

February 19, 2024

Happy Family Day!

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NOVENA

Our Diocesan Council election nomination submission deadline of March 1st is fast approaching. I am asking all Kingston Diocesan CWL members to **pray a novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel starting Wednesday, February 21st** for our eligible sisters as they discern God's will for their service in the League at this time. The novena will be sent with this message and is available on our Diocesan website under the Prayer Corner. Please share with all members in your council as well as your spiritual advisors.

CWL WINTER PRESIDENT MEETING

Thanks to all who attended the winter business meeting at Out Lady of Lourdes parish hall in Kingston, it was a great turnout. We heard from our spiritual advisor, Father Stéphane, on what to do when distracted at Mass. We welcomed Provincial Past President Colleen Perry who walked us through Leadership in the League and Leadership Beatitudes. We learned we are all leaders with unique gifts. We heard reports from are diocesan officers, we received information on our upcoming convention from our Host Council and passed the 2024 budget! All in all, a good day.



CWL DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Registration is now open for our annual Diocesan Spiritual Retreat being held at St Patrick's in Napanee on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

This year's focus is: 'Belonging to our Heavenly Father' with talks entitled 'I am loved', 'I am saved', 'I am valued' and 'I am missionary'. Our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Father Stéphane Pouliot, will lead our session. We will start with Mass at 9:30 am and continue the program until 2:00 pm. There will be refreshments after Mass and lunch at noon. Cost for the event is \$15 per member. Please contact Mary Lou Hills, our treasurer to register at marylouhills45@gmail.com or by calling 613-384-3547. It would be helpful (but not mandatory) for councils to gather the names of all members in their group and submit as a parish. Once registered, please let Mary Lou know how you will forward payment. Options are cheque (made out to The Catholic Women's League of Canada), cash or e-transfer to kingstoncwlfinance@gmail.com (indicate RETREAT and council name in comments). The promotional poster will be sent separately and is now uploaded on our website and Facebook page.

I truly hope you take advantage of this amazing opportunity to grow in faith with your League sisters.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION VIRTUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Your CWL Diocesan Council is once again hosting a Virtual Silent Auction to help offset our convention expenses. Each parish council is asked (if they are in a position to do so) to provide a 'new' item to be included in the pieces up for auction. The suggested value is approximately \$50 (or what you can afford). These items can be brought to the retreat in Napanee on March 9. If this is not convenient, contact Lyne Tuepah at 613-329-3620 to arrange a pick up/delivery.

The auction is set for **Saturday, March 16th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.** The promotional poster is included with this message as well as on our website and Facebook page. The link is up and running – https://www.32auctions.com/KingstonCWLauction2024 - you can view items ahead of time and share with family and friends. New items will be uploaded as they become available so check back often. Bidding will be open on the 16th at 8:00 am sharp! Please promote and support this important fundraiser.

IMPORTANT DATES

- † CWL Diocesan Spiritual Retreat
 - o Saturday, March 9 at St Patrick's, Napanee
- † Diocesan Convention Virtual Auction Fundraiser
 - o Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - o https://www.32auctions.com/KingstonCWLauction2024
- † 102nd Annual Kingston Diocesan Convention
 - o April 27-28 at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre in Kingston
 - o Registration package: https://kingston.cwl.on.ca/whats-going-on/conventions/
- † 77th Annual Ontario Provincial Convention
 - o July 7-10 at the Holiday Inn in Sudbury
 - o https://cwl.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/77th-OPC-UPDATE.pdf

Feedback is appreciated – please send to kingstondiocesancwl@gmail.com

God bless,

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