year ended December 31, 2019.

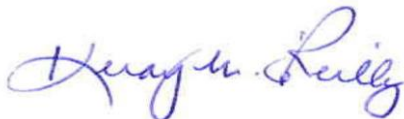
Enclosed are the following:

1. Statement of Assets.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement - Diocesan Account.
3. Financial Summary.
4. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

The Diocesan Treasurer's Report is to be prepared and filed by you.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report
For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019**

Treasurers Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 15/30

Chairperson: Nancy Guyea
Sub-chairpersons: None

- 15 councils had a treasurer.
- 8 treasurers were elected, and 7 treasurers were appointed.
- 7 treasurers were members of the CWL for 25 years or more.
- The membership fees in all 15 councils remained \$20 for 2019.
- 15 councils retained financial statements for 5 years.
- A variety of booking methods were used.
- 14 councils paid all accounts by cheque.
- 2 signatures are required on all cheques.
- 11 councils prepared and presented a budget to their parish council.
- 14 councils presented financial statements at general meetings.
- 12 councils had their books examined by an independent individual experienced in accounting.

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

Diocese: Pembroke
President: Joan Lemay
Members: 1763
Councils: 30

Spiritual Advisor: None
Honorary Life Members: None
Life Members: 10

- Diocesan Executive presented The CWL Strategic Plan throughout the diocese. Over 80 parish council members attended. There was positive response to the strategic plan.
- Councils throughout the diocese held prayer sessions for 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care in May.
- Diocesan executive completed presentations on the executive positions with presentations at the spring meeting on Communications and Education and Health and at the annual convention on the Treasurer and President positions.
- Pembroke Diocesan Annual Convention was hosted by St. Michael's CWL Council, Douglas. St Michael's Council was celebrating its 80th anniversary. Over 100 delegates attended and heard a motivating presentation from then OPC President-Elect Colleen Perry titled "We Can Make A Difference". Author Phil Small spoke about his book On the Way to Here: Reflections on Things that Matter. Three councils were presented with anniversary certificates. In keeping with National's theme, Care for Our Common Home, a collection was held and a donation of \$1700 was made to Water First organization.
- Diocesan Executive held a one day retreat in Eganville. Father Ken O'Brien led the retreat. We contemplated the CWL Mission and how members can live the mission through prayer and action.
- A Day of Reflection was held in September for all councils in the diocese. Two CWL members, Carol Sulpher and Betty Ross spoke about "The Genius of Women" with reference to saints and women in the bible to demonstrate leadership and actions of women throughout history. Combined with this day, we held our annual service for deceased CWL members and spiritual advisors.
- At the Diocesan Fall Meeting in October, Anita Bowles from Life Canada spoke on "Loneliness at the End of Life", and Diocesan Community Life Chair Pat Weller, and Education and Health Chair Sheila Bielawski gave an informative presentation titled "A World Without Plastics. Can We Make It Happen?"

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Corresponding/Recording Secretary

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 14/30

Chairperson: Donna Provost
Sub-chairpersons: N/A

- The survey indicated that 64% (9) of councils' secretaries were appointed.
- 29% (4) of councils had a recording secretary and 14% (2) had a corresponding secretary.
- 21% (3) of councils had combined corresponding and recording secretary.
- 86% (12) of councils had a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries. Secretaries attended 100% of the executive and general meetings. Sixty-seven percent of council secretaries took the roll call.
- Copies of the Agenda were distributed 75% of the time.
- The secretary was the signing officer for 67% (8) of the time.
- Fifty-eight percent (7) of council secretaries helped the President with the preparation of the Annual Report.
- Secretaries took minutes of the meeting 100% (12) of the time and distributed the previous meeting minutes for approval.
- The secretary kept a list of the executive with contact information 92% (11) of the time.
- Fifty-eight percent (7) of the secretaries did not have a motion book.

- Twenty-five percent of the executives always gave a written report at the meetings (3) while 33% (4) never did and 42% (5) sometimes did.
- 36% (5) of council secretaries were responsible for sending cards.
- 67% of council secretaries notified members of meetings and events.
- 88% (7) of council secretaries used parish bulletins to notify members about meetings. Other methods used were telephone, e-mail, cell phone/text, parish website, and Facebook.
- Fifty percent (7) of the councils owned the CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide.
- 83% (10) of councils knew the location of their Charter.

To the question “*what was your biggest challenge in 2019*” councils answered the following:

- writing appropriate messages on cards, difficulty in becoming aware that a member has died or is sick etc. for a card to be sent, and unable to send cards due to lack of funds.

To the question “*what was your biggest challenge in completing this survey*” councils answered the following:

- the online system was not available.
- too many questions that meant the same thing, finding the time to complete surveys by getting all involved together, no space for comments on some of the questions, in some councils some positions were not filled and questions were not always related to one’s Standing Committee or position.

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Spiritual Development Committee Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 20

Chairperson: Irene Perrault
Sub-chairpersons: 0

Spiritual Growth of Members

- 69% of councils reflected on the theme at meetings.
- 62% of councils spend one third of the time on the spiritual aspect at meetings.
- 100% of councils had deceased member prayer services and most also had funeral honor guards.
- 92% had Masses said and recited the League Prayer.
- 69% attended World day of Prayer.
- 54% had Scripture Reflections.
- 46% had seasonal prayers and said the rosary/living rosary.
- 39% had crowning of Mary ceremony; 23% said the Divine Mercy. 23% attended stations of the cross; 23% had visual displays.
- 15% attended adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 15% had intercessions and novenas while 8% had litanies and retreats.
- Councils used the "Word Among Us" booklet and had guest speakers on Palliative Care, dementia, friendly churches, and "Silent No More".
- 56% of councils used the Living with Christ Missal in their Spiritual Development.
- 33% of Councils used Lectio Divina, Vatican Website and Word on Fire with Bishop Barron.
- When developing liturgies and spiritual programs other councils used: 67% CWL Ceremonies Booklet, 56% CWL Prayer Booklet, 56% the "Word Among Us" magazine, 22% Prayers and workshops for women of peace and hope, 11% St. Anthony Messenger magazine.
- 85% of councils celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26 with a Mass and 15% had a luncheon.
- 46% of Spiritual Advisors sometimes attended council meetings, 23% attended most of the time and 8% always attended.
- 31% of members attended Mass before or after a council meeting.

Study of Catholic Teaching

- 44% of councils enrolled in lay formation programs or retreats to study non-violence and ways to show support for our indigenous.
- One council had a retreat at Stillpoint House of Prayer; another had a Lenten retreat; and another had a Women's Retreat led by Madonna House at Graphite Bible Camp.
- Some councils had regular monthly inner reflections others had a study of Maxims Spiritual Direction and Catholic Christian Book study.

Role of Women in the Church

- 39% of councils studied women in scripture.
- 33% promoted awareness of women's place in church and society found in scripture.
- 69% of women were members of parish pastoral councils, and 54% were of diocesan council/committees; 46% were of Parish finance committees; and 39% were of parish committee chairpersons.

Evangelization and Mission Assistance

- 49 % of councils participated in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign.
- 39% councils supported and had a subscription to Catholic Missions in Canada Magazine.
- 100% of councils supported Canadian Missions by donating food, clothing, school supplies and monetary donations.

