

# **THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA KINGSTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL**



## **Catholic and Living It!**

2022 Annual Reports  
(Website version)

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## **Kingston Diocesan Officers 2022 - 2024**

**Spiritual Advisor**  
Fr. Stéphane Pouliot

**President**  
Lyne Tuepah

**President Elect**  
Elizabeth Knudson

**Past President/Historian**  
Nancy Richer

**Organization**  
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**Spiritual Development**  
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**Corresponding Secretary**  
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**Recording Secretary**  
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**Christian Family Life**  
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**Health and Education**  
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**Life Member Liaison**  
Stephanie Spinelli

**Webmaster**  
Annette Meadows

Positions vacant in 2022 – Please contact the president Lyne Tuepah

Community Life  
Resolutions

Communications  
Legislation

## **Diocesan Regions**

### **Region One (Central) 15 Councils:**

Amherstview, Brewers Mills, Centreville, Enterprise, Erinsville, Gananoque, Kingston (5),  
Kingston Mills, Lansdowne, Napanee, and Railton

### **Region Two (West) 12 Councils:**

Belleville (3), Madoc, Marmora, Marysville, Picton, Read, Stirling, Stoco, Trenton and Tweed

### **Region Three (North/East) 14 Councils:**

Athens, Bedford, Brockville (2), Carleton Place, Lanark, Morrisburg/Iroquois, Perth, Prescott,  
Sharbot Lake, Smiths Falls, Stanleyville, Toledo and Westport

## **Diocesan Past Presidents**

Theresa Mangan (1969-1971)

Carmel Foster (1973-1975)

Catherine Holland (1985-1987)

Eleanor Taggart (1989 - 1991)

Jocelyn Rait (1993-1995)

Catherine Lortie (1997-1999)

Barbara Hendry (1999-2001)

Geraldine Canning (2001-2003)

Bernadette Burgess(2003-2005)

Anne Madden (2007–2009)

Kathy Huffman (2011-2013)

Stephanie Spinelli (2013–2015)

Margie Royle (2015-2017)

Maureen Vincentine (2017-2019)

Nancy Richer (2019 – 2022)

## **Honorary Life Member**

Betty Anne Brown-Davidson (2014)

## **Life Members**

Theresa Mangan (1971)

Carmel Foster (1975)

Eleanor Taggart (1994)

Rolande Oliver (1994)

Catherine Lortie (2001)

Barbara Hendry (2003)

Geraldine Canning (2005)

Bernadette Burgess (2008)

Anne Madden (2011)

Kathy Huffman(2016)

Stephanie Spinelli (2017)



## ARCHDIOCESE of KINGSTON

### Message from Archbishop Michael Mulhall to the Members of the Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Kingston April 2023

Dear Catholic Women's League Members:

I am pleased to offer greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your annual convention which is being held on the last weekend of April. I look forward to welcoming you to the Cathedral on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist.

The 2023 convention theme - **Let's Reconnect** - is a wonderful opportunity for you to re-examine your relationships and commitments with each other, particularly with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Nurturing and strengthening your devotion to Our Lord through service and fellowship at this conference and in your parish communities enable the ongoing building of God's Kingdom in our midst. With the hectic pace of daily life, it is important to be intentional about your choice to follow Our Lord's example of service to our brothers and sisters. A good remedy is to begin each task by dedicating every effort to the Lord.

When we have a profound encounter with Christ that is matured and deepened over time, the Holy Spirit leads us out of ourselves to serve others in the vocations marked for us. This missionary vocation serves Christ and His Church in bringing the name and encounter of Christ to the world. Only then can we **Go Make a Difference**, which is the theme chosen by the Provincial Council.

In fact, every area of the lay faithful's lives, as different as they are, enters into the plan of God, who desires that these very areas be the 'places in time' where the love of Christ is revealed and realized for both the glory of the Father and service of others. Every activity, every situation, every precise responsibility – as, for example, skill and solidarity in work, love, and dedication in the family, the education of children, service to society and public life, and the promotion of truth in the area of culture – are the occasions ordained by Providence for a 'continuous exercise of faith, hope, and charity'. (*Apostolic Exhortation, "The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and the World, John Paul II*)

I hope that these convictions of faith expressed by Saint John Paul II will be a source of inspiration that will also cause you to reflect on this year's National theme, **Catholic and Living It!**

My dear sisters, may your time together at this year's Convention be a source of spiritual growth, friendship, and a renewed commitment to your work as members of the Catholic Women's League.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston

## Annual Report 2022 - Message to all attendees of the 2023 Convention

My dear sisters in the League, welcome to the 2023 Diocesan Convention of the Catholic Women's League! 2022 has been a year in which many of our local parish councils of the Catholic Women's League began to meet again in-person as we began a clear and progressive post-pandemic way of living. I became the spiritual advisor to the Diocesan Executive in May, and it has been a real joy to attend the Provincial Convention in Ottawa in July, to lead a retreat for the executive in August, to attend one of the regional Development Day in November, to see our local parish council presidents and their guests at the two Presidents' meetings (October 2022 and February 2023), as well as to lead the March 2023 retreat at St. Patrick in Railton.

Locally, and across the archdiocese of Kingston, we have felt the joy of reconnecting with each other at the same time and in the same place, leaving behind the sense of isolation which came with our understandable concern for safety throughout the pandemic. As you read this annual report, let us praise God for all that He has done to bring us back in-person to this convention floor for the second year in a row!

We celebrate those of you who decided to step into leadership within the executive of your newly-elected local council, and those who kept your council alive through the pandemic and beyond. We offer our helping hands to those who wish to begin rebuilding the League wherever they are.

We are not blind to the struggles faced across the archdiocese, not numb to the weariness some feel in their bones, not indifferent to the disappointments some of you have experienced throughout the pandemic, and coming out of it. But we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Th 4:13). Instead, we believe that even death itself does not have the last word, thanks to Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

We mourned those sisters whose participation we have lost on earth upon their death, as they became feeble, as they lost their memory, and/or as they moved to a nursing home, but we also celebrate the courage of our vulnerability which leans not on our own efforts, but on the Power of God who breathes new life into the dry bones of our incomplete results. We believe in the Communion of Saints. We believe that our sisters of decades past intercede for us from Heaven, and pray for the Eternal rest and happiness of our sisters in need of purification on their way to Eternal happiness.

We come together at this convention as the apostles along with some of the women disciples (Acts 1:14) came together to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We beg the Consoler sent by Jesus to kindle in our hearts during these blessed days a new missionary fire, an enthusiasm, and an overflowing joy which will lead us to build personal relationships within our parishes with the young single and married women, as well as the new mothers who are stepping into our local church communities looking for faith, service, and social justice. Sisters, the future is bright, since the darkness cannot overcome Jesus (Jn 1:5)!



Father Stéphane Pouliot  
Spiritual Advisor to the Diocesan Executive





## Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

April 28, 2023

Dear League Sisters, Spiritual Advisors and Guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Kingston Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Your Diocesan Council has worked hard in the planning of this weekend to bring you an experience filled with spiritual growth, education and sisterhood. I wish to thank the multiple parish councils who assisted with the various tasks needed to ensure the next two days will be a time to remember and reconnect.

Our Life Members and Past Presidents will give us an opportunity to consider the accomplishments of the last century.

We will demonstrate, with our guest speakers, prayer services and presentations, the many ways we all continue to show we are 'Catholic and Living It!' and how we strive to 'Make a Difference' every day.

Take time to visit our vendor booths and the beautiful prayer room.  
Be sure to join us Saturday evening to show off your trivia knowledge and spend time with your sisters.

I challenge each one of you to take a minute this weekend and to introduce yourself to at least one person you didn't previously know. Ask them about their CWL story. Tell them about yours.

Our convention weekend is truly our time to 'Reconnect'. Don't miss the chance!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to intercede for us, always.

