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I hope you are finding this Diocesan News helpful. In case you missed previous issues, we started posting them on our Diocesan website [www.kingston.cwl.on.ca](http://www.kingston.cwl.on.ca) under What's Going On? > Monday Message.

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

It should come as no surprise that many parish councils are struggling to regroup after these 4 long years. It is with a heavy heart I inform you that St. John the Apostle CWL parish council in Kingston has made the decision to become 'inactive'. Please pray for our sisters as they take the next year to discern their future in the League.

With that, I'm happy to welcome back St. Columbanus in Elgin. They have voted to 're-activate' after being disbanded for a few years. Thank you Trudy Whittaker for leading this council.

Continue to pray for all our councils as many continue to contemplate their participation in The Catholic Women's League of Canada. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us.

### **OUR DEPARTED SISTERS IN 2023**

You will find a list of our CWL sisters who passed away in 2023 on our website [www.kingston.cwl.on.ca](http://www.kingston.cwl.on.ca) under Prayer Corner > Departed Sisters. Please check that your parish members are included so they can be recorded in our Book of Life. Any missing names should be sent to Angela Town, our Spiritual Development chair ([momma4town@yahoo.ca](mailto:momma4town@yahoo.ca)) with a copy to Annette Meadows, our Webmaster ([kingstoncwlrc@gmail.com](mailto:kingstoncwlrc@gmail.com)) Please continue to pray for their peaceful repose.

### **VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR SPIRITUAL ADVISORS**

The Ontario Provincial Council is presenting a spiritual reflection facilitated by spiritual development chairperson Wilma Vanderzwaag, co-hosted by our Provincial Spiritual Advisor Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Dowd on **December 11 at 7:00 p.m.** They will be dedicating this time to pray for our Spiritual advisors, priests and religious. It is a free event however you **must register to attend:** [Click here to register](#)

## **ADVENT STATIONS**

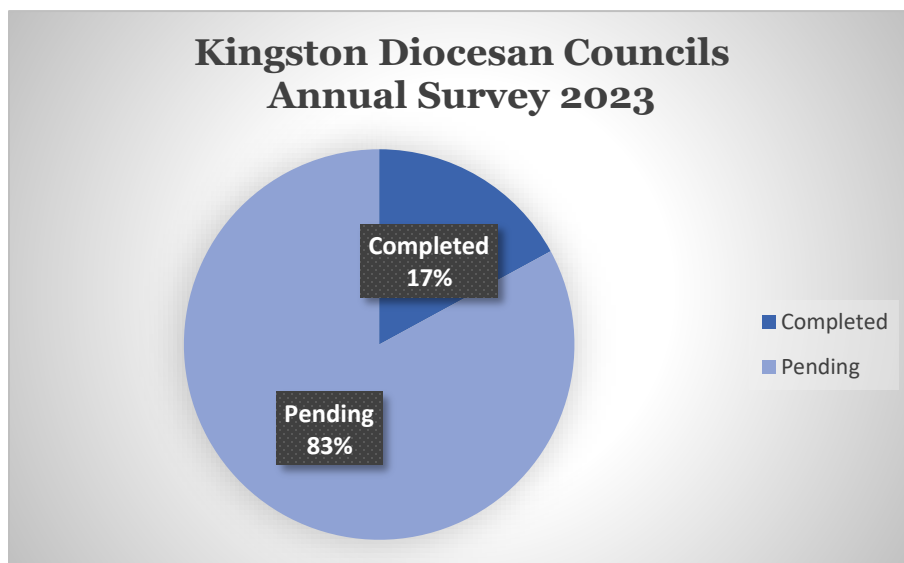
Advent is upon us – we are called to ‘Wait in Joyful Hope’ and prepare ourselves for the coming of our Saviour. Some of you may recall a virtual Advent prayer service we held back in 2021. It was called Advent Stations. What are the Advent Stations you ask? The Advent Stations take us on a tour of the Old Testament. Like the traditional Lenten Stations of the Cross, these seven Advent "stations" or "stopping points" provide a way to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive His Son at the moment of the Annunciation. Each station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the incarnation, a meditation, the New Testament fulfillment in Christ, and then a prayer. They are a wonderful way to spend some time with your CWL sisters and pray.

The service is available on our website [www.kingston.cwl.on.ca](http://www.kingston.cwl.on.ca) under Prayer Corner > Prayers.

## **ANNUAL SURVEY UPDATE**

Less than 2 weeks remain to complete the National Annual Survey from your parish council. Deadline is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>! You can access the survey here:

<https://online2.snapsurveys.com/2023CWLSurvey> . You will need your KI- code which you can find on the membership remittance list. If you are having trouble finding it – contact Maureen Vincentine at [bvincentine@sympatico.ca](mailto:bvincentine@sympatico.ca) . We appreciate your efforts in submitting your answers – it is one way to understand what’s happening in our councils and helps to guide our future programs.



*Feedback is appreciated – please send to [kingstondiocesancwl@gmail.com](mailto:kingstondiocesancwl@gmail.com)*

*God bless*

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