Lay Ministries

- Participation in Lay Ministries indicated: 100% choir/music, 85% Eucharistic ministers and lectors, 69% cleaning and decorating, 31% facilitators, 54% ushers, hospitality and sacristans, and 62% catechists.
- Ministries chaired/organized by a CWL member: 33% catechist, 58% choir/music and cleaning, 50% lectors and decorating, 33% Eucharistic minister, 33% hospitality and sacristan, 8% ushers.
- Ministries where Spiritual Development chairs participated: 44% catechist, 56% choir/music, 11% cleaning and decoration, 22% Eucharistic minister and usher, 33% facilitator and lector, 44% hospitality, and 11% sacristan.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavors

- 100% of councils invited women to council meetings and social events from other churches and other faiths.
- 85% of councils participated in World Day of Prayer, 23% in the WUCWO Day in May and 23% of councils participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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Organization Standing Committee Report 2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 12

Chairperson: Elaine Turner
Sub-chairpersons: none

Recruit Members and Maintain Membership

- Membership in the 12 councils varied from 109 to 21 members.
- Most of our members were in the 51-70 and over 70 age brackets.
- All of the 12 councils participated in fund raising events, meetings, social events and Spiritual events.
- In 2019 there were 17 new members in our diocese. In 2018 there were 47.
- There was only one new member under the age of 40 in 2019.
- All 12 councils (100%) recruited members by personal invitations. 75% (9) advertise in bulletin boards and provide envelopes in parish collection boxes as well.
- Twenty women did not renew their membership. This number mainly includes members who have either died or moved.
- Sixty-seven percent (6) councils made a personal contact to invite the rest back.
- 92% (11) kept in touch with former members by sending cards and 83% (10) visit also.
- To recognize members for their great work, 100% (12) councils presented service pins and 50% (6) held luncheons, teas or other special events.
- Fifty-eight percent (7) administered renewals manually.
- In some parishes women who have been successful candidates in the Parish's RCIA Program received free membership for one year and senior women who forgot to renew membership had their membership paid by most councils.
- 83% (10) councils hold welcoming meetings each year to engage new members.
- Our councils take great pride in stating that they welcome all women of all age groups and cultures.

Leadership Development

- In 2019 twenty-seven percent (3) participated in League development days.
- Forty-nine members from our twelve councils participated in the 2019 diocesan convention.
- Twenty-nine members participated in the 2019 diocesan retreat days.
- Sixteen members participated in 2019 leadership workshops.
- Eight members participated in the 2019 provincial convention.
- 67% (8) councils participated in a planning strategically session provided for them.
- 55% (6) councils set annual goals/plans that included members' input.
- Five of the 12 councils had members who played a role on another level of the League. That was mainly at the diocesan level.
- 67% (8) councils strived to accommodate the 90 minute meeting protocol with a one-third dedication to each of the faith, fun and fulfilment aspects.

League Resource Material

- One hundred percent (12) of our councils had the Canadian League on hand.
- 92% (11) of our councils had both Constitution & Bylaws and League Prayers on hand.
- 83% (10) of our councils had the following in hand: CWL Prays, Ceremonies Booklet, League Prayers, Executive Handbook, and National Manual of Policy & Procedure.
- 100% (12) of our councils presented service pins and 50% had a welcome brochure.

Annual Reports

- 64% (7) of the chairpersons of annual reports used guidelines to assist members in completing reports.
- Ten out of 12 councils reviewed minutes to complete reports and 8 also met as a group.

Life Memberships

Five councils out of 12 have life members in their parishes and the five councils agree that their councils benefit greatly from them.

Additional:

N.B. These survey results do not reflect the truth about all the great members' works in our diocese. We have 30 councils not just 12. I witnessed 2 members completing & forwarding their reports and noticed they are not included in these results. These two members are very computer savvy! What happened here???

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Christian Family Life Standing Committee Report **2019**

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 12

Chairperson: Annette Chaplin
Sub-Chairperson: 0

Marriage and Family

Thirty three percent of reporting councils promoted Marriage Preparation courses; 8% had a program for single parent families; 25% had a way to support people suffering from domestic abuse; 25% attended workshops and/or seminars on the topic of family life; 25% organized events for Mothers' day and for special anniversaries; and 17% celebrated National Family Week and liturgical celebrations for married couples.

Sanctity of Life

Twenty five of reporting councils are members in a pro-life organization; 50% reported having members that attended a life chain; 25% reported having members that attended the march for life, pro-life dinners, and pro-life masses; 17% reported having members that attended pro-life walks; 33% donated money or gifts to support Pregnancy and Family Support Services, and local pro-life organizations; 25% donated to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; 8% donated to the Campaign Life Coalition and to Priests for Life; 17% of the councils wrote letters to inform legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia; 8% of councils met with pro-life legislators; 83% regularly pray of the protection of life.

Ministry to Youth

Sixty percent of the councils participated in programs for young people in their parish; 80% of the councils encouraged youth to serve at events; 17% sponsored the NET ministries, summer camps and other youth events; 8% sponsored Catholic Christian Outreach, Girl Guides of Canada, Stuebenville, Sunday school, and World Youth Day.

Ministry to Disabled

Twenty five percent of councils organized or participated in support groups and respite for caregivers; 42% urged communities to make churches and other public buildings more accessible; 33% arranged for a designated space with ease of access for wheelchairs in their church, and 33% supported shelters or programs for the disabled; 92% of councils sent cards; 67% prayed for the disabled, and visited and called the disabled; 58% brought communion to the disabled; 42% gave gifts on special occasions, and 25% organized transportation.

Ministry to Seniors

Eighty three percent of councils involved seniors in CWL events and visited seniors; 75% brought communion, prayed with seniors and sent cards of encouragement; 67% gifted seniors with membership; 58% invited newly retired women to join, and 50% organized social events for seniors and called them; 42% provided transportation; 33% shared a meal; 25% initiated social programs and celebrations, and 8% involved them in intercessory prayer.

Ministry to Widowed

Eighty three percent of councils sent condolence cards, 67% arranged memorial services and/or funeral lunches, and provided prayer and support after the death of the spouse; 50% invited widows to attend CWL meetings and events; 42% invited them to attend community events; 33% visited the widowed, and 25% of councils encouraged participation in parish programs, and contacted the widowed; 8% gifted them with prayer shawls.

Ministry to Separated and Divorced

Seventeen percent of councils attended or sponsored a presentation on the annulment process; 17% purchased copies of the brochure "Annulments Today" and made them available in their church.

Vocations

Eighty three percent of councils participated in prayers for vocations, and 67% sent spiritual bouquets; 17% adopted or supported seminarians and offered mass for vocations; 8% encouraged families to invite priests and religious into their home, hosted luncheons for priests and religious, invited them to speak on vocations and supported travelling chalice/crucifix programs.

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Community Life Standing Committee Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 11/30

Chairperson: Pat Weller
Sub-chairpersons: N/A

Dignity and Rights of Persons

- Councils supported minority groups including those suffering from domestic violence, homelessness, human trafficking and poverty. Support consisted of donations, guest speakers, volunteer work and workshops.
- 3 chairpersons became aware of the struggles of Indigenous women.
- 3 chairpersons became aware of laws and what is being done in the fight against human trafficking. One council arranged for a speaker on Human Trafficking in Renfrew County and had those attending bring gifts of clothes and other items needed by young women who want to escape their situation.

Social and Economic Justice

- Councils focussed on the needs in their communities with support for food banks and soup kitchens, school programs, drop-in centers, emergency shelters for the homeless and for those affected by domestic violence, resource centers for single parents, and violence prevention. Financial and volunteer support was offered as well as prayerful support to all in need.
- One council, assisted by the local Catholic High School, held a monthly Community Friendship meal. It became a time where both seniors and families, regardless of their background, shared a meal that gave nourishment and companionship. Social barriers were broken down and the students involved received a lesson in social and economic justice.