Your sister in Christ,

*Lyne Tuepah*

Lyne Tuepah  
President, Kingston Diocesan Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## KINGSTON DIOCESAN CWL MEMBERSHIP

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Amherstview	76	67	66	64	55
Athens	6	8	5	6	5
Bedford	46	40	88	34	27
Belleville, Holy Rosary	146	142	139	134	126
Belleville, St. Joseph's	169	149	115	95	2
Belleville, St. Michael's	115	120	94	89	83
Brewers Mills	63	62	60	58	56
Brockville, St. Francis	80	67	57	0	
Brockville, St. John Bosco	46	45	37	37	27
Carleton Place	64	62	66	65	62
Centreville	73	68	68	63	60
Deseronto	34	30	26		
Enterprise	28	28	32	34	33
Erinsville	56	54	52	49	46
Frankford	40	39			
Gananoque/ Howe Island	75	79	69	44	58
Kingston, Our Lady of Lourdes	104	98	107	83	78
Kingston, St. John's	59	46	36	33	34
Kingston, St. Joseph's	172	157	149	119	123
Kingston, St. Mary's	53	47	30	27	29
Kingston, St. Paul's	85	83	80	52	44
Kingston Mills, Holy Name	49	53	52	40	37
Lanark	20	17	18	16	15
Lansdowne	15	15	17	14	13
Madoc	40	38	38	38	42
Marmora	50	49	50	33	
Marysville	32	29	29	28	36
Morrisburg & Iroquois	64	66	42	34	46
Napanee	121	119	108	92	88
Perth	140	128	115	103	101
Picton	50	38	35	28	36
Prescott	160	158	147	135	137
Railton	70	67	60	51	54
Read	30	30	30	28	24
Sharbot Lake	23	23	17	14	12
Smiths Falls	161	118	119	110	140
Stanleyville	29	33	33	30	29
Stirling	35	45	36	36	29
Stoco	36	33	31	32	31
Toledo	27	29	29	29	27
Trenton	100	82	77	76	70
Tweed	49	46	37	37	34
Westport	72	65	55	54	46
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,963</b>	<b>2791</b>	<b>2551</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>1991</b>

## **President Report**

President: Lyne Tuepah  
Members: 2,085  
Councils: 41

**2022**

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Stéphane Pouliot  
Honorary Life Members: 1  
Life Members: 11

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In March, we held our Winter President's meeting in person at our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Dale Wright's home parish. We were able to safely distance in the church. We began the half-day session celebrating Mass and conducted necessary business with over 30 in attendance. On April 30, we welcomed 134 delegates to our '100<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention'. The 2 day affair was held at a new venue this year: Quality Inn and Conference Centre in Kingston. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time, we offered live streaming of the entire event for those wanting to join us from home. Our keynote speaker was Robert Mundle, a certified spiritual health practitioner, who spoke to us on Loneliness. Nancy Stevens, Founder of Kenya Help, was able to join us and provided an update on her great works. A spontaneous collection brought in over \$1,000 for that organization. A History Book, for years 2012 to 2021, was created and offered to councils and members for \$10. A Collection of Prayers booklet containing favourite prayers and spiritual quotes from our members and spiritual advisors was assembled and gifted to all members. Diocesan Election was conducted at the conclusion of our convention. Many positions were left vacant but the core team was created. Archbishop Mulhall also appointed a new Diocesan Spiritual Advisor for the next term, Fr. Stéphane Pouliot.

In May, we conducted a 'Transition' meeting for outgoing and new executive to handoff their portfolios. Our newly appointed Life Member Liaison, Stephanie Spinelli, provided the new officers with overall training and expectations. I introduced my theme for my term as 'Let's Reconnect'.

In July, 13 delegates from the Kingston Diocese attended Provincial Convention in Ottawa, including our newly appointed Spiritual Advisor.

In August, all officers attended an Officer's Retreat and planning session in Kingston Mills. Our morning was led by Fr. Stéphane Pouliot with a spiritual reflection and ending with Mass. After a potluck lunch, we spent the afternoon planning the year ahead.

Our Fall President's meeting was held in October at St. Paul the Apostle Parish hall with over 40 people in attendance. Along with necessary business, we reviewed portions of National's resource: 'Eliminating Misconceptions About the League'.

Finally in November, we offered a Development Half Day presentation called 'Reconnect: Where Do We Go from Here?' It was held at 4 locations across the diocese simultaneously and in person. Suggestions and ideas on how to grow parish councils and expand the leadership pool were well received.

## Treasurer Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Mary Lou Hills

Parishes Reporting: 32 of 41

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What did parishes donate to national voluntary funds in 2022?

Catholic Missions in Canada	815.00
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	340.00
CCCB Palliative Care Kit	50.00
Coady International Institute	415.00
Development and Peace-Caritas Canada	775.00
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	290.00

Parish councils donated a total of \$61,880.00 to all charities in 2022.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Treasurer not answered by policy or guidelines? Describe these FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Frequently, I was asked for clearer directions as to the category that the respondent should input their donation. I would assist them in completing the form.
- Only 1 council submitted under the new committees: Faith, Service and Social Justice

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Treasurer at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- Because it was the Diocesan's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary we asked each Council to hold a special donation to assist the war in the Ukraine – in particular a Polish priest in a diocese near the Polish/Ukrainian border – we asked only for 100 dollars hoping to receive \$4,100. Instead we raised \$7,337.00
- In preparation for our 101<sup>st</sup> convention the Diocesan Council undertook hosting the convention, asking for individual councils to take on a role such as hospitality, registration etc. We obtained a lottery license. We are able to hold our annual retreat and I was asked to set up Auto deposit at the bank – in hopes that we could hold a virtual silent auction to assist us in raising funds for the convention.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Treasurer position including identifying at what level of the League.

- We are still dealing with councils who are not familiar with programs that can convert PDF documents to Word to complete forms. It also becomes an added expense for a treasurer to install Adobe plus. Google documents does not always convert easily either.
- Most of the directives in 2022 were on the per capita fee increase. So this added another burden on councils to raise funds, raise their membership fee and so on.
- I could see holding workshops on how to complete the forms.

## **Recording Secretary Report**

**2022**

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Colleen Hill

Parishes Reporting: 28 of 41

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- The majority of councils send the Minutes (and the Annual Report) to members by email or post or in person at Masses. These can be reviewed, amended and approved at the next meeting. One Council posts Agendas and Minutes on their bulletin board.
- One Council developed an information package about the League, what the Council does locally and a list of current executive members with their phone numbers.
- At meetings and through emails, members are encouraged to access Diocesan, Provincial and National websites to see what's going on and to utilize resources there. The League magazine is often referenced at meetings.
- Eight of the 29 Councils have their own newsletter

Parish secretaries shared specific comments of note on their position as follows:

- A list of government official and their addresses was compiled to use in letter writing campaigns.

## **Communications Standing Committee Report**

**2022**

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Vacant (report compiled by webmaster)

Parishes Reporting: 16 of 41

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### **The Canadian League Magazine**

- In winter magazine 2022, an article that was liked was The Role of Women in the Church.
- Need more articles on local parish councils.

### **Media: for Evangelization**

- Promoting faith-oriented programs such as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; world communications day; The Catholic Register; Mass for Shut-ins plus Salt and Light daily mass.
- Shared League Mass on April 26 in honour of "The Feast of Our Lady of Good Council".

### **Media: to Promote the League**

- About 50% of council's have encouraged members to visit the CWL on Facebook or Twitter. 88% of council's have encouraged members to use cwl.ca. Most councils use church bulletin inserts or bulletin boards at church.

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

- It has been a difficult year and less than 10% of councils have encouraged members to monitor media content.

### **Media: Newsletter and Bulletins**

- Have used local media and parish websites for submitting material for publication or sent thank you after events or invitation to attend events
- Organized telephone calls to members or by email

### **Pornography**

- The diocesan council has found due to covid there was no distribution of Pornography Hurts, they have not promoted the Over 18 documentary, or film Red Light Green light. Some have encouraged members to become more involved. 25% of council's have encouraged members to educate themselves and their families on safe, wise and responsible Internet use.
- 42% of council's have shared with their members the strategic planning information 25% recite the Renewal Prayer found on the National website.

For each of the following, describe ways parish councils and diocesan council assisted members in their communal and personal prayer life in 2022?

- Most councils reported using a variety of prayer styles
- Half of those responding suggested they used spiritual readings and perhaps a book club.
- Some attended retreats or days of reflection or webinars.
- A few reported using resources from the national website. These resources are much appreciated.

In their growth in Catholic faith?

