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Many Thanks
Our gratitude goes out to Holy Family for live streaming the Rosary every evening to start off the month of October. What an amazing way to gather our CWL families and friends!

Send us your news!
 Please send articles and items of interest to Communications Chairperson, Jane by November 3, 2020.

Websites to visit
www.cwlthunderbay.org
www.cwl.on.ca
www.cwl.ca



President's Message



The Fall season is upon us for sure...with some pretty heavy morning frost of late and, like so many others, it's my favourite season of the year. Maybe it's because of the glorious change of colour and overall different feeling in the air or the aroma of bonfires and the crunching of leaves

under my feet.

Children have returned to school, with much trepidation on the part of their parents, due to Covid-19 restrictions and mandatory compliances. We pray for their safety.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. Try to make a concerted effort to pray the Rosary daily.

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. We all know the *Angele Dei* (Angel of God) prayer and should pray it often. October 1st is CWL Day of

Prayer for Home Missions as declared by Pope Francis. Catholic Missions in Canada, is in particular need of prayer and assistance. As directed by Provincial President Colleen Perry, we will not have any bazaars or fundraising until next year, but with a little imagination and the help of technology, we might prepare some virtual events to celebrate the upcoming holidays. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in our endeavours. Maria



100th Anniversary Tree Planting

As part of the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada a Harvest God Linden tree was planted at the Thunder Bay Diocesan Pastoral Centre and a blessing ceremony was held by Bishop Colli. Pictured with the tree is Father Michael Mahoney, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Maria Bertoldo, Diocesan President and His Excellence Bishop Fred Colli.



Outreach School Support

After chatting with St. Jude school staff, St. Peter council held a *Fill the Basket with needed school supplies* in late August. This is the second year for this project.

Once again the parishioners were most generous. Over 150 items were collected including socks and underwear, leggings, tights, jogging pants, t-shirts, and the other school supplies.

Cash donations will be used to buy mittens once the colder weather sets in.

News from National office

Annual Reports

CWL Executive Director Kim Scammell will be giving an informative, how-to webinar on "**How to Complete an Annual Report Survey**"

Two dates are available:

- Wednesday, October 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

There is no cost for the webinar.

Registration is now open on the CWL website (cwl.ca). Just scroll down on the web page to "In the News - Webinar" to register.

Even if you have done annual reports in the past, it will be a great refresh

Development and Peace

In late August, National President Anne-Marie Gorman received a letter from Most Rev. Richard Gagnon (Winnipeg), president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, informing that the League could reinstate its 1% Program for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP). Parish councils can now collect and submit 1% of all revenue earned to the national voluntary fund for CCODP.

This space is looking for an article...

Parish Councils please send your "happenings" to share across the diocese.

Standing Committee Chairs please send us the latest from your provincial and national counterparts...or other items you wish to share.

Praying the Rosary

We all know how to pray the Rosary and most of us do it everyday especially now in these days of the coronavirus. Pope Francis urge us to pray the