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship

- Five council chairpersons acknowledged some familiarity with needs of immigrants.
- Four councils reported they would be able to explain the difference between a temporary foreign worker, immigrant, and refugee.
- All councils reported their participation in Remembrance Day services, support of the Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign, and support of Canadian troops by wearing red on Fridays.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace

- At the Fall Diocesan meeting, councils were informed of the Fall 2019 CCODP Campaign *For Our Common Home* focused on the plight of Indigenous groups in the Amazon and Pope Francis' concern for an integral ecology where both people and the environment are protected. Members were given the CCODP campaign prayer cards and encouraged to say "a prayer for our earth" written by Pope Francis from his encyclical *Laudato Si*.

Developing Countries

- Councils reported limited study of economic and social conditions in developing countries.
- Councils reported donations to Canadian Food for Children, Holy Childhood Association, Samaritans Purse, Canadian Red Cross, Save a Family Plan and Sleeping Children Around the World.

Recommendations

- Our councils are small and rural and focus much of their efforts in their local communities. They are aware of the broader world picture but this does not always become a topic of study at a council meeting. Where there is a connection to members or the community, there will be action taken. For instance, several councils offer financial support to the Sisters of St. Joseph for educational and other projects in Peru. Members have a personal connection and interest since there is a local congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph in Pembroke Diocese.
- It is incumbent upon us to find the connection that will light the fire of interest so we can "share with others at home and abroad" as we pray in *The League Prayer* and work to address some of the inequities encountered by the poor and disadvantaged where ever they may be found in the world.

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Education and Health Report 2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 14

Chairperson: Sheila Bielawski
Sub-chairpersons: N/A

Catholic Education

(i) Catholic Schools and Catechesis

- 6 councils (67%) were informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in their parish and in their Catholic schools.
- 5 councils (56%) encouraged parents to participate in all areas of their children's Catholic school education and activities.
- The needs of the Catholic schools were identified as the following: 75% scholarships and bursaries, 50% breakfast and lunch programs, 38% school supplies, 25% tutoring, 13% sacramental development.
- Some volunteers helped students with reading through the L.O.V.E program (Let Older Volunteers Educate), the NET ministries and supported the graduating class.
- 9 councils (64%) were aware of the family life program being taught in their local schools.

(ii) Rites of Christian Initiation

- 2 councils (22%) participated in the Rites of Christian Initiation programs offered in their parish.

Literacy and Continuing Education

- 4 councils (44%) encouraged members to assist those who wished to improve their literary skills.

Scholarships and Bursaries

- 5 councils (36%) had a list of scholarships and bursaries that were available to provide funds to Catholic women.
- 8 councils (57%) provided funds to another bursary or scholarship. 7 councils (88%) provided a bursary to high school students.
- 1 council (13%) provides a bursary to elementary school students.
- 1 council (13%) provided a bursary to university and college students.
- 1 council (7%) promoted the National Bursary fund. Councils supported local hospice facilities, wrote letters regarding resolutions and explained our position on the issues.

Wellness and Sickness

- 1 council (7%) participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign.
- 3 councils (21%) supported the Canadian Cancer Society, 2 councils (14%) Relay for Life, 1 council (7%) Autism Canada, 1 council (7%) Canadian Mental Health Association, 1 council (7%) MaterCare International.
- A council covered expenses for travel for a cancer patient. Others gave to food banks, church maintenance, and fire victims.
- During Palliative Care week: 7 councils (50%) arranged a prayer space at home, 5 councils (36%) arranged a prayer service in the parish, 3 councils (21%) invited neighbouring parishes, 3 councils (21%) offered refreshments and time for fellowship, 2 councils (14%) shared their experiences of palliative care and discussed ways to assist in care.

Environment

- 9 councils (64%) participated in the CWL Water Pledge Challenge Campaign.
- Councils made members aware of ways to save water. 2 Councils (14%) studied resolution 2004.07 Water Use in Canada and 2001.04 Water Quality in Canada. 1 council (7%) studied 1999.09 Bulk Fresh Water Resources.
- Environmental issues that were addressed by councils were: 11 Councils (79%) reduced the use of Styrofoam cups, 10 councils (71%) recycled, 9 councils (64%) reduced water use, 8 councils (57%) eliminated plastic bottles, 3 councils (21%) use green bins for organic waste, 3 councils (21%) reduced paper use, 2 councils (14%) compost, 1 council (7%) participated in roadside or community clean-up, 1 council (7%) studied climate change.

Genetics

- 5 councils (56%) rated their knowledge in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic Church as poor, 3 councils (33%) rated it as good and 1 council (11%) rated it as very good. Many felt that more information is required to know ways to approach the topic.

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Communications Standing Committee Report **2019**

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 18

Chairperson: Bev Drouin
Sub-chairpersons: 0

The Canadian League Magazine

Ten out of the 13 (77%) councils reported that the Canadian League Magazine was useful as a resource for ideas and spirituality. Eleven councils mainly used the magazine for oral reports, quoting such features as The President's Message (6), Listen to Silence (4), The League Objects (4), Highlights from the 99th Convention (4), Dignity and Rights of Persons (4), Human Trafficking in Canada (4), as well as The Power of Prayer, and a 10-minute prayer service for meetings.

Media: for Evangelization

Methods used for evangelization: church bulletins (12) 92% of councils, telephone committees (8) 62% of councils, bulletin inserts and posters (7) 54%, church bulletin boards and local newspapers (6) 46%, and e-mail (5) 39%.

Media: to Promote the League

Methods used to promote the League: (3) 23% of councils used Salt + Light "Woman on a Mission" with two councils rating it very good and one good. The CWL's Testimonial Video was viewed by three councils and it was rated very good by 2 councils and good by one. Six (46%) councils encouraged members to monitor media content.

Media: Evaluation and Promotion of Good Content

Five (39%) of the reporting councils produced newsletters and bulletins that were prepared by either the president or the secretary. They were produced annually (3), monthly (1), quarterly (1) and some were distributed by email and regular mail as well.

Media: Relations

Seven of the reporting councils submitted material for publication. Seven councils also invited the local media to attend an event, and 3 advertised with the media.

Media: Newsletter and Bulletins

Five (39%) of the reporting councils produced newsletters and bulletins that were prepared by either the president or the secretary. They were produced annually (3), monthly (1), quarterly (1) and some were distributed by email and regular mail as well.

Pornography

Some of the reporting 13 councils continued to be kept informed about the influence that pornography continues to have on children and adults. Five councils read newspaper articles, 3 reviewed current legislation, 1 contacted agency, and 1 viewed the website fightthenewdrug.org.

Two of the reporting councils participated in using the "Pornography Hurts" post cards. One used the "Over 18" documentary and held information sessions.

No councils acted on Resolutions 2017.02. and 2004.11 but 7 councils acted on Resolution 2002.11.

Website and Strategic Planning

Sixty-nine percent of councils shared the strategic planning information at their meetings. More than 50 percent of the councils shared information from the National website and in the Canadian League magazine relating to the strategic plan. Four councils prayed the Prayer for Renewal at meetings.

Comments regarding the website: found it informative; managed to find what I needed; found it well organized and accessible. Other comments were: not user friendly; would like to access all programs without leaving to go to Facebook.

One council published a weekly article in the local newspaper informing about CWL events and spiritual thoughts.

Biggest challenge for communication: need to use a variety of tools to reach all members; finding the time to research and study all of the material in communiques and newsletters from National and Provincial.