- Most councils reported sharing information from Catholic sources.
- Some councils reported using programs from online sites.
- A few reported using information and programs derived from courses, workshops or guest speakers.
- Only a few chairs report that they used Vatican II documents to study

In being up to date on the role of women in the church?

- Most councils reported keeping up to date on the role of women through their own discussion, reading and research.
- A few suggested they read or studied documents on women in the church coming from the Vatican and/or the CCCB.
- One reported they had a guest speaker on the topic of women in the church.

Describe ways parish and diocesan councils supported women/men discerning their vocation?

- One council described having a prayer for discernment and a process that helped them be open to the Spirit. They looked at "head work and heart work"
- Councils are involved in preparing children for the sacraments and in doing so, are introduced to the idea of God's hopes for them.
- RCIA candidates are being prayed for by many councils.
- Councils offer financial support to seminarians through our provincial voluntary fund. They will also financially support anyone from their parish discerning their religious vocation.
- Support is shown by many councils to archdiocesan initiatives of prayer and financial aid to our seminarians.
- Vocation cross prayers are also used in some councils.
- Council members attend ordinations and liturgies of persons taking religious vows.
- Anyone discerning a religious vocation is encouraged by parish council members to take on leadership roles in liturgy and parish events.
- Suggested they have used pamphlets and bulletin announcements to promote discernment.

Describe any unusual activities undertaken as Spiritual Development at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- Councils are recovering from Covid years and are hoping for a more normal year in 2023 in which they can focus more on the spiritual growth of our members and continue their faith journey 'face to face' once again.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Spiritual Development position including identifying at what level of the League.

- The resources on the national website are being used and appreciated by some. Gradually more councils will access these resources.
- A couple of councils expressed their thoughts that the questions asked in the Spiritual Development section, did not give them the opportunity to express some of what they were doing as a council. Eg. Supporting sacramental preparation, youth initiatives, support for parish initiatives, ministries

For each of the following, describe ways parish councils and diocesan council supported recruitment and retention of members:

**Annual Membership Drive**

- Membership drives occur annually in all parish councils that reported.
- The drive usually happens between November and January
- Councils do their best to reach all women in their parishes. They advertise in bulletins, with posters and from the pulpit. Ladies acknowledge that the personal invitation is still most important, so lots of phone calls and personal invites to meetings and visits are part of the process.
- Many promote their membership at special occasions: coffee Sundays, celebrations of pin presentations, celebratory luncheons etc.
- Membership envelopes are part of the Sunday envelope package in many parishes.

**Info sessions for members.**

- Some councils prepare and send out welcome letters to new members, some make phone calls to new members. This provides an opportunity to put forth our mission statement and some of the activities of the council.
- When presidents receive information, it is passed on to executive members.
- Advent and Lenten mini retreats are held in some councils. It is usually open to the parish.
- A council reports they have developed an information package for their new members including a list of the current executive and their contact numbers, also outlining their council's activities.
- Members are encouraged to peruse diocesan, provincial and national websites and to read the national magazine. Many League members appreciate the magazine and use it to keep informed.
- Members have spoken at Masses and councils have helped subsidize membership where needed.
- Many councils attended our diocesan development day.
- On Specific Sundays, executive members are at the back of the church before and after masses to answer questions in one parish.
- Councils sometimes are able to keep a poster board available and up to date with current news.
- Most councils are using email extensively to forward information. Some councils have websites and their own newsletters.
- There are also a few councils who have found membership and distributing information to members a real challenge.

**Info session for prospective members?**

- Recruitment is most often the result of personal invitation.
- Members are sometimes encouraged to bring a non-member to a meeting or event (potluck, or social)
- One council said, "we rely on our reputation to bring in members and it works". As I outlined in a directive, if we display joy and commitment, sometimes others want what we have!
- Displaying information and newsletters.
- One council is hoping for a package on recruitment methods and perhaps ideas on retaining members.

**What resources/assistance would parish councils like to have?**

- Ladies are using websites and the national magazine. These are tools that reach many members so it is important to keep them accessible and current.

- Councils appreciate brochures about the League.
- Councils are being encouraged to look on the national, provincial and diocesan websites frequently to find what the need: prayers, reflections, liturgies, information.
- Members have reported that they have appreciated the availability of the diocesan president.
- League Development and new positions were topics mentioned.
- It is also suggested that assistance is needed in guiding members through the various websites.
- Diocesan initiated sessions on recruitment, new positions and League Development would be useful.
- Members suggested they need help recruiting younger women. Also resources on describing and promoting the different types of membership would be useful.
- It is suggested that training sessions for executive members would be useful in late summer, early fall.
- A workshop on moving forward post covid might be useful.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of President-Elect/ Organization? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Many councils do not have a president-elect/ vice president. This is certainly a problem as a new president does not have the usual experience gained in the role. Diocesan executives are trying to be very approachable in mentoring and advising. The diocesan president and members of diocesan executive have attended parish council meetings on occasion or have met individually with members.
- Questions have come to us pertaining to membership and we are usually able to search out answers for them.
- There were also questions surrounding the instructed voting which has taken place in 2022. We were able to help and answer questions.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to President-Elect/Organization position including identifying at what level of the League.

- We have received two new members through the national website. This process is good.
- I think communication between organization chairs at various levels is important. It keeps us focused and provides opportunity to discuss small issues that might otherwise go unaddressed.

### **Life Membership**

- Some councils have life members living in their area and find them a great benefit to their council.
- Life members are a wealth of knowledge and assist in reports and election protocol.
- Life members act as mentors and are always willing to help and facilitate workshops.

### **Additional**

- During covid councils kept lines of communication open via emails and phone calls.
- There were opportunities for communal prayer.
- One council was able to provide an outdoor honor guard for a deceased member of 62 years at her funeral.
- Lines of communication were kept open with phone calls and emails and posts in the online church bulletin as well as masked meetings and zoom meetings.
- Some councils continued to support their regular charities.
- Due to covid, activities in the parishes were still limited in 2022 with most councils not meeting in person.
- The most necessary business was conducted by the executive.
- Usually, a large number of members participated in fundraisers while fewer attended meetings.



For each of the following, list actions by parish councils and diocesan council to:

Support marriage and families.

- Many councils provide meaningful gifts to newly married couples such as bibles, crucifixes, and masses.
- Councils help with preparation for sacraments and provide gifts to children being baptized and for First Communion and Confirmation as well as celebrations following sacraments.
- Coordinate school Masses and host monthly family Mass, and family potluck dinners.
- Recognition for significant wedding anniversaries.
- At Christmas, provide baskets and gifts for needy families, donate to food banks, and school food programs.
- Some members have participated as counsellors at Marriage Preparation Course for the Parish.

Uphold or advocate for the sanctity of life.

- Councils make monetary donations to Birth Right, have held peaceful protests against abortion and attended Life Chain and March for Life.
- They held a Living Rosary around the perimeter of the church, and hold monthly Mass for Sanctity of Life.
- Many Councils utilized post cards in the church pews to encourage parishioners to write their Member of Parliament regarding Abortion and Euthanasia issues.
- Many Councils supported, hosted, participated in Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.
- A section of the garden at a Parish is devoted to Sanctity of Life, they held rededication of their statue for the "unborn".

Support youth.

- Councils support bursaries for graduating grade 8 and 12 students, financially support the "Squires Youth Group", supported young adult in Christian Catholic Outreach.
- Councils hold week long, summer Bible Camps, have prayer buddies with students at local schools.
- Held baseball game with Youth Team against Priests, and a second game against adults in parish.
- Worked with youth for Coffee Socials, helped with Trunk or Treat and supported their Lenten Walk of Faith.
- Most Councils supported prayerfully and financially Youth Groups and provided special celebrations and gifts for Sacraments.

Reach out and provide ministry to others.

- Most Councils bring the Blessed Sacrament to shut ins, nursing homes and provide Pastoral Care visits.
- Some Councils have a "Prayer Shawl Ministry", send birthday, Christmas and Easter Cards, daily prayer for individual members.
- Participate in a special prayer service at wakes of CWL members. Support with donations to Vision TV and the Society of the Little flower.
- Reached out with newsletters via email and Canada Post and had guest speakers.
- Provided homeless giftbags, provide transportation to parish activities.
- The following is a list of activities of many Councils: donations to food banks and missions, work at Mission Thrift Store, volunteer at lunch programs for homeless, donations to local Women's Shelter, Chairing Cemetery Committee, providing Music Ministry, reading at Sunday Masses, preparing the altar for Mass.

