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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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Editor's Notes: Timely communication is important in keeping members in touch so this Supplement to the Spring 2023 Blue and Gold highlights the Diocesan Convention and includes oral reports given by executive officers at the convention. A section has also been devoted to responses to some of the comments from the Evaluation forms completed by delegates at the convention. For members who were not able to attend the convention, this will

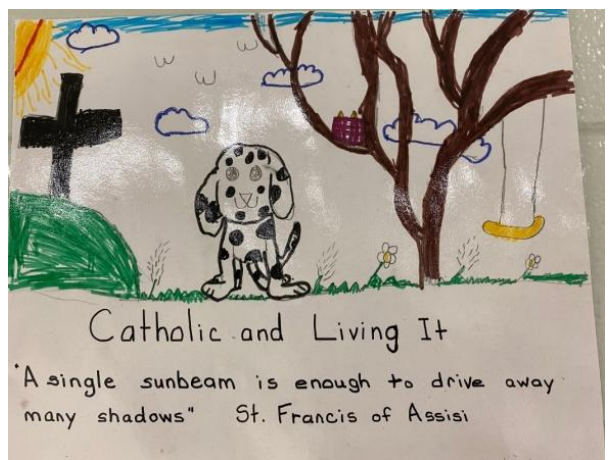
give an insight into the convention and perhaps twig your interest in attending in a future year.
Happy Reading,
Pat Weller Communications Chair

Highlights of Pembroke Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members 2023

Warm temperatures, clear roads, and sunny skies provided a welcoming environment for delegates and guests as they arrived at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Pembroke, on Saturday, May 13.

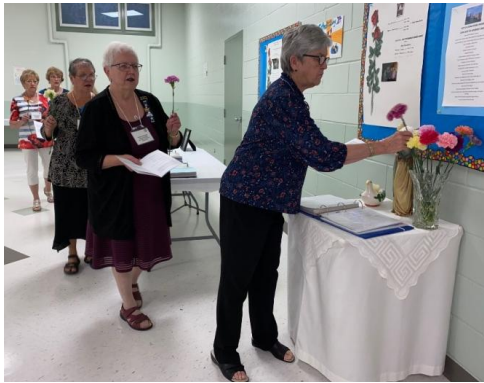


Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Council, along with Diocesan Council officers, were busy the day before preparing for the event. Posters based on the theme Catholic and Living It! created by the Grade 5 class at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School were displayed around the hall.



Eighty registered delegates and guests were in attendance to listen to reports, hear the guest

speakers, and participate in spiritual services.



Friendships were renewed with members from across the diocese.



Patrick Sullivan, evangelizer, Catholic speaker and author, with connections to the Office for the New Evangelization for the Diocese of Pembroke, and resident of Barry's Bay with his wife and children was the key note speaker for the morning session.



He led off with a vivid image of the Shepherd, the sheep, the wolf, and the sheep dog. It was

easy to assign the first three images, but who was the sheep dog? The sheep dog, with its eyes and ears always on the Shepherd can be each one of us called by our faith to help keep the flock in the fold and to bring them back if they have strayed. Patrick offered some helpful ways in which we can accomplish this task. It comes down to using the graces and gifts we have received from God, listening for His direction, and learning to discern where people are in their lives so we can walk with them and bring them the Good News of Jesus Christ. Patrick's book, "The Three Languages of Evangelization" (copyright evango, 2021) takes the reader through these steps.

A warm welcome was extended to Provincial Representative Wilma Vanderzwaag, First Vice President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development for the Ontario Provincial Council. Wilma was guest speaker for the afternoon and spoke on the bee, the symbol chosen by Provincial President Linda Squarzolo for her term of office. Some of the reasons for choosing the bee are outlined in "Linda's League Letters" in the April 2023 Edition of the *ON-Line Newsletter* found on the provincial website: cwl.on.ca. Foremost is that the bee is seen as a symbol of all the attributes of Jesus Christ. In her address to delegates, Wilma expanded on this explanation by assigning an attribute to each letter of the alphabet.

- A Adaptable
- B Bold
- C Caring
- D Determined
- E Engaging
- F Faithful
- G Grateful
- H Humour
- I Inspirational
- J Joyful
- K Kind
- L Loving

- M Motivated
- N Nurturing
- O Open
- P Prayerful
- Q Quiet
- R Resourceful
- S Sisters in the League
- T Trust
- U Unique
- V Vision
- W Wise
- X Excited
- Y Youthful
- Z Zany

Wilma was accompanied by a little beegnome mascot labelled "Bee Kind".