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Legislation Standing Committee Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 11

Chairperson: Karen McKibbon
Sub-chairpersons: 0

Monitor and Study Legislation at All Levels of Government

- Only two councils of the reporting 11 councils had the position of the Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson filled and both were appointed.
- Presidents or some other council executive members volunteered to do the remaining 9 surveys.
- It is interesting to note that five of the volunteer responders have held this Standing Committee position previously.
- The two appointed Legislative Standing Committee Chairpersons knew all the names of the local municipal, provincial and the federal government representatives and received mailings from the local municipal, provincial and federal representatives regularly.
- Both the two chairpersons of the Legislation Standing Committee were somewhat informed about the issues being discussed by the government at all levels municipally, provincially, and federally.
- One of the two chairpersons accessed "Hansard", the printed record of the proceedings of federal government.
- Six of the eleven councils reported some knowledge of federal bills that were monitored nationally i.e. Bill C-57 An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act.

- Seven of the reporting councils had some knowledge of the federal bill named Bill C-418 Protection of the Freedom of Conscience Act. But it is interesting to note that two councils were very aware of this bill.
- Sixty-four percent of the 11 councils reporting, approved of the adoption of Resolution 2018.03 Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying.

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Historian's Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 13/30

Chairperson: Carmel Rumleskie
Sub-chairpersons: NA

Serve in a Consultative Capacity

- The Past President position was filled in 77% of parish councils mainly by long-time members with some repeats in the age 55 & over.
- 60% of Past Presidents attended executive & general meetings.
- 50% of Past Presidents attended spiritual and social events most of the time while 30 % always did so.
- 60% of Past Presidents were called upon for advice at least once a month. 80% of parish presidents felt supported by the Past President.

Be Responsible for Archives and History

- Parish council archives were the responsibility of 70% of Past Presidents. 85% of councils stored their archives in the church.
- All councils knew where the council charter is kept.
- 85% of councils stored their archives in labelled photo albums, 77% in filing cabinets, 46% in banking boxes and scrap books with memory sticks beginning to show at 15%.
- The "Book of Life" is kept indefinitely by 92% of councils while 54% kept the history of all deceased members.
- 46% of councils keep financial information indefinitely while 39% keep information for 5-8 years.
- Information on council membership, executives, minutes of executive and general meetings and records of pin and award recipients are kept indefinitely by 77% of parish councils.
- Archives are reviewed as needed by 85% of councils. A history book is maintained by that % of councils also.

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

- Every council has a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws but rarely uses it to help guide a decision.
- All councils have a copy of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure. Most councils rarely consult it to help with processes and procedures.
- 54% of councils have their own manual of Policy and Procedure updating it every five years.
- Diocesan and Provincial executives are rarely consulted for advice. The same goes for National executive and National office.
- Spiritual Advisors and the local Bishop are rarely consulted.
- Life members are rarely asked for advice.

Diocesan Highlights

- Support for the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Planning Strategically 2018-2020 was yes from 69% of councils.
- Several information sessions were held across the diocese to inform members of the Strategic Plan.
- Members were kept informed through resources like: The Canadian League magazine. Regular visits to the National and Provincial websites were encouraged.
- Many councils across the diocese participated in "12 Hours of Prayer" for palliative care and mental illness.
- St. Michael's CWL, Douglas, hosted the Annual Diocesan Convention in May, 2019. Theme: Homelessness and Increase Membership and Promote Leadership.
- Several members from the diocese attended the July Provincial Convention in Kingston. Theme: Homelessness.
- On Sept. 21, 2019, over 80 members attended the Annual Day of Reflection held in St. John Chrysostom parish, Arnprior. Theme: The Genius of Women celebrated through prayer, hymns, informative presentation by Carol Sulpher and Betty Ross and Reconciliation followed by a memorial prayer service for deceased members and Spiritual Advisors.

Recommendations

- Develop your own council Policy and Procedure manual and keep it updated regularly. This will ensure success when council executives change. Include new and seasoned members on the P&P committee.
- Council archives are extremely important so make it a priority to keep them updated and in a safe place. Share them on occasion within your parish at meetings and special events.
- As mentor, support and encourage your future leaders.

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Resolutions Standing Committee Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Parishes Reporting: 12

Chairperson: Karen McKibbon
Sub-chairpersons: None

Study and Implementation of Resolutions Passed by Other Levels

- Only two councils of the reporting councils/parishes had the position of Resolutions Standing Committee Chairperson filled and both were appointed.
- The position was shared with the Legislations Standing Committee with both of these councils.
- Six members of the 12 councils who completed the survey held the Resolutions Standing Committee Chair previously.
- One council out of ten contacted their local government representative by phone.
- Two councils contacted their provincial representative by letter.
- One council out of ten contacted their federal representative by letter.
- Two Councils attended workshops that outlined the resolutions' process in the League.
- Six Councils became familiar with the 2019 Resolutions.

Actions on Resolutions that councils have undertaken:

- Five Councils were made aware of Resolutions through meetings.
- One Council wrote to federal or provincial governments.
- One Council arranged for a guest speaker.
- One Council held a letter writing session.
- One Council mobilized members to address the issue locally through outreach.

A comment regarding Council's Resolutions Activities: A council who believes supporting our CWL resolutions lets all levels of government know that women who belong to the Catholic Women's League make it their business to be informed and aware of what our elected representatives are doing and possibly not doing. It is a challenging task to cover both Provincial and National resolutions in one year.

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Life Member Liaison Report

2019

Diocese: Pembroke
Honorary Life Members: 0

Life Member Liaison: Margaret Maloney
Life Members: 10

Deceased Members 2019: 0

Newly Appointed Life Members 2019: 0

The ten Life Members in Pembroke Diocese use their gifts and talents in all areas of parish life and work to support their local councils. Six of them serve on the Diocesan Council in various capacities.

Life Member Liaison forwarded directives and communiques from other CWL levels and sent expressions of sympathy, congratulations and care to members and their families.

Appreciation is expressed to our own Donna Provost as she concluded her term as Ontario Life Member Liaison in 2019 and welcomed Jeannie Coleman from Alexandria Cornwall Diocese as she began her work as Ontario Life Member Liaison.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. John Chrysostom
President: Nancy F. Black
Spiritual Advisor: Father John Burchat

Place: Arnprior, ON
No. Of Members: 110
Life Members: N/A

“Care for our Common Home”

During 2019, our council lived our national theme in the following ways:

The St. John Chrysostom CWL council of Arnprior once again provided Rosaries as gifts to the young people making their First Communion and provided gifts and participated in the Confirmation celebration & assisted at the Graduation of the grade eight students. Our council also provided a Bursary for a student at St. Joseph's High School as well as financial support to our local Catholic Schools as well as Our Lady Seat of Wisdom School.

We also organized another successful Apple Pie Fundraiser for our council. With excellent support and help from the ladies in our parish, we made a total of approximately 540 pies, which were pre-ordered. As a result, we were able to support several local programs important to the community such as the Home Support Dare to Care Program, Hospice Renfrew as well as some Charitable International Programs.

Arnprior council actively supported the food bank which is housed in St. John Chrysostom Church. We have designated masses, on the first weekend of each month, as food bank Sundays. Again this year, with help from a local quilters group, who make and donate Christmas gift bags, our CWL ladies collected donations of personal care items. As we were able to fill 107 Christmas bags to be given by the Food Bank at Christmas to people in need and those who might be alone during this time.

Arnprior council was happy to host the Diocesan Day of Reflection in 2019. We co-hosted with the Knight's of Columbus. We had a guest speaker associated with the Teen Challenge Drug Recovery Program and we donated to their Recovery Program.

The strength of the League is in its membership.

Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

10 year pins – Linda Herrick, Sheila Sullivan

40 year pin – Bonnie Blais

A Special Certificate of Merit was presented to Helen McGregor..