Support and/or promote religious vocations.

- Councils contributed prayerfully and financially to a young lady who was entering religious life, as well as a young man who was becoming a monk.
- A Council bought a Nigerian Priest his first vestments when he became a priest.
- Vocations cross is passed from one family to the next to pray for vocations.
- Some members are CND associates.

## **Community Life Standing Committee Report**

**2022**

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Vacant (report compiled by president)

Parishes Reporting: 13 of 41

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13 parish councils participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Truth and Reconciliation Day – September 30, 2022 with the following:

- Prayer Masses, Services, personal prayers, light votive candle
- Education and Promotion: On-line course, wear Orange shirts, recommended books
- Fundraising: purchase calendars created by local indigenous artist

National Food Bank Project

- None participated officially in National project however 86% reported supporting their local foodbanks with both money and goods

National Webinar on Human Trafficking by Joy Smith

- None listened to webinar however 2 reported participating in local presentations

Assisting Ukrainian refugees in transition to their new life in Canada?

- 1 council was asked to pray for family sponsored by local school
- 1 CWL member hosted a family of 6, others from council assisted with food and clothing
- 17 councils reported giving financial assistance being sent to Ukraine

Did parish councils use the following?

Three of the 28 use Development and Peace – Caritas Canada brochure to promote projects supported by the League.

Four of the 28 use the Catholic Near East Welfare Association brochure to promote projects supported by the League.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Community Life? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Position is vacant and president did not field any specific questions

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Community Life chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Position is vacant however president did encourage members at the fall meeting to consider supporting, personally or as a council, the D&P 1% program.

## Education and Health Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Elizabeth Knudson

Parishes Reporting: 11 of 41

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### Promoted/assisted Catholic education

- Our local Catholic School is listed with the address and phone number of the school on the front of our Church bulletin; Continued to work directly with our parish school
- Baptismal candles provided; Rosaries for first communion, and confirmation are given
- Provided refreshments for First Communion, Confirmation, and Grade 8 Graduation
- A teacher who is also a member had her students create 200 Christmas Cards to be distributed to the homeless in the community
- Bibles are given to Grade 4 Students
- Donations to school for ongoing needs of children to supplement hot lunch and field trips for those in need of financial help; Support school lunches and Catholic Girls League
- Provided baked treats for summer bible camp
- Organized School Masses
- Funded the reinstatement of Junior Liturgy taught by a member; Support youth group
- Support Cody Institute, Catholic Christian Outreach, and Bishop Pappin Fund
- Bursaries or Scholarships
- Sponsored a monetary and award document to a female student who best represents qualities and actions of the CWL at our local elementary school
- Gave two art awards of 100 dollars to grade 8 students
- Gave high school graduation bursaries to public secondary school
- Gave Christian Leadership Award to a Grade 8 Grad
- Gave awards for Literacy, Art, and Academic to three grade 8 Grads

### Did your council participate or act on the following:

- Three councils participated in the Mental health post card campaign
- Four councils participated in the Palliative care post card campaign
- Seven councils participated in the Webinar on palliative care May 7
- Seventeen councils participated in the 12 hours of prayer for palliative care
- Two councils participated in the World Water Day, March 22
- Six councils participated in the Earth Day, April 22
- No councils participated in the Earth Action Initiative, September 20

### List any other significant campaigns or speakers related to helping the environment

- Encouraged all members to conserve water and gave them ways to do so
- Collected garbage and recycling on Earth Day
- Participated in Trash Bash Day in our township
- Reduce Reuse Recycle
- Limit use of disposable plastic and Styrofoam by using glass dishes and regular silverware for functions
- Avoid buying bottled water
- Collect rainwater for watering plants
- Use recycled paper to wrap gifts
- With leadership from our Spiritual Director, we participated in Laudato Si activities

### List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Education & Health position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Would recommend more Directives from the Diocesan Council with more being shared from Provincial and National
- More information to focus on Health Issues

Indicate those tools councils used in the last three years to develop a resolution

- workshops- diocesan/provincial
- nation resolutions communication; Resolutions guide
- resolutions supplement to Exec handbook
- actual resolution posted on website
- mentoring by another member

Councils used the following:

- Workshop 'Faith in Action'
- mailings from government reps
- in person/online gov't forums at any level
- Hansard, printed recording of gov't proceedings
- LEGISinfo website; federal department of justice website

List any resolutions and government bills/legislation/laws studied or acted upon by councils in 2022 and indicate at what level of the League or government as applicable.

- Legislation dealing with Euthanasia and assisted dying
- C-7, C-11, S-248: email were sent o MOPs and petitions and postcards were signed by some members. Members indicated they will continue to support life in all forms and voice their opinions, lobby politicians, and march.

One council indicated names of members interested in receiving specialized training in resolution development.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Resolutions and Legislation?

Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- We were asked on occasion how to find a petition or perhaps addresses of members of parliament.
- We were ready to steer members to the appropriate national or provincial website. We were able to instruct on the technique of letter writing to officials.
- List any recommendations or challenges for keeping resolutions and legislation active at the various levels considering the structure changes scheduled for January 2023
- Resolutions and legislation will still be important. The leadership "team" will share the responsibility of guiding members.
- We will take direction from National and Provincial councils.
- All resolutions and legislation do fall under one of the three chairs, or sometimes an overlap.
- Having a social justice chair will be important.
- We, as members will continue to bring news items forward as well as our concerns.
- It was recommended that National continue to send directives and communiques to keep members informed.
- It is also recommended that National keep relevant information in an easy to find place on the website.
- Perhaps a workshop on legislation and resolutions.
- We need to engage members who do not attend meetings but might follow updates on the website.
- Emphasize importance of these issues at meetings, on websites and newsletters.
- We need to do a better job promoting the programs available at the National level. I am referring to specifically the Catholic Social Teaching, Care for God's Creation, Dignity and Rights of Workers and Life and Dignity of the Human Person. Most members responding, were not aware of these programs.

## Past President/Historian Report

2022

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Nancy Richer

Parishes Reporting: 17 of 41

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In your capacity as past president list instances for which you were consulted that may require clarification of policy and identify at what level of the League.

- Helped a new president with information as she has just joined from another Diocese.
- A sounding board, on practices, organization and reporting
- Archive work, annual report,
- Procedure for funeral luncheons, long service awards procedure
- Organization of the archives
- Don't have one

Describe options for where parish councils keep their archives in bullet one and any items archived in 2022 beyond those described in policy in following bullets.

- Storage room at the parish, in the parish hall, in the rectory
- President's home

Eight councils have a history book.

Seventeen councils have an up to date policy manual.

Fifteen council use the Constitution and Bylaws at meetings.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Past President position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Details about setting up and maintaining a policy and procedure manual, explain why each council needs one.
- Explain importance of where the archives are stored, why is isn't best to have them in someone's home.
- Clarifying the duties of the Past President.

## **Life Member Liaison Report**

**2022**

Diocese: Kingston

Chairperson: Stephanie Spinelli

Honorary Life Members: 1

Life Members: 11

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### **Deceased Members – 2022**

- Kingston Diocese mourned the loss of Life Member Dorothy Meehan in June.

