

**Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Fall Meeting, Our Lady of Sorrows, Petawawa, October 28, 2023, Oral Report  
Margaret Maloney, Spiritual Development Chair**

**Annual Day of Reflection**

The annual Day of Reflection held September 23, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Renfrew once again utilized the afternoon for our Service for Deceased Members (may they rest in peace) and an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Special thanks to Father Lacey, Father Brennan and Father Coyne for this ministry to our members. This year the morning's focus was Indigenous Spirituality. Five members of the BIAK Program – women from Bonnechere, Ontario drummed, sang songs and explained their spiritual context. Dr Emilie Pigeon from O.L.S.W college shared her presentation on "Comparing Ojibway and Catholic Spiritualities". This deeply moving and profound morning ended with a "Prayer of Unity". Special thanks to Our Lady of Fatima CWL council for their amazing warmth and generous hospitality and to Carol Sulpher from the Diocesan Indigenous Committee for her skilled and thoughtful co-ordination all of which made for a memorable day for the over 50 participants from throughout the diocese.

**No Member Left Behind - Reporting of Deceased Members**

Ontario Provincial Council is seeking to "leave no member behind" by reminding every council of the importance of reporting deceased members promptly and accurately. An online workshop was held in September for Spiritual Development chairs. This workshop had been posted on the OPC website for viewing. This resource is highly recommended. Each council at the Fall meeting today has been provided with a checklist (two copies) from this workshop to assist with reporting. Perhaps one could be given to the Organization chair and one to the Spiritual Development chair. The most important step is to report to National Office so that the names of the deceased members can be included in each Book of Life- parish, diocesan, provincial and national.

Respectfully submitted,