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Lawrence O'Toole
President: TEAM effort: Carmel R. contact
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Fr. Pat Dobec

Place: Barry's Bay, ON
No. of Members: 123
Life Members: 1

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

*We continued to collect articles such as socks, toques, mitts, hand soap, women's products, and canned goods for the Homeless (through the Food Bank) and Women's shelters in our area. The response from members was outstanding. We also shared information on ways we can take better care of our common home with examples such as conserve water and reduce consumption. We were reminded that World Water Day was March 22, 2019. Since all creation comes from God, we encouraged all members to recycle and repurpose as much as possible. Our council donated to the Water Challenge established by the Pembroke Diocesan Council: Water First. This organization was established in 2009 and began working in Africa but since 2016, Water First has dedicated itself to supporting indigenous communities in Canada experiencing water challenges. The focus is on drinking water and environmental water concerns as well as water science and training for youth. Everyone has a right to safe, clean water. (waterfirst.ngo).

*In October, we had a guest speaker, Karen, from the local Hospice, Palliative care unit speak to us about ways loneliness can be a challenge for the sick or house-bound. Loneliness can come up whenever we feel alone, unwanted, scared or isolated. It is a feeling that can be changed. Karen encouraged us to seek those who need help in our neighbourhoods, hospitals and care centres. Members can offer to do things for them like cut the grass, take out the trash, shovel the walkway, get the mail, cook a favourite dish, spend time in prayer with them, or just visit.

*Throughout the year, we continued to support children receiving the sacraments, couples in marriage, the parish activities, funeral luncheons and donations to local schools, college and National charities.

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

10 years: Norine Helferty, Jean Madigan, Sr. Bernice Mintha
25 years: Beth Hildebrandt, Marilyn Hudder, Eleanor Stanutz
40 years: Darlene Bresnaham

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
President: Marilyn Robertson
Spiritual Advisor: Father Robert Ryan

Place: Braeside, ON
No. Of Members: 58
Life Members: 1

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- visited the sick, shut-ins, nursing homes and retirement homes in Kanata, Arnprior, Almonte and Renfrew
- took Christmas and Easter gifts to all the above
- on the third Sunday of each month we supported the Arnprior Food Bank with food and monetary donations
- supported Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, The Chalice, Canadian Missions and the two local separate schools – John XXIII and St. Joseph’s, as well as Arnprior District High School and St. Joseph’s High School in Renfrew
- supported Hospice Renfrew

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

None given in 2019

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Immaculate Conception
President: Susan St. Pierre
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Michael Goring

Place: Bryson, QC
No. Of Members: 18
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

Immaculate Conception Council and its members fully embraced this year’s themes as was evidenced through the discussion at our monthly meeting. Here are some highlights:

- avoided the use of disposable plates, cutlery and wine glasses at our brunches and social functions
- any water left over in water jugs was used to water the plants in the church
- reduced, recycled and reused
- a monetary donation was made to the Water Challenge initiative
- prepared lunch for the volunteer sandbaggers during the spring flooding and members volunteered where they could, filling sandbags or donating food
- members participated in the annual spring clean-up of our streets and roadways
- committed to being more conscious of our water usage at home and all adhered to the village’s lawn watering restrictions in the summer
- used our own water bottles and coffee mugs when out and about and brought our own bags when shopping
- although the village does not have a composting program, many members composted their own waste
- sent cards to the sick, visited and brought Communion to shut-ins, and invited members who are living in Long Term facilities to our special functions

The strength of the league is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

60 year service pin: Georgette Piche
50 year service pin: Rose Gutoskie
30 year service pin: Sue St.Pierre
25 year service pin: Betty Maloney

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Anne's
President: Joan Derouin
Spiritual Advisor: Father Michael Goring

Place: Calumet Island, QC
No. Of Members: 52
Life Members: 0

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

In response to "Care for Our Common Home" Theme, we eliminated plastics by using ceramic plates and cups and metal utensils at events. Members responded to the 'Water Challenge' by submitting suggestions on ways to conserve water at home.

In response to the Provincial Theme "Loneliness" we prepared Christmas packages for shut-in seniors and visited them in their homes, senior residences and Long Term Care facilities. We sent cards of sympathy and get-well to our members and parishioners.

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

30 year service pin: Mavis Pigeault

10 year service pin: Claudette Ryan

New Members: Gisèle Lagarde, Lyne & Jeannine Tremblay

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. John the Evangelist
President: Theresa Dagenais
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Michael Goring

Place: Campbell's Bay, QC
No. Of Members:45
Life Members: 0

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- donated winter mitts, socks, toques, as well as, food and money to the local Food Bank
- made weekly visits to shut-ins and the dying

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

No recipients of pins in our council, but we participated in neighbouring C.W.L. Councils for celebration of awards.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Anthony
President: Bev Drouin
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mitchel Beachey

Place: Chalk River, ON
No. Of Members: 28
Life Members: 1

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- volunteered in special events at St Anthony’s School
- volunteered in the classroom with children who needed extra help
- created the Living Rosary again this year with the children and teachers and prayed it in the Church
- donations were made to students participating in First Communion and the Healthy Snack Program
- provided Grade Eight Graduation reception and gifts
- gave a spiritual bouquet to Bishop Mulhall
- supported our local Family Services with a donation at Christmas time
- supported the Sisters of St. Joseph and their mission in Peru

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

10 Year Pin: Jennifer McKay

60 Year Pin: Janice Law

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Alphonsus
President: Gail Sullivan
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Tim Moyle

Place: Chapeau, QC
No. Of Members: 87
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- sent sympathy and get well cards
- sponsored a birthday party in March for residents at Marianhill
- gifted the birthday celebrants
- provided a birthday cake and the entertainment for the party
- catered to funeral luncheons
- held a prayer service and had an honour guard for deceased members
- sponsored a Peruvian child
- sent money to the Coady Institute
- donated money to our community centre to help pay the bills
- held a brunch and craft show, to get people in the area to display and sell their crafts, etc.
- gave money to our Church
- sponsored a night of skating at a local arena
- gave money for 2 graduating pupils
- members sang in the choir, were lectors and served communion at the Mass

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

25 year service pin – Viviane Mainville

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Holy Canadian Martyrs

President: Lesley McCambridge/Sharon Kowtecky

Spiritual Advisor: Father John Lacey

Place: Combermere, ON

No. Of Members: 43

Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- visited and donated to our local Food Bank - our large donation was appreciated and featured in the local newspaper
- attended meetings on Strategic Planning, the Pembroke Diocesan Council Spring Meeting and the Annual Pembroke Diocesan Convention; all inspired us to “Care for the Common Planet”
- celebrated our 30-year anniversary where we honored seven 30-year CWL members with pins and luncheon
- heard a presentation from Patricia Duggan who has made numerous pilgrimages to Medjugore
- continued to provide First Communion, Confirmation gifts, and a student bursary
- began to work on the H.U.G. project, supported the Bernadette McCann House that provides Outreach and Shelter for women and children in crisis - the Outreach Supervisor spoke with a comprehensive description of their work and needs and collected \$250.00, and 17 boxes of “wish list” items
- made donations to the Valley Manor for Christmas presents, and St. Francis Memorial Hospital for equipment - in memory of past CWL members
- cleared cupboards of one-use plastics – cups, tablecloths, cutlery
- instituted a filter system for church water that will eliminate the need for plastic bottles
- made winter plans to visit women who are experiencing the pain of loneliness. Following the words of Catherine Doherty, encouraged all to return to God in times of depression and come to “the garden enclosed”

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

60 years: Patricia McConville

30 years: Theresa Coulas, Diane Harrison, Leona Mayhew, Betsy McCrae, Sofia Segal (St. Joseph’s House), Margaret Wajda, Mary Yaraskavitch,

5 years: Sharon Kowtecky, Mary Ann McCrae

1 year: Rose Baxter, Katrina Hamon

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Sacred Heart of Jesus
President: Lorraine Crain
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Mr. Tim Foster

Place: Corbeil, ON
No. Of Members: 32
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- visited Nipissing Manor, a place for seniors
- tried our best to conserve water in our home

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

None.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Good Council
President: Annette Chaplin
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mitch Beachey

Place: Deep River, ON
No. Of Members:135
Life Members:0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- held a talk on Palliative Care & Home Care Support Services
- held a lunch for our senior members (over 80 years of age) - lunch was free
- picked up and drove our senior’s home - lunch and entertainment were enjoyed
- participated in the CWL Water Initiative

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

75 years: Patricia Inglis
60 years: Marion Chennette
50 years: Kathleen Bax
50 years: Helen Emery
40 years: Teresa Lance
25 years: Ela McDonald
25 years: Christine Scharff-Cole
10 years: Donna Watt

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Michael's
President: Pat Weller
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Moses Nwosu
Fr. Michael Lund

Place: Douglas, ON
No. Of Members: 63
Life Members: 1

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial themes.