As members of the League, we can take these attributes and use them in service as we follow the provincial theme *Go Make a Difference*.

Before the business session ended, President Annette and Our Lady of Sorrows Member Patricia Holtz announced the new diocesan Facebook page: Catholic Women's League Diocese Pembroke Ontario. Patricia was busy during the day with her camera, capturing the convention for all to see. The photos and several short videos from the day are all posted on this new facebook page.

Bishop Guy sent his wishes for a successful convention. Regretfully, he was isolating after testing positive for Covid-19 and was unable to attend. Father Ryan Holly celebrated the mass with assistance from Father Michael Coyne. The reaffirmation ceremony for the returning officers of the diocesan council and their Spiritual Advisor was conducted before the final dismissal of mass. Thanks to Father Michael and the officers for their recommitment to serving the League on the Pembroke Diocesan Council.

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Communications	Pat Weller
Resolutions	Irene Perrault
Life Member Liaison	Carmel Rumleskie



Reaffirmation Ceremony before final dismissal at Mass.



Fr. Michael Coyne addresses delegates.



Lunch time.



Fr. Ryan Holly welcomes delegates.



Head table.



Joan Lemay gives Credentials Report.



Delegates at business session.

Oral Reports from May 13 Pembroke Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members

Spiritual Advisor's Message: Father Michael Coyne

(Message Reprinted from the 2022 Annual Report Book)

As I write these words to you my fellow sisters in Christ during these days of Lent 2023, amidst a winter slow to release its grasp, I find myself reflecting more and more on the nature of my choices, the ones I am currently making, and the ones I have made in the past. The gospels of this week I feel have influenced the direction of this reflection; the rich man and Lazarus, the wicked tenants. Yes, of course, these are examples of the extremes of human behaviour reflecting the worst of all possible choices, driven by envy and love of money, but what I find disturbing is that these extremes seem to be more and more the new growing norm.

Every generation has its legacy, what it will be remembered for, and I worry for what will our generation be known for?

The scriptural passage that comes to my mind in contemplation of our generation, at least in our social interactions with each other, is (*Matthew 8:24*), a storm at sea. Unfortunately, the reality is that a people who find themselves always in one storm or another will be hesitant to ever rock that boat.

Reflecting on our choices daily, in what we did or failed to do, helps us recognize whether we are resting in trust or awake in panic.

Our Prayer is a motivating source that leads us to action, to spiritually directed choices influenced by our love. Everything spiritually, I feel, always starts with love this most powerful of theological virtues. "*All that we love deeply becomes a part of us*", Helen Keller. The act of Loving is a choice, a leap of faith into that which we choose to love and this action, it changes us. This I believe is one of the greatest desires of God that we might continually grow in our love for him and allow him to become part of our lives.

Lent is the time the church asks us to reflect on what we have chosen to love in our lives. I have found a great measuring stick to reflect on this question is asking ourselves what we do with our precious free time. We see this reality in individuals who become excellent at something, amazing doctors, teachers, or athletes at the top of their fields, spending all their free time training, becoming amazing fueled by the love of what they are doing.

Mercy is another word essential to this reflection of our choices, what is our understanding of mercy. A hard heart is the opposite of mercy. This hardening of our

heart can happen so gradually sometimes that we don't even realize how much our hearts have hardened. The rich man in the parable of Lazarus probably did not consider himself the bad guy. That is why reflecting on our choices in the light of our faith is so important. Mercy is love when it encounters suffering, leading us to prayer and action. Prayer is our response to God's call to our heart. "No man can come to me, unless by the Father who sent me." (John 6:44)

So this year let us strive to be excellent in our faith; let us choose to make the choices to love, to mercy, to prayer, to commit some of our free time each day to reflect on our choices so that we can be inspired to choose better choices the next day reflecting more our love of God; leading us to love our neighbor.

May God Bless you all this coming year as you strive to be Catholic and show it to those around you.

President's Report: Annette Chaplin

UNITY OUTREACH

UNITY OUTREACH is a national CWL initiative to find the strengths and needs of parish councils.

The information that we get from you will be used by the National Board to provide councils with needed support considering all the resources we have available to us.

Your council will be visited by a member of the Diocesan executive and it will be interesting, and thought provoking.