### **Newly appointed Life Members in 2022**

- No new life members in 2022

### **Current Life Member Activities**

- Life members continue to support League members at the parish and diocesan levels as advisors, mentors, speakers and facilitators.
- One member serves on the subcommittee of Spiritual Development at provincial and national levels; another is a member of the Provincial Social Justice Award Committee.
- Friendship and support is offered to League sisters individually through prayer, phone calls and personal visits.
- Life members share their gifts within their parishes serving in all ministries and as volunteers throughout their communities.
- Life members were able to attend diocesan, provincial and national conventions in person and/or virtually in 2022.
- We paid tribute to deceased Life Member Liaison Carol Richer at 2022 diocesan convention

### **Life Member Liaison Activities in 2022**

- Maintained current contact list of life members for diocesan and provincial records
- Forwarded diocesan, provincial and national communiques, prayer requests and announcements of upcoming events to life members by email or personal contact
- Kingston life members requests for prayers forwarded for distribution to provincial and national life members
- Sent e-cards and email messages to life members and their families expressing sympathy, words of encouragement, congratulatory and birthday wishes
- Christmas and Easter greetings sent to life members by email or Canada Post

### **Recommendations**

- That life members be encouraged to update their League story every five years
- That life members remain active in councils, available for consultation, to mentor, assist and share ideas when called upon by president and executive members
- That life members encourage women to join the League and present members are urged to recognize and develop their talents working toward a leadership role
- That life members continue to pray for the future growth of The Catholic Women's League

**During 2022, councils in the Kingston diocese, made donations to numerous organizations and groups. These financial donations have an impact on many lives and we are making a difference in our communities and beyond.**

Parish church projects	Breakfast clubs
Local Legion Poppy Fund	Franciscan Sisters
Highschool bursaries	Elementary school bursaries
Contributions to Knights of Columbus	Anchor of Hope
Catholic Missions	CNEWA
Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary Fund	Birthright
Meals on Wheels	Development and Peace
Christmas Sharing	Ukraine Support
Retired Priests' Fund	Coady National Institute
Food Banks	CCCB Palliative Care
National Bursary fund	Community Home Support
Alternatives for Women	Mission Outreach
Rosary Apostolate	Action Life
Loaves and Fishes	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Hope fund	Kenya Help
Morningstar Mission	Tamworth & District Lion's Club
New Legacy Centre, Tamworth	Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
Kingston Street Mission	Martha's Table
Almost Home	Chalice
Red Cross	Madonna House
Adopt a Child	Festival of Trees
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (Pakistan Relief)	Save a Family Plan
Parish Alpha Program	Community Food Share
Net Ministries	Priests for Life
Society for the propagation of the faith	Interval House
Covenant House	Campaign Life Coalition
Bruyère foundation	Compassionate Community care
World vision	Canadian Foodgrains Bank
Ottawa Mission	South Dundas Christmas Exchange
JW MacIntosh Senior Support Centre	Palliative Care Telethon
Grace Inn Belleville	Belleville Mission Thrift Store
Red Cedar Women's shelter	Helping Hands foodbank
Friendly Manor Seniors' Home	Interval House
Salt & Light TV	Missionary of the Little Flower
Homes of Joy	Holy Childhood Association
Wellington House Long Term Care Facility	Parish Sacramental Programs
Kinsmen Club of Prescott – Spirit of giving	Gilead Fellowship
Catherine's Kitchen	In From the Cold
An Orphanage in Nigeria	Big Brothers Big Sisters
Lanark County Victim Services	Support for a parish in Ghana
Christmas food and gifts to needy	Supported Parish priest's trip home
Hospice Prince Edward	Salvation Army
White Fathers	Sisters in Peru
National Broadcast Council	Sleeping Children
Tuktoyatuk	Lionhearts – Street mission
Loughborough Emergency Relief	San Damiano Foundation
Festival of Sacred Praise Stirling	Cemetery Fund
Three Oaks	Silent Children's Mission

**Parish Council Highlights and Responses to the Question:  
" How has your council made a difference in 2022?"**

**Amherstview:**

President: Kelly Neville  
November 14, 1995

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Rev. Timothy Shea

**Highlight:** We gave out two Maple Leaf pins to Mary Lou Hills and Donna Guiney and had a successful bazaar for the first time in two years.

**Go Make a Difference:** We donated 940 pound of food to the food bank as well as a monetary donation of \$500, and that was over one weekend.

**Athens**

Contact: Susan Mensen  
June 15, 1952

*(became inactive, then reactivated in 1983)*

**Highlight:** We are a very small group but are dedicated and committed to our parish and to the league

**Go Make a Difference:** We have supported each other and many in our community

**St. Denis the Areopagite Parish**

Rev. Benedict Ubanii

**Bedford**

President: Karen Abrams  
November 15, 1931

*(disbanded in late 1940's, reactivated July 29, 1959, disbanded again date unknown, reactivated in 1983)*

**Highlight:** Had a vendor sale that was very successful. It brought our parishioners and community together for a fun day with lots of vendors and enjoying a bowl of chili/soup along with homemade treats.

**Go Make a Difference:** Our theme was vocations. We had a Mass for Father Cyprian's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and sent him cards at Christmas and Easter. We also sent cards and emails along with visits to our residents in long term care homes or to elderly parishioners in their homes.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**

Rev. Cyprian Ihedoro

**Belleville**

President: Ruth Terry  
January 24, 1954

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish**

Rev. Dale Wright

**Highlight:** Baptismal stoles were designed and sewed by some of our members. These stoles are used as babies and children are baptized and are given to them as a remembrance.

**Go Make a Difference:** At Christmas time, our council led the parish in a Christmas Sharing program. We provided five large families with Christmas groceries. Cards from members and school children were delivered to nursing home residents and shut ins. Many of these were delivered with a personal visit and some treats. Christmas gift bags were prepared for some of the homeless in our community.

**Belleville**

President: Anne Weldon  
January 24, 1954

**St. Joseph Parish**

Rev. Rod McNeil

**Highlight:** Our highlight was the tea social we held in 2022

**Go Make a Difference:** We know we make a big difference, but don't often "blow our own horn". No activity/event happens without the cooperation/help/support of our CWL members. Help with membership fees has ensured all members have access to the CWL. We strive to continue to foster a a sense of belonging and fellowship.



**Belleville**

President: Heather Lafond  
October 26, 1921

**Highlight:** We celebrated our 100 year anniversary with Mass and Luncheon. We handed out service pins at the lunch and Father Rod was our guest speaker.

**Go Make a Difference:** Some members volunteered at the Tuck shop at Hastings Manor.

**St. Michael the Archangel**

Rev. Richard Whalen

**Brewers Mills**

President: Stephanie Weiler  
September 18, 1931

**Highlight:** We are a small group, but support our parish community.

**St. Barnaby Parish****Brockville**

President: Peggy Brand  
March 1921

**Highlight:** our members are actively supporting our parish and community

**St. Francis Xavier Parish**

Rev. Andrew Shim

**Brockville**

President: Mary MacDermott  
January 18, 2009

**Highlight:** Getting together in person after being shut down. Working with Knights of Columbus and other CWL councils in town to work together for the needy in our community

**Go Make a Difference:** Making sure that all fundraising efforts result in monies going back to our local community.

**St. John Bosco Parish**

Rev. Jacob Chelamootil

**Carleton Place**

President: Michelle Niefer  
November 9, 1941

*(inactive in 1973, reactivated 1983, disbanded 1991, reactivated 2003)*

**Highlight:** Early Spring, our Council held a 'Cookie Sale' selling cookies decorated with the Ukrainian Flag'. This money was then sent to Ukraine.

**Go Make a Difference:** Over the past two years, St. Mary's in Carleton Place provided a family of five living in a local motel with meals each week until they found affordable housing.

**St. Mary Parish**

Rev. Stéphane Pouliot

**Centreville**

President: Veronica Wemp  
November 1, 1931

**Highlight:** 50 school bags handmade and filled with school supplies, as well as 100 homemade quilts, mitts, scarves and pillows were delivered to the Canadian Food for children.

**Go Make a Difference:** Several members walked in *The Coldest Night of the Year* and raised \$14,585 to donate to Morningstar Mission to help feed, clothe and support the homeless in our area.

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

Rev. Brian Russell

**Enterprise**

President: Sue Boutilier

November 1, 1931

**Highlight:** Our highlight for 2022 was being able to assemble and display our Christmas Float in the Tamworth parade. Keeping Christ in Christmas our sign reads "BEST GIFT EVER", with the Baby Jesus lying on a manger in the big gold box. This was enjoyed by our council and our two sister councils in our Stone Mills Parishes.

**Go Make a Difference:** With the releasing of the pandemic restrictions our council joined with the parish in holding our annual summer chicken BBQ which was enjoyed by 500 attendees who were able to meet and socialize with neighbors and friends. Our council started monthly Sunday Coffee after mass, enjoyed by the parishioners. During advent we held food drives for St. Vincent De Paul, Morningstar Mission and New Legacy center and filled 53 stocking bags for St. Vincent de Paul from our three parishes. This is an ongoing issue for the homeless and the needy.