In response to the National Theme "Care for Our Common Home" our Council did the following:

- recorded ways to conserve water with the intent to follow through on these actions in our daily lives and CWL events
- St. Michael's Council hosted the CWL Diocesan Convention with assistance from the Diocesan executive. With the theme being *Care for Our Common Home* based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, each class in St. Michael's School helped decorate the walls and tables for the Convention with posters, artwork, place mats and written pledges to be good stewards of the earth
- to keep a focus on water, labelled tables at the banquet with river and lake names from across the diocese
- limited non-reusable and non-recyclable material during the convention
- St. Michael's members also took the Water Pledge promoted by National

In response to the Provincial Theme "Loneliness" our Council did the following:

- collected socks and distributed them to local organizations
- had a collection of women's personal care items and several bags of goods were given to Bernadette McCann House
- made connections with older members and parishioners with visits, phone calls and activities such as birthday parties at two local nursing homes

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

10 Years: Mary Alice Enright

25 Years: Terry Cull, Teresa Lynch

50 Years: Angela McEachen

65 Years: Helen McIntyre

Maple Leaf Service Pin: Angela McEachen

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Anthony of Padua
President: Peggy Flowers
Spiritual Advisor: Father Casmir Muobike

Place: Haliburton, ON
No. Of Members: 25
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

“Care for Our Common Home”

- **“Gifts of the Spirit” Retreat** – Our Council planned and hosted a spiritual retreat for the community involving our parish, Lakeside Baptist Church and Environment Haliburton, theatrical performance by Sister Nancy Murray who performed a 90-minute play on the life of Sister Dorothy Stang who was martyred in 2005 while protecting the land and forests of Brazil. The retreat also featured a reconciliation mass and keynote speakers Sister Kitty OP from the Adrian Dominicans and Jennifer Esch who spoke on the gifts of the spirit.
- **“Socks in The Box” Campaign** – Our Council, over the past several years has collected and distributed over 200 pairs of socks for the needy in our community.
- **H.U.G. Campaign** – Our Council raised funds, coordinated, collected and distributed over 60 filled toiletry bags for the needy and marginalized men and women of our community.

“Loneliness”

- Working with our Family Faith Formation families we continued our **‘Companions on the Journey’** program which paired up parish families with our elders. Each pairing received fridge certificates and prayed for each other throughout the year. We had a potluck after mass with companions sharing a meal together. Our program was featured in the September Issue of the ‘Word Among Us’ Catholic magazine.
- **“LOL Mondays”** Our Council started **L**adies **O**ut for **L**unch initiative. We met on the last Monday of each month during the summer to pray the Rosary for Peace in the Church followed by lunch out together with our elderly ladies of the parish or sometimes we shared a light lunch in the Church Hall.

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019: None

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
President: Mona Lacroix
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Bill Kenny/
Fr. Stephen Helferty

Place: Lapasse, ON
No. Of Members: 52
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- prepared meals for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen
- hosted the Women’s International Day of Prayer March 1st /19, jointly with Our Lady of Grace
- celebrated Fr. Kenney’s 40th anniversary to priesthood
- very active during the flood relief efforts in our community - donated, prepared and served food during these trying times for the families affected by this disaster
- continued to participate in the Life Chain and Right to Life Dinner
- hosted the June birthday party and monthly Eucharistic Service at Country Haven Retirement Home
- visited and delivered Christmas baskets to the seniors, shut-ins and families who lost loved ones during the year

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

50 year pin: Helen Gilchrist

25 year pin: Laurie Gervais

5 year pin: Cathy Regier

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Anne
President: Germaine Lafreniere
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Scott Murray

Place: Mattawa, ON
No. Of Members: 30
Life Members:0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- gifted the children who were receiving sacraments for the first time
- gifted the school children who graduated
- gave food and monetary donations to the Food Bank
- decorated the Church for Christmas celebrations
- managed our small CWL Religious Gift Store in the Church for Fund Raising
- gathered for a few meetings in the year as sisters for luncheon and to discuss our financial situation and our correspondence
- concentrated more on our spiritual needs by studying the Beatitudes
- thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing a book written by Matthew Kelly titled “The biggest lie in the history of Christianity”
- gifted CWL Members with this book for study

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

None.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Lourdes
President: Irene Perrault
Spiritual Advisor: Father Bill Kenney

Place: Pembroke, ON
No. of Members: 76
Life Members: 1

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

In keeping with the National Theme “Care for Our Common Home” our Council:

- car-pooled going to meetings
- gave used clothing to the less fortunate
- used recycled cups and plates at our meetings

In keeping with the Provincial theme “Loneliness” our Council:

- called all members once a month to keep them informed about upcoming events and to chat
- visited the sick and shut ins
- continued to participate in the 12 hours of Prayer for Hospice/Palliative Care
- gave monetary donations to worthy causes: St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Missions in Canada, Peru, St. Joseph’s Food Bank, Euthanasian Prevention Coalition
- continued to work for God and Canada

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who have received service pins and awards in 2019:

Service Pins:

10 years: Zita Donnelly

25 years: Linda LaPierre, Helen McCann, Joanne Peplinski

40 Years: Claire Cotnam, Susan Morrow

50 years: Anne Egan, Irene Perrault

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Columbkille's Cathedral
President: Karen McKibbon
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Jim Beanish

Place: Pembroke, ON
No. Of Members: 108
Life Members: 0

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our provincial theme in the following ways:

- visited Sick and Shut ins
- prepared Christmas Tray for every resident, whether in own residences or Long Term Care facilities
- during our Spring and Fall Garage Sales, we took time to assist the poor and lonely, by helping them choose clothing and visiting with them
- hosted an annual Valentine Dessert and Card Party, encouraged those who were lonely an opportunity to attend and socialize
- Cathedral Parish was the site of the St. Vincent de Paul program - CWL volunteers cooked and served meals to the poor and impoverished
- made donations toward the breakfast and snack programs at Cathedral and Holy Name Schools

Also, during 2019, our council lived our national theme in the following way:

- donated to Water First, an organization that addresses water challenges in First Nation Communities

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

- There were no service pin awards

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Sorrows
President: Julie Mallory
Spiritual Advisor: Father Steve Ballard

Place: Petawawa, ON
No. Of Members: 94
Life Members: 1

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

In response to the Provincial Theme of Loneliness we have started a “Friendship Committee”. We held an inaugural meeting to discuss ways we will operate and prepare a preliminary list of people to be visited. Members will go out in pairs for visits and will obtain security checks before commencing visits.

In response to the National Theme of “Care for our Common Home” we have procured reusable storage containers for our kitchen to greatly reduce the amount of garbage and recyclables that we produce.