All meetings are to be completed by the end of June 2023, so we will be in touch with you soon.

Past President's Report: Joan Lemay

In her report in *The Canadian League*, Spring 2023, Anne Marie Gorman, National Past-President reflects on lessons she has learned in her journey through the CWL.

I will reflect on 5 of these lessons that she identified.

#1/"Attending a convention is an excellent way to learn and become more committed to the work of the CWL". (*The Canadian League*, Spring 2023)

I have attended most of the diocesan conventions since 2008. They are a learning experience. I've learned about the work that the League does, the spiritual programs have been uplifting, the speakers inspiring and I've met so many godly women who are a part of the CWL.

I have attended numerous provincial conventions and several national conventions and these have energized and inspired me. They have given me a bigger picture of the work that the CWL does both at home and abroad.

#2/ “Disagreement and discussion ultimately move the League forward in a positive way.” (*The Canadian League, Spring 2023*)

Because we bring prayer to all that we do, we are able to move forward in a positive way. Remember disagreement is healthy and it does move us forward. If a council finds that there is an issue that is causing a rift among members, it is so important to spend time in prayer about it. This may also be a time to enlist the help of your Spiritual Advisor, or someone from another level of the League.

#3/ “A national office is the best investment in keeping the members organized and the organization intact”. (*The Canadian League, Spring 2023*)

Anyone who has searched the cwl.ca website knows the plethora of resources on it, from prayers to manuals, videos and teaching programs.

#4/ “Prayer strengthens this huge organization”. (*The Canadian League, Spring 2023*)

Prayer keeps us focused on who is our true head, and through Christ and the wisdom of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we will always find love, support, and strength.

Administrative Assistant: Bev Drouin

*Now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest is love
(1 Corinthians 13:13)*

Convention time is a busy time for Administrative Assistants. Here is your time to shine by enabling your council to feel comfortable in their roles. Offer them your help, your prayers, yourself.

Do the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting. We are not getting any younger and relying on your memory to get you through just won't cut it. You have to rely on your sister members to fill in the blanks, right Donna!

Keep accurate minutes.

Please keep me informed with your executive changes, especially the Presidents as I tend to send them a lot of emails.

Spiritual Development Report: Margaret Maloney

Sisters in the League:

It is a privilege to have Wilma with us today. Her work as Spiritual Development Chair of provincial council provides parish councils in Ontario with direction, support and faith opportunities.

Today I take the opportunity to draw three important dates in May to your attention.

1. May 4th - The 125th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Pembroke. The history is beautifully outlined in the most recent issue of *Ecclesia*. If you have not had a chance to review it, it is found as well online on the Diocese of the Pembroke website (pembrokedioocese.com).
2. Today - May 13th Our Lady of Fatima:
To quote Msgr. Stephen Rosetti in *LIVING FAITH: DAILY CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS* (April, May, June 2023) "On this day 106 years ago, the Blessed Virgin appeared to three young children in Fatima, Portugal. The message was simple but urgent: pray, especially the Rosary, offer sacrifices for sinners, and make reparation. If her message was fulfilled there would be peace." He goes on to say "the apparitions of Fatima have been approved by the Holy See. Its heavenly message is as relevant today as it was when first delivered."
3. May 31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luke 1: 48 and 49: "From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me".

As Father James McKarns says, also in the previously quoted *LIVING FAITH*, "Mary called herself a lowly servant of God. Mary is Blessed because she is God's servant." He goes on to say that "we can all strive to be servants of God and thereby become blessed. Jesus also came to serve and not be served."

"Blessed Mary, Merciful Jesus, teach us to be servants of God"

Christian Family Life: Donna Provost

"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"
John 13:34

Christian Family Life is all about living out our faith and Christian values. Our Catholic faith teaches us that we must love one another as ourselves. That is a very important statement. Think about it. 'Love one another as ourselves'. Loving myself was and is still very difficult for me. Years ago my husband and I attended a 'Marriage Encounter' weekend. A poster on a wall hit me hard when I read it. It said God doesn't make junk! Since then I have been working hard to learn to love myself because I want to love others as God wishes me to do. If I do not love me I cannot possibly love others in the way that God asks us to.