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

Rev. Brian Russell

**Erinsville**

President: Maureen Gaffney

February 4, 1932

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

Rev. Brian Russell

**Highlight:** On Wednesday, November 23, 2022 Assumption CWL Council celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We were joined by our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Father Stéphane Pouliot, and our Diocesan President, Lyne Tuepah. Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Brian Russell offered Mass for all living and deceased members and also the Service Pin Presentation occurred. Lyne presented our President, Maureen Gaffney, and members with a beautiful Anniversary Certificate from Fran Lucas our National President. We were also joined by members of councils from Annunciation Parish and St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Following the presentation and pictures we went for dinner at a local restaurant for an evening of fellowship.

**Go Make a Difference:** Our Council collects year-round Christmas gifts and food items for the Tamworth & District Lion's Club and the New Legacy Centre in Tamworth. The Lion's Club had an increase in Christmas Food Hampers from 42 in 2021 to 68 in 2023. These hampers included a complete Christmas Dinner (turkey with all the trimmings) and boxes of groceries depending on the number in the family. Christmas gifts for everyone as well in the family. We also collect food items for the New Legacy Centre in Tamworth which is a local charity Food Bank in our area. Our council has been very generous in supporting both of these organizations with monetary donations as well.

**Gananogue/Howe Island**

President: Jo-Anne McReynolds

September 6, 1931

**St. John the Evangelist Parish**

Rev. Christian Ifezue

**Highlight:** We hosted the 100<sup>th</sup> Kingston Diocesan convention. This involved many members who willingly gave their time and energy.

**Go Make a Difference:** Donations to the Breakfast Program and Grade 8 graduation at St. Joseph School, Gananogue

**Kingston**

President: Karen Mulvihill

April 12, 1984

*(Inactive 1987-1990; reactivated 1991)***Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

Rev. John Brennan

**Highlight:** In the fall of 2022, we held a very successful mini bazaar.

**Go Make a Difference:** Our council collected old Christmas cards for our Parish school, Our Lady of Lourdes. Students made Christmas Cards for the Street Mission. Clients of the Mission received individual Christmas cards and chocolate bars.

**Kingston**

Co-Presidents: Patricia Dessanti, Louise Baillargeon

June 14, 1942

**Highlight:** We celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October with a potluck, honouring long time member/ past president Theresa Millar as well as 60-year member Judy Robertson.

**Go Make a Difference:** We collected more than 500 items (mitts, scarves, socks) for the North End Community Health organization through our Tree of Warmth Advent campaign.

**St. John the Apostle Parish**

Sr. Jeannette Filthaut

**Kingston**

President: Colleen Krasna

April 14, 1950

*(inactive 1972-76, reactivated 1977, inactive 1980-85, reactivated 1986)*

**Highlight:** Although our St. Joseph's CWL Executive returned to in person meetings following COVID protocols in September 2021, a definite highlight was when we returned to in person General Members Meetings on April 11, 2022. From that date until the end of June 2022, we worked very collaboratively to honour Our Lady of Good Counsel with mass and a dinner celebration, to host a very successful Fancy Hat Tea Party in May and ended our year with our CWL Service Pins Award Ceremony and a final Pot-Luck Dinner. We were so grateful to be back praying, celebrating and socializing together.

**Go Make a Difference:** In August 2022 St Joseph's Parish said a fond farewell to beloved Monsignor Joe Lynch who had shepherded our parish for over 18 years. In recognition of Monsignor Joe's service, our CWL members made a very generous donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Building Fund on behalf of Monsignor Joseph Lynch who so believed in and acted upon the Catholic Social Teaching of putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. The new St Vincent de Paul facility will be designed to meet the immediate and long-term needs of those living in poverty, address social isolation and work towards creating a more resilient Kingston community.

**St. Joseph**

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara

**Kingston**

President: Ann Lyng

April 6, 1921

**Highlight:** Seeing the warming centre serve the Kingston community.

**Go Make a Difference:** This council has been very involved in the St. Mary's Drop in and shelter. This is making a difference to many of Kingston's needy.

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish**

Rev. Shawn Hughes

**Kingston**

President: Cynthia Fediuk-Mombourquette

November 9, 1999

**Highlight:** Our key highlight is the collaboration with other parish groups to try to rebuild community spirit in our parish. The other highlight I want to give a shout out to the strength and dedication of our members who came out faithfully to meetings, and helped out when asked.

**Go Make a Difference:** We focused on community building within our parish. We partnered with the Knights of Columbus for their rededication of their statue for the unborn. We provided baskets for Birthright Kingston's silent auction and attended their anniversary gala. We also partnered with the Knights of Columbus to host some coffee- after mass socials. We reached out to members by phone for prayer visits. We made a spiritual bouquet for Father Byrne as he left our parish. We had speakers to give us strategies to: "Turn our covid blahs into ahs", and Lectio Divina, watched an episode of the Chosen and had fun with fairytales.

**St. Paul the Apostle**

Rev. John Hibbard

**Kingston Mills**

President: Donna Payne

September 20, 1925

**Highlight:** We initiated a virtual rosary with our members every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Our intentions are for the people of Ukraine and for those who are suffering from mental health. For those members who do not have access to a computer or are not comfortable with virtual, they are welcome to unite in prayer on their own at that time.

**Go Make a Difference:** Our council organized an underwear and sock drive during the month of December. There was tremendous support and donations were made to St. Mary's Cathedral shelter program. We also supported three families with gift cards to help over Christmas.

**Holy Name of Jesus Parish**

Rev. Wieslaw Chochrek

**Lanark**

President: Judy Donnelly

December 8, 1931

**Highlight:** On July 9, we had a mini bazaar with bake sale and luncheon in our parish hall.

**Go Make a Difference:** Members helped convene and volunteered at our parish garage sale. It created a place for socializing in our community.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**

Rev. Charles Enyinnia

**Lansdowne**

President: Mary Robertson

September 1933

*(Disbanded 1975, reorganized June 1997)*

**Highlight:** We do a bread and bowl annually, where we do homemade soups, buns, dessert, tea and coffee. We charge a nominal amount as a fundraiser for Development and Peace. In 2022 we sent the proceeds to the people of Ukraine.

**Go Make a Difference:** We had a homemade pie fundraiser in November. We then donated 8 pies to older parishioners and community members. This was much appreciated by the recipients.

**St. Patrick Parish**

Rev. Oliver Wekesa

**Madoc**

Contact: Debbie Wood

1922

*(originally organized in 1922 as Madoc subdivision. Disbanded and then reorganized in 1931)*

**Highlight:** In the summer we hosted a yard and bake sale. It was 2 days with "lots of good stuff, laughter and fun. The proceeds were then used to purchase a new sacristy door for the church and a new church microphone.

**Go Make a Difference:** This fall we hosted two free community lunches open to those who were tired of eating alone or who might be struggling to make ends meet. We served homemade soups, buns, dessert and beverages. Although the turnout was not as large as expected, we felt even touching one person had made a difference.

**Sacred Heart of Mary Parish**

Rev. Justin Pulikunnel

**Marmora**

Contact: Anne Marie McGregor

December 2, 1931

**Highlight:** We hosted a reception to officially welcome Father Justin to Marmora. It was attended by the Archbishop. Father celebrated his inaugural Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Marmora at that time.

**Go Make a Difference**

We provided four luncheon receptions after funerals.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**

Rev. Justin Pulikunnel

**Marysville**

Contact: Julia Murphy

October 4, 1931

**Highlight:** Our Community Fall Event on Sept. 17, 2022 was a sunny and warm day! It was a successful Indoor/Outdoor event under large tents which included, Bake Sale tables (outside), Gently Used tables (inside & outside), Country Store and Religious Items tables (both inside), Raffle Ticket Draw (pre-sold & on the day of event) & BBQ with tables for eating, music and visiting. There was a great turnout of ladies, gents and children from the community. Thanks to all of volunteers and sponsors!

**Go Make a Difference:** Our Community Fall Event raised money for local charities including, Food banks, Missions, our local Elementary School, local families in need and our Church. We also had a winter clothing drive for a local mission and purse & personal items drive for the local Women's shelter. Many of our members assist with lay ministries including; readers, choir leader & members, weekly rosary, decorating and setup of the church, lawn care and gardens, Chair of the cemetery committee and worked with the Diocesan team preparing for the Pope's visit.

**Holy Name of Mary Parish**

Rev. Francis Zambon

**Morrisburg/Iroquois**

President: Nancy Richer

1931

*(Morrisburg and Iroquois combined in 1969)*

**Highlight:** At our annual Christmas dinner and auction we presented several service pins including a 65 year to Life Member Catherine Lortie and a Maple Leaf pin to Margaret Zambon

**Go Make a Difference:** During December we purchased and delivered several Poinsettias to those parishioners and CWL members who were not able to get out the delivery included a short social visit which was much appreciated by them.

**St. Mary, St. Cecilia Parishes**

Rev. Thomas Thazhappally

**Napanee**

President: Marilyn Murray

March 19, 1922

**Highlight:** During the Month of May, we watched the 8 sessions of the video series: A Biblical Walk With the blessed Mother by Dr. Edward Sri. The series was filmed in the Holy land and included video on: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation and Finding in the Temple, The Wedding at Cana, Mary at the Cross, Mary Crowned with Glory and Mary.

**Go Make a Difference**

Our parish hosted a presentation recent refugee from the Ukraine. CWL was pleased to support this initiative and provided refreshments. Individual members donated to the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services. In addition, our council supported the Diocesan CWL Ukrainian Project.

National Food Bank Project: Food donations were weighed each month Nov. – June. The total weight donated to the Salvation Army: 1707 lb.

Mass offered in honour of the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation, Oct.

**St Patrick Parish**

Rev. Marek Chochrek

**Perth**

President: Colleen Donohue

October 1921

**Highlight:** We had a bake sale and gave all the money to Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. (CARR)

**Go Make a Difference:** Our ladies provided luncheon for the children making First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation before their classes at church. The children making First Communion/Reconciliation met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and children making Confirmation met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Lianne laid a Remembrance cross at the cenotaph Nov 11.

Colleen attended Development Day which was held in Carleton Place.

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

Rev. Charles Enyinnia

**Picton**

Mary Lynn Lester

September 13, 1931

*(disbanded 1981, reactivated 1982)*

**Highlight:** Our highlight for 2022 was our money making activities: Festival of Trees at Christmas, and our bucket Raffle and bake sale in May as well as our gift card sales in the fall which allowed us to be very supportive to the needs of our parish and the community. It also brought us closer together as a council and parish. It was good to be out and about again after several years of Covid and brought some notoriety for our parish within the community.

**Go Make a Difference:** Our Spiritual advisor stated "CWL in usual times, but especially in Covid times, kept the parish going". We used a telephone campaign to maintain status quo for religious celebrations and events within the confines of Covid restrictions. Consequently, we were ready to go as soon as the regulations allowed. Father George has felt very supported by our council.

**St. Gregory the Great Parish**

Rev. George Okoye

**Prescott**

President: Annette Norton

October 1928

**Highlight:** Our Council held a Parish Strawberry Social in June 2022. Tables were set up on the Church grounds and many parishioners enjoyed the beautiful sunshine, delicious barbecue and homemade shortcake and fresh strawberries. This was the first event where our parish was able to gather post COVID.

**Go Make a Difference:** 30 Hour Telethon for Palliative Care is held each year and many of our members assist with this most important event. Our members volunteer their time collecting donations at Fish Bowl locations and we also donate vegetables for a canteen run at the Telethon. Our Council also made a \$200.00 donation in 2022 to the Palliative Care Telethon.

**St. Mark the Evangelist Parish**

Rev. Brent Brennan

**Railton**

President: Maryanne Takala

September 1931

*(disbanded 1997, reactivated 1999)*

**Highlight:** We have been keeping up support and sending many packages to Tuktoyatuk. This was ongoing all through covid.

**Go Make a Difference:** We continue to support our local food bank and the families that are in need.

**St. Patrick**

Rev. W. Steacy

**Read**

Co-Presidents: Sharon Whalen, Linda Walsh

January 12, 1932

**Highlight:** Our Community Fall Event on Sept. 17, 2022 was a sunny and warm day! It was a successful Indoor/Outdoor event under large tents which included, Bake Sale tables (outside), Gently Used tables (inside & outside), Country Store and Religious Items tables (both inside), Raffle Ticket Draw (pre-sold & on the day of event) & BBQ with tables for eating, music and visiting. There was a great turnout of ladies, gents and children from the community. Thanks to all of volunteers and sponsors!

**Go Make a Difference:** Our Community Fall Event raised money for local charities including, Food banks, Missions, our local Elementary School, local families in need and our Church. We also had a winter clothing drive for a local mission and purse & personal items drive for the local Women's shelter. Many of our members assist with lay ministries including; readers, choir leader & members, weekly rosary, decorating and setup of the church, lawn care and gardens, Chair of the cemetery committee and worked with the Diocesan team preparing for the Pope's visit.

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish**

Rev. Francis Zambon

**Sharbot Lake**

President: Jeanne Patterson

April 29, 1992

**Highlight:** Memorial Mass and Luncheon for our beloved 50 year matriarch Marg DesRoche (deceased)

**Go Make a Difference:** We provided the opportunity for parish adoration and the Rosary

**St. James Major Parish**

Rev. Cyprian Ihedoro

**Smiths Falls, Lombardy**

President: Dorothy Quattrocchi

1921

*(Disbanded March 15, 1985, reactivated 1990 St. Anne's joined this council in 1995)*

**Highlight:** Our council hosted an information evening by Victim Services of Lanark County.

Members of the organization shared information on the valuable services they provide to victims of crime, tragedy and disaster through confidential emotional support, practical assistance, and crisis intervention.

**Go Make a Difference:** We celebrated Truth and Reconciliation Day by focusing on "Every Child Matters" Orange Shirt Day. Students of St. Francis de Sales School and CWL council members participated in an activity demonstrating the importance of ensuring that "Every Child Matters" by feeling loved, happy, secure and welcome. We presented the school with several Indigenous books for their library.

**St. Francis de Sales, Blessed Sacrament Parishes**

Rev. Brent Brennan

**Stanleyville**

President: Diane Morrison

October 4, 1931

*(Disbanded at some point and reactivated in 1983)*

**Highlight:** We are a small council but continue to provide leadership and assistance in our parish.

**St. Bridget Parish**

Rev. Charles Enyinnia

**Stirling**

President: Joanne Belanger

1922

**Highlight:** We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June with Mass and a banquet.

**Go Make a Difference:** We were able to get back to fundraising (post pandemic) and resuming and in some cases increasing our donations to worthwhile causes.

**St. James Minor Parish**

Rev. Don Oberwarth

**Stoco**

President: Marion Dolan

February 6, 1922

**Highlight:** Our council continued to minister to our seniors and shut ins. We delivered weekly lunches, homemade treats at Christmas and Communion weekly.

**Go Make a Difference:** We worked with other churches in our community to put on a pay what you can dinner once a month. We also spearheaded weekly lunches that were delivered to the needy shut-ins.

**St. Edmund Parish**

Rev. Aidan Dasaah

**Toledo**

President: Linda Bisonette

September 20, 1931

**Highlight:** The highlight of our year was the opportunity to hold a Long Services Awards Ceremony for our members. 20 members were honoured with awards handed out for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. We were honored to have former parishioner and current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – President of the Diocesan Council, Elizabeth Knudson as our guest speaker.

**Go Make a Difference:** Our council with the assistance of the entire parish provided significant donations to the local food bank and aided several families in need over the Christmas season

**St. Philip Neri Parish**

Rev. Benedict Ubanii

**Trenton**

President: Shelly Murphy

October 30, 1921

**Highlight:** At Christmas we created Christmas Baking Trays and sold them to our parishioners. We sold 28 trays.

**Go Make a Difference:** At our Christmas pot luck, or CWL ladies contributed 42 gift bags, filled with toiletries, candy, hats, socks and some Christmas items to the Quinte West Pregnancy Center. The gift bags were given to our young moms.

**St. Peter-in-Chains**

Rev. Timothy Harrison

**Tweed**

President: Lynda Akey

June 1922

**Highlight:** St Carthagh's held a very successful yard and bake sale in June of 2022 held on the lawn in front of the church. It was well attended.

**Go Make a Difference:** our many donations have made a difference

**St. Carthagh Parish**

Rev. Aidan Dasaah

**Westport**

President: June Gervais

November 22, 1921

**Highlight:** Our Christmas Bazaar was a big success and the first in three years. The turnout was wonderful.

**Go Make a Difference:** Reaching out to other church's Ecumenical Prayer Group

**St. Edward the Confessor Parish**

Rev. Cyprian Ihedoro

**Editor's Note**

This Annual Report Book is composed of reports received from the diocesan executive, chairpersons and parish presidents. It documents the efforts and achievements of all members of The Catholic Women's League in our diocese and is a testament to the contributions that they have made to Church and society as they serve God and Canada. It has been "a highlight" for me, to read about all the ways we are "making a difference" in Kingston diocese and elsewhere.

Thank you to Nancy Richer, who has assisted with the editing of this book.

Maureen Vincentine  
Chair of Organization



# **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

## **Organization**

The League shall be composed of parish, diocesan, provincial councils and a national council with the following compositions:

1. **Parish Council:** shall be composed of the individual members.
2. **Diocesan Council:** shall be composed of its officers, presidents of parish councils in the diocese, parish delegates accredited to the diocesan convention, honorary life members and life members holding a membership in the diocese.
3. **Provincial Council:** shall be composed of its officers, presidents of diocesan councils in the province, diocesan and parish delegates accredited to the provincial convention, honorary life members and life members holding a membership in the diocese.
4. **National Council:** shall be composed of its officers, presidents of provincial councils, honorary life members, life members, and provincial and diocesan delegates accredited to the national convention

## **Objects**

The objects of the League shall be to unite Catholic Women of Canada:

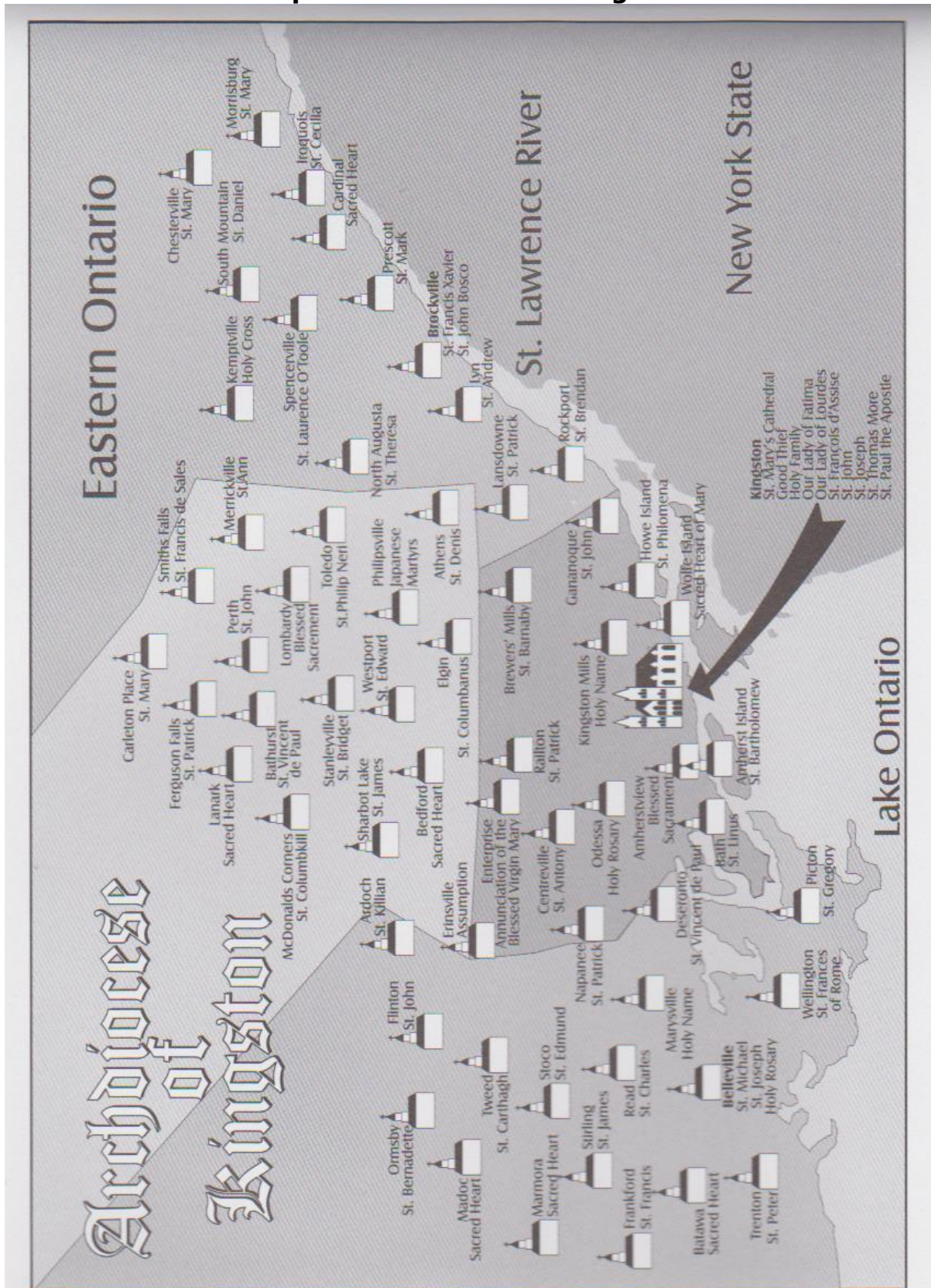
1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of human life
5. to enhance the role of women in Church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

## **Policy**

The policy of the League shall be:

1. to have membership and operation based on the parish unit, with diocesan, provincial and national representation levels
2. to operate on a system of standing committees and to make the fullest possible use of these committees in the involvement of all members
3. to develop leadership qualities and provide training to enable members to take active roles in the affairs of their faith, community and society
4. to maintain affiliation with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations
5. to cooperate at all levels with other organizations where and in whatever
6. manner the council concerned agrees is necessary or desirable to accomplish the objects of the League
7. to maintain liaison with pastoral councils in accordance with the Code of Canon Law politically non-partisan

# Map of Archdiocese of Kingston



## **THE ANGELUS**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Hail Mary, etc.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh,  
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
That we be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Let us pray:**

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought by His passion and cross to the glory of His resurrection. Amen.

## **LEAGUE PRAYER**

We humbly pray You, O God our Father, to bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes, and families. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us, to give light to our minds, and strength to our wills, that we may know and fulfill Your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad, the good things You have given us. This we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the intercession of our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Amen.

## **PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

Patroness of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, filled with the Holy Spirit, you were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your Son. Intercede with your Son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism, fervent in prayer, and generous in the service we give to our sisters and brothers. May the Spirit of the Living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel, lead us in the way of truth and love. With the help of your prayers, may we come to rejoice forever with you and the great company of the saints in the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

# **CATHOLIC** **and LIVING IT!**

**Loving Father, open our hearts to Your infinite love for all people,  
and to Your presence with us wherever we go in Your name.**

**Lord Jesus, deepen the spiritual life of The Catholic Women's League.**

**Strengthen the faith and good works of our members,  
building-up life in the world by being Catholic and Living It!**

**May we imitate You with works of mercy,  
welcoming the forgotten, suffering or vulnerable wherever  
we encounter them.**

**Holy Spirit, strengthen us to live our faith,  
witnessing to life, peace and social justice daily wherever  
we are in Canada.**

**Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel,  
may we be joyful and responsive to our  
Christian calling, by truly being  
Catholic and Living It!**

**We make this prayer through Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,  
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen**

*Prayer: Deacon John Lindsay, Archdiocese of Edmonton.*

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## **Mission Statement:**

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to  
witness to the love of God through ministry and service.**

## **Core Values:**

**Faith – following Catholic Teaching  
Service – local, national and international  
Social Justice – actively involved in society**