The Bernadette McCann House in Pembroke was the recipient of items and cash we collected at our June dinner as part of the CWL Project H.U.G. Initiative. We circulated their WISH List to our members in advance so that their specific needs would be met.

We held a Baby Shower and invited the entire Parish! We collected enough items to put together more than 20 complete baby layettes and we delivered them to the Pembroke Regional Hospital for distribution by the staff to families in need.

Our Council hosted the World Day of Prayer Service for Petawawa. The country of Slovenia was featured and the Theme was “Come – Everything is Ready!”.

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

55 year pin: Joan Antava	30 year pin: Deborah Clothier
55 year pin: Andrea Bonneau	30 year pin: Julie Mallory
55 year pin: Roxanne Charette	20 year pin: Jane Kinney
55 year pin: Judy Mohns	20 year pin: Nancy Tosello

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Nativity of Our Lady
President: Jacqueline Schroeder
Spiritual Advisor: Father Ken O'Brien

Place: Pikwakanagan, ON
No. Of Members: 18
Life Members:0

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- donated to the Food Bank
- sponsored a needy family at Christmas by donating clothes, food and gift certificates
- regularly visited residents in the local Manor for Seniors
- at Christmas gave residents at the local Manor gift basket
- gifted membership to two CWL Members in the Manor
- gave Easter and Christmas treats to the children in the Parish
- visited, sent cards, and phoned the sick, and the needy for help in encouragement and loneliness

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019: - None.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. James the Greater
President: Georgena O'Connor
Spiritual Advisor: Father M. Goring

Place: Portage du Fort, QC
No. Of Members: 7
Life Members:0

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- served funeral luncheons
- hosted a "Share Lent" luncheon
- shared monthly card party lunches with the Golden Age Group
- hosted a lunch for the June Art Tour
- sponsored a "Save the Family"
- laid a wreath for Remembrance Day
- donated for a youth to attend World Youth Day
- donated to fuel and pest control costs for the Church
- hosted a spaghetti dinner with door prizes and a draw
- gave gift cards to shut-ins
- President attended most diocesan meetings and convention

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019: None.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Mary's
President: None
Spiritual Advisor: Rev Christian Kakule

Place: Quyon, QC
No. Of Members: 33
Life Members: 1

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

We lived our Provincial theme of "Loneliness" by sending out cards to those in our community who were celebrating special events and when they were ill or had a death in the family. We also sent Christmas cards to those who were shut in.

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

Members honoured this year were as follows:

25 Year Pin Veronique Gibson

10 Year Pin Elaine Stanton
 Sharon Stanton

New Member Priscilla Derouin

Perfect Attendance Martha Alexander
 Joan Desabrais
 Claire Dubois
 Donna Provost

Special Remembrance of deceased member Patricia Trudeau

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Fatima
President: Maureen Brennan
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. G. Ryan Holly

Place: Renfrew, ON
No. of Members: 96
Life Members: 0

"Care for Our Common Home" (National Theme) "Loneliness" (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

Under "Care of Our Common Home", we looked at ways we could decrease our individual water usage in our homes. We took a three-week length of time and measured accurately amount of water used and how much of a reduction in water usage could be accomplished, and still did what we normally did; small things like NOT running the water when brushing one's teeth, paying attention to when one used the dishwasher and reduced the number of times in a week it was turned on, when perhaps only half full.

Regarding the Provincial theme of "Loneliness" we were very generous with providing items for women and children who may be put in a position where they would need to be clients of The Bernadette McCann Home in Pembroke. We packaged several dozen cosmetic bags, small back packs, etc. and delivered them to Pembroke in early Fall.

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

New Members 2019

Shirlee Bulmer
Catharina Crouzat
Kathleen Donohue
Andrea McIntyre

5 Year Pin

Margaret Coules
Christine Taylor
Angela Walker
Catherine Valleau

10 Year Pin

Nancy Guyea
Jean Hughes
Pat Kasaboski
Hilde Radke
Margaret Stufko
Darlene White

50 Year Pin

Marilyn Holmes
60 Year Pin
Agnes Lynch

15 Year Pin

Fay O'Reilly
Dale Pepin

40 Year Pin

Diana Laroque

45 Year Pin

Ellen Hill
Joan Rodgers
Marcella Cybulski

25 Year Pin

Penny Guyea

30 Year Pin

Mabel Proulx
Dawn Thivierge

MERIT AWARD SCROLLS

1. Mabel Proulx
2. Jessica Belanger
3. Rosie Lepack
4. Cathy Black
5. Funeral Luncheon Teams

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Saint Francis Xavier
President: Margaret M. Maloney
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Kerry Brennan

Place: Renfrew, ON
No. Of Members: 141
Life Members: 3

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

National Theme Activities at Saint Francis Xavier:

- hosted Annual Rummage Sale and Annual “Tea and Talent” Sale allowing parishioners and members to share homemade baking, tea and crafts as well as re-used items of clothing, jewellery, books, kitchen wares, toys and giftware while attempting to use no new plastics
- three teams of dedicated volunteers continued to provide funeral luncheons for families while attempting to use no plastics

Provincial Theme Activities at Saint Francis Xavier

- under the direction of Resolutions and Legislation Chair the council engaged in the CWL “Scavenger Hunt” activities as they related to homelessness (a form of loneliness) followed up by presentations by and donations to Victims’ Services of Renfrew County and Bernadette McCann House
- Christian Family Life Committee expanded The Seniors Visiting Project initiated in 2018 as a follow up to “Amoris Laetitia” to include everyone of all faiths within the town limits and partnered with Renfrew Seniors’ Home Support

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

Insignia pins for new members: Ghosoun Alstah, Claudette Lockwood
Betty Ross, Monica Sammon,

5 Years: Laura Carter, Donna Enright, Doris Gagnon, Bev Ingram, Donna Kiley, Margarita Kurth, Mona Mahusky, Marlene McSheffrey, Leona Warren

10 years: Nancy Bailey, Norma Barkey, Lois Desjardine, Sharon Gallagher, Mary McCann, Allison Richards, Joan Scott

15 Years: Shauna Lemenchick **20 Years:** Joan Lemay

25 Years: Teri Fisher, Shirley-Ann Holley, Cecilia Kusluski, Elizabeth Sammon

30 Years: Suzette Pelletier, Theresa Surnoski, Dorothy Wright-McIntyre

40 Years: Eleanor Guyea **45 Years:** Arlette Hermans

50 Years: Vivian Bolger

55 Years: Doreen Ballard, Idena Durocher, Elaine Turner

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Joseph's
President: Donna Tierney
Spiritual Advisor: Father Tim Moyle

Place: St. Joseph, QC
No. Of Members: 48
Life Members: 0

"Care for our Common Home" National Theme "Loneliness" Provincial Theme

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial themes in the following ways:

- served two funeral lunches
- made some lunches for elderly couple in Parish
- visited the sick
- took an active part in Remembrance Day Celebration
- active in church preparations - getting the altar ready, Choir Practice, as well as decorating the Church for Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas
- took charge of Parish Supper
- organized rosary before Mass during months of May and October
- did the 12 Hour Palliative Care Service
- took communion to shut ins
- made Christmas cookies and delivered them to elderly and shut ins
- Prepared a Christmas Basket for a raffle

Members who received Service Pins: Special Recognition

25 year service pin: Sheila Morris

25 year service pin: Carol Price

30 Year service pin: Myra Sullivan

30 year service pin: Noella Chaput

35 year service pin: Margo Kelly

45 year service pin: Ida Czmielewski

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of The Snows
President: Linda Chartrand
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Michael Beachey

Place: Stonecliffe, ON
No. of Members: 11
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- visited the sick and the lonely
- catered to a member’s 90th Birthday
- fund raised for our Cemetery Board
- served lunches after funerals
- donated to our schools’ lunch programs
- donated to Family Services and Food Bank

The strength of the League is in its membership. No Members received service pins and awards in 2019.