Under the umbrella of Christian Family Life: Marriage and Family, Sanctity of Life, Ministry to youth, disabled, seniors, widowed, separated, divorced and Vocations. All of these are important. CWL ladies are very supportive of them all especially the National March for Life in Ottawa, opposing medical assistance in dying and supporting Palliative Care in our communities. The CWL and Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops websites give good information on all these issues.

In National Chairperson Dorothy Johansen's Memo of April 11, she brings our attention to World Youth Day. This international gathering of young people aged 14-30 takes place from August 1st to 6th, 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. This festival of faith is where youth from all walks of life and countries meet and experience the love of God through prayer, singing, celebration and discovery and have the opportunity to be in the presence of Pope Francis. The Pembroke Diocese has six young people preparing to attend. The cost per person is \$3,600 and each young person is responsible to raise that amount. Please support this group in any way you are able such as financial and most especially by prayer. The Pembroke group plan to remain to visit and pray in Fatima before returning home. What a life changing trip for these young people. Our Provincial theme says *Go Make a Difference* and these young people will do just that!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in your endeavors.

Education and Health Chair Report: Louise Rockburn

Three months ago, a League delegation met with various federal leaders in Ottawa to discuss the members' concerns through the resolution process. One of the topics was **Resolution 2015.01 Increase Early Intervention and Access to Children and Youth Mental Health Services.**

Having recognized this issue, the federal government has taken several steps to address this resolution:

1. It is providing more funding for mental health services

2. It has provided specialized training for those working directly with youths suffering from mental health and addiction and
3. A website known as “Wellness Together Canada” was created with services both in French and English. Its service is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. For more information, check the website: wellnesstogether.ca.

The pamphlet “Catholic Education in Ontario Nurturing Mind, Body and Spirit” has been updated by the Ontario CWL Provincial Council. The pamphlet now contains historical background on Catholic education in Ontario as well as current statistics for student enrollment in English and French Catholic schools in the province. The pamphlet is available on the Provincial site under the icon “Resources”.

The environment, being another responsibility of Education and Health, the following dates are important to remember and some to act upon:

May 17 th :	World Bee Day
June:	World Ocean Day, World Rainforest Day
Sept 26 th :	International Day of Food Loss and Waste
Sept 1 st -Oct 4 th :	The Season of Creation
Oct 4 th :	Day of St Francis of Assisi with the theme being “Let Justice and Peace Flow”

Community Life: Terry Hodgson

Housing Conditions Among First Nations People, Metis and Inuit in Canada from 2021 Census

Adequate and suitable housing that provides residents with a safe environment to live and work is essential for mental and physical health. And a higher quality of life.

Poor housing conditions, such as overcrowding, mould or structural defects can cause infections and respiratory diseases, chronic illnesses and poorer mental health.

Many Indigenous people in Canada are in inadequate housing, particularly in remote or northern communities. Over one in six Indigenous people live in housing deemed unsuitable for the number of people living there, according to the National Occupancy Standard.

Even though 2016 Census of Population noted that the housing conditions of Indigenous people had improved overall, they still have inadequate housing with

defective plumbing or electrical wiring, or structural repairs to walls and floors.

Nationally, First Nations people were most likely to live in crowded housing in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and least likely in Atlantic Canada.

Communications: Pat Weller

Conversations in my home often involve the CWL so when my husband found an interesting piece in *The Eganville Leader*, he felt he had to bring it to my attention. It was a highlight in the "75 Years Ago" section and dated from October 18, 1946. The title read, "Large Representation at C.W.L. Convention In Pembroke" with the subtitle, "Protests Voiced Regarding Salacious Literature and Loose, Subtle Stuff Over Radio". The piece spans the gamut of Communications, Resolutions, and History and reads, in part, as follows:

"Protests against the continued sale of salacious literature were registered by the Catholic Women's League of the Pembroke Diocese, meeting in annual convention at Pembroke...

Among the resolutions adopted by the convention was one placing the organization on record as protesting more strongly against magazines and periodicals found on newsstands that do harm to morals and character of youth and it was further resolved that the C.W.L. sponsor a campaign of protest to the Radio Commission against featuring harmful advertising and dramatizing illicit love stories, "frequently presenting in a subtle manner, pagan philosophies which are harmful to immature children, spiritually and mentally."

I'm sure I don't fully understand what this means but it does show that media content has always been on our radar. Of course, what we are confronted with today is considerably more diverse than 75 years ago and our exposure to it has certainly changed our tolerance levels.

However, monitoring media content should remain an ongoing process and every member can be involved. Refresh your understanding of **Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites** and follow through on the action plan. Ensure how you communicate personally is always respectful and considerate of the receiver. These are just a couple of ways we can live out our national theme *Catholic and Living It!*

Resolutions: Irene Perrault

In her Communique of April 26, 2023 Rolande Chernichan, National Resolutions Chairperson, reported that National has on the CWL website the long waited Resolution Workshop under the 800 series (#833). The Resolutions Handbook is found on the CWL website under the 600 series (#618). She says that the workshop aims to guide the development, adoption and review of a resolution with easy to follow explanations, examples and directions. The Power Point is a resource for members or councils as an aid to encourage them to add their voices to League advocacy.

During April and May the Provincial Chairpersons will receive resolutions from Diocesan Resolutions Chairs that have been adopted at their annual conventions.

Once a resolution is received by the Provincial Chairs for action, it is adopted by the various levels of the League on its way to the intended destination. Please be assured that if the change in name of the originating council is presented for adoption at various levels of the League, the intent of the resolution never changes.

Rolande also suggests to prepare a 3 minute statement to present the key points as to why the resolution should be adopted.

Chairperson Rolande Chernichan, reported in her April 11, 2023 memo that "resolutions must remain an agenda item of council meetings. The League depends on councils to be the grassroots initiators of social justice advocacy through resolutions."

The previous Provincial Chair of Resolutions (2019-2022), Wilma Vanderzwaag, reported that position papers provide guidance and direction for action and advocacy on issues that are critical to the League. Position papers must reflect the tenets of our Catholic faith, keeping in mind the dignity of each human person and also the growth and understanding of social justice.

I have included in your handouts a copy of the dates to remember for resolutions and the Directive #10 (February 15, 2022) from Wilma Vanderzwaag, on "What Are Position Papers".

Life Member Liaison: Carmel Rumleskie

The Life Members (LMs) in our diocese are very active in many ways as leaders and co-workers in their parish councils and on the Diocesan council. As I have told you in past reports, Life Members have been a diocesan president and spent several years on the diocesan council beforehand and sometimes after as there are 6 Life Members presently holding an executive position on the Diocesan council. Let me list all the Life Members now with the date they were appointed.

Sheila Bielawski 1997
Andrea Bonneau 2007
Bev Drouin 2014
Margaret Maloney 2007
Irene Perrault 2003
Donna Provost 2016
Carmel Rumleskie 2003
Donna Shaddick 2009 (now living in Toronto area)
Sylvia Smith 1999
Pat Weller 2020

Please note that I said in the Annual Report that there are 10 LMs in the Diocese but really there are only 9 LMs as Donna Shaddick has left us. Change the number in your Annual Report Book.

Life Members have a lot of experience and knowledge to share with others. Call on them to help you with any challenges you have and invite them to be a guest speaker at one of your meetings. I am sure they would be glad to assist you. There are many LMs in Ontario. Shelley Tamas, Our Provincial Life Member Liaison (LML), keeps us informed about our sisters and their families across the province. Please keep us in your prayers as we will you. Together we can continue to grow The Catholic Women's League in Pembroke Diocese calling on all Catholic women to seek the kingdom of God first and everything else will fall into place.

Evaluation Responses

Thank you to members who took the time to complete the Evaluation form. Information or direction is given for some of the responses listed under the headings: **“Suggestions for Our Next Meeting”**, **“I would like to know more about...”**, and **“Questions that I would like to see addressed”**. The diocesan council will keep your comments in mind as they plan for upcoming meetings and the Day of Reflection.

“Suggestions for Our Next Meeting:”

- ***In person Spring and Fall meetings:*** Diocesan council has decided on zoom meetings in the Spring due to weather and road conditions and as a means to cut expenses (executive members are paid mileage to these meetings). Zoom meetings are a convenient way to meet. Most members are able to join a zoom meeting either on their own devices or with other members who are more familiar with the technology.

- **Best practices for managing CWL and church commitments with a busy life and managing expectations between those who have not yet retired and still have a big family at home and those with more time on their hands:** Each member must make choices about what is important to them but we must all acknowledge where members are in their lives and work with them to find ways to engage them and benefit from their talents. Start with prayer, be compassionate, and be open to listen to their voices.

“I would like to know more about..”

- **MAiD and the Churches' position on MAiD:** Go to cccbb.ca Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 1) Horizons of Hope – A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care; 2) Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – numerous letters, briefs, submissions, messages from the Bishops to the faithful and to government legislators; 3) Palliative Care – information and resources. At cwl.ca – Palliative Care Kit with information, resources, prayers.
- **The role of new chairpersons positions under Faith, Service, Social Justice:** Start at cwl.ca - 1) under Strategic Planning Resources and Updates #627 Faith-Service-Social Justice Brochure; 2) search Faith, Service, Social Justice Guidelines PDF (posted August 24, 2022). Even with the reduced number of standing committees, there will still be some overlap. Work on a collaborative approach among committees to prioritize topics based on your own councils capabilities.
- **Indigenous Issues, Truth and Reconciliation, What is happening in Diocese:** National and provincial CWL councils have encouraged members to reach out to Indigenous peoples (see resolutions to act on at both National – cwl.ca and Provincial – cwl.on.ca levels; Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle OLGC.ca; Kairos Blanket Exercise Workshop kairoscanada.org; Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action; Bishop Guy has recently announced a pledge of \$250,000 to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF), established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is to be paid in amounts of \$50,000 per year over 5 years. See Terry Hodgson's Community Life report in this issue on Indigenous Housing.
- **Information on wellnesstogether.ca :** See Louise Rockburn's Education and Health report in this issue for further clarification.
- **How does CWL monitor legislation for Christian values:** The Legislation Standing Committee's mandate is to monitor and study legislation at all levels of government (federal, provincial, municipal). As Catholic Christians we care for the most vulnerable and marginalized in society, the protection and respect for the sanctity and dignity of life, the protection of the environment, the support and protection of the church and freedom to practice our faith. The League tries to follow the example of Jesus, keep informed on legislative affairs, and bring legislation of concern to the attention of members for action and prayer. It is a

big task to monitor all legislation at all levels government so, as with all standing committees in the League, one must prioritize based on most current needs in society. Responsibilities under the Legislation Standing Committee will fall under the Social Justice Standing Committee when councils switch to the three standing committees of Faith, Service, and Social Justice.

“Questions I Would Like to See Addressed”

- **Homelessness and rent prices in Renfrew County:** There have been numerous articles in the local newspapers and in online news sources on local initiatives by individuals and by all levels of government. Check out the Ontario Provincial Council's Community Life Challenge **Compassion Into Action** that encourages members to form a team and research issues such as Homelessness in their local communities by finding out what is happening locally, what resources and supports are available or in need, and staying informed.
- **Future of the CWL in light of ageing demographics, declining memberships; What will it look like in 10 years?** Start with reading the Strategic Plan (cwl.ca/the CWL Plans Strategically). We have been working with the Core Guiding Principles since 2018 and have reconfigured our structure under the core values of Faith, Service and Social Justice. The Unity Program initiative that executive is presenting to councils around the diocese further explores the actions of councils doing their work within these core values.
- **How to attract younger members when they don't attend church?** Meet them where they are. Invite them to a CWL event such as a meeting with a good guest speaker, a fund raising event, or share something with them from the CWL website. Peak their interest.

Dates to Remember:

June 30 Final Date to enter the **BINGO** contest in the Spring 2023 Issue of *The Canadian League*

July 8-12 Ontario Provincial CWL Convention, Cornwall
(No refunds for Registration received after June 01, 2023)

Aug 13-16 National CWL Convention, St. John, New Brunswick
(No refunds for Registration received after July 31, 2023)

Sept 23 Day of Reflection, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Renfrew

Oct 28 Diocesan Fall Meeting, Our Lady of Sorrows, Petawawa

Diocesan Council News

Immaculate Conception, Bryson



The Catholic Women's League of Immaculate Conception Parish, Bryson Québec, hosted their sister members from St. Anne's, Calumet Island and St. James, Portage du Fort in a celebration to honour our patron saint, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Eighteen ladies received service pins ranging from sixty-five to five years at a Mass concelebrated by Father Michael Coyne, Diocesan Spiritual Director, and Fathers Michael Goring and Basil Tanguay, Parish Spiritual Advisors. Twenty-one members received their pins in absentia. The Mass was followed by a reception in the parish hall.

In Memoriam

Keep in your prayers, Susan St-Pierre, former President of Immaculate Conception Parish Council, Bryson, who died on May 15, 2023. Her funeral was Thursday May 25. May she rest in peace.