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Saint Theresa's Parish
President: Lynne Stymiest
Spiritual Advisor: Father Scott

Place: Temiscaming, ON
No. Of Members:41
Life Members:0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- served Mass
- read the readings
- brought up Offerings and gave Communion
- brought Communion to people who could not come to Church
- read our theme at all meetings
- had our meetings in different places to promote the League
- had meetings at the Residence to include Shut Ins
- donated food to the Food Bank

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

None

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: Our Lady of Grace
President: Gail Ethier
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Bill Kenny

Place: Westmeath, ON
No. Of Members: 42
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

- attended all Spring and Fall meetings, and days of reflection
- annual church supper was major fund raiser
- sponsored a child in Peru
- donated money to Our Lady of Grace School for needy families at Christmas, and for the breakfast program
- gifted baskets at Christmas to sick and shut-ins, and to over 80 parish members
- gifted bursary to Bishop Smith Catholic High School
- held birthday parties at Country Haven and Miramachi senior homes
- lead Rosary every Thursday night in May and October and Stations of the Cross during Lent
- sent Mass cards and prayers for Archbishop Mulhall
- sent sympathy, congratulatory, and get-well cards when needed
- donated to Water First, and Bishop Pappin Seminarian Fund
- made quilt for raffle, gave roses to the mothers on Mother's Day and chocolates to the fathers on Father's Day
- donated many volunteer hours and meals at the Westmeath arena for flood victims from April until June
- set up for Mass, washed linens, participated in choir, readers, and eucharistic ministers
- attended pro-life dinner
- worked jointly with our sister parish, Our Lady of Mont Carmel, Lapasse
- held a 12 Hour Prayer Service for Palliative Care, celebrated World Day of Prayer, and 45th anniversary celebration for Father Bill Kenney
- provided First Communion and Confirmation luncheons and gifts
- participated in Victorian Tea, Prayer Service and Mass in Country Haven every month
- a special thanks to all members for their help over this busy year. Your help was very much appreciated. Many thanks to Lynn Dupuis, Anna Moreau, Leatrice Norlock, Pauline Wright and Evelina Laderoute

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019: None

Pembroke Diocesan Council Annual Report 2019

Council: St. Martin of Tours
President: Emily Etmanski
Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Malachy Ekezie

Place: Whitney, ON
No. Of Members: 40
Life Members: 0

“Care for Our Common Home” (National Theme) “Loneliness” (Provincial Theme)

During 2019, our council lived our national and/or provincial theme in the following ways:

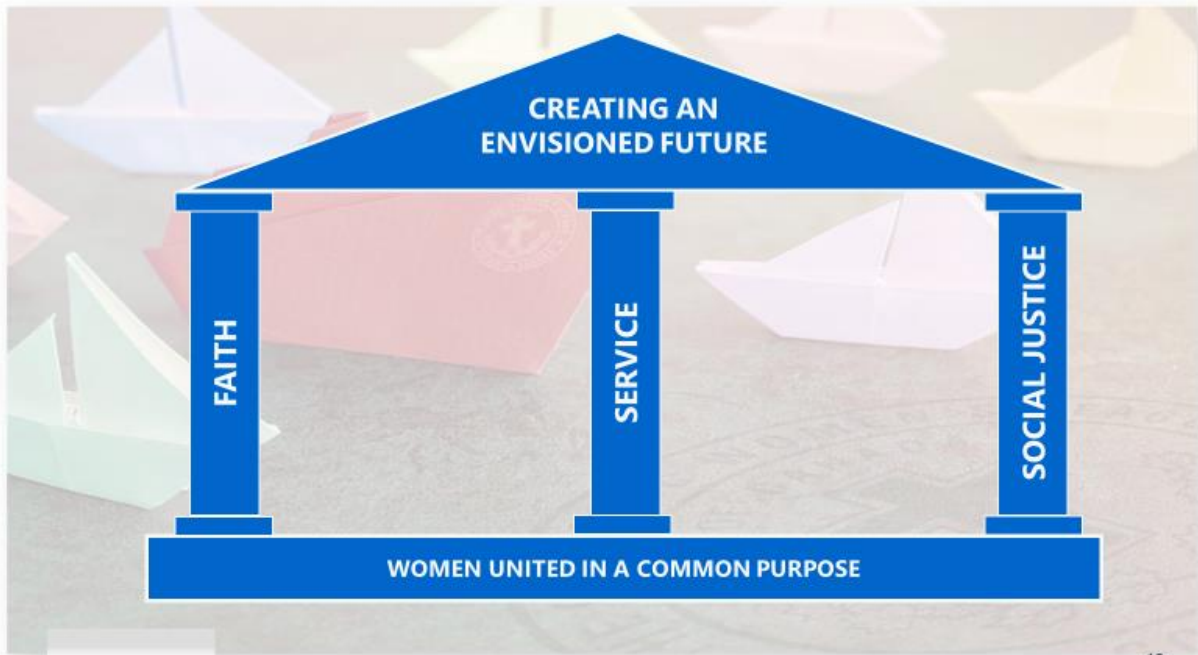
- collected socks, hats, mitts, peanut butter, crackers, feminine products and other items for the homeless and delivered to the Barry’s Bay Food Bank
- continued to visit, phone, send Thinking of You cards and offer rides to the seniors in our Community
- to celebrate Halloween, treats were prepared and given to all patients at our local hospital
- organized our annual Christmas Party which was open to all women 16 or over within the Township of South Algonquin and it was well attended by 58 women as well as delivered meals to the homes of 40 seniors. On our behalf, men of the Parish delivered luncheons to our seniors and bereaved families
- donated to our local Food Bank, Hospital, Manor, child in Peru, Fishing Derby for Children and Covenant House
- continued to support Samaritan’s Purse with Shoebox Campaign

The strength of the League is in its membership. Members who received service pins and awards in 2019:

Roseline Frederick	45 year pin	Ramona Johnson	15 year pin
Sandra August	20 year pin	Kelli Nicholas	15 year pin
Elva Bennett	5 year pin	Lynda Stubbs	15 year pin

**Catholic Women's League 2019
Pembroke Diocese
Book of Life**

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Caroline	Mitchell	Edna	McConegal
Josephine	McNulty	Kathy	Lance
Enid	Kennedy	Marie Theresa	Ryan
Helen	Kilgour	Helen	Moore
Peggy	Evans	Jessie	St. Louis
Lila	Prince	Patricia	Inglis
Patricia	Smith	Lorraine	Raymond
Ingrid	Coulas	Donna	Enright
Rachael	Code	Laura	Meehan
Virginia	Gauthier	Joan	Perrin
Dorothy	Desjardins	Diane	Edwards
Sr. Catherine	McCann	Mary	Spence
Hilda	Valiquette	Eileen	Gribbon
Jean	Enright	Viola	Chaput
Shirley	Barbe	Marion	Nevins
Grace	Snell	Gladys	Bolduc
Marina	Quinn	Theresa	Roach
Irene	Shulist	Eunice	Meilleur
Lucy	McCarthy	Aileen	Power
Grace	Homuth	Maureen	Grace
Ellen	Davidson	Jackie	Luckasavitch
Jacqueline	Mainville	Diana	Freemark
Shirley	Kennelly		



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COMMON PRAYER

for the 5th anniversary of

Laudato Si'

Loving God,

Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and
to all future generations, and that it is our
responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being
left behind.
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope
and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic,
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are
needed in search of the common good,
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent,
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a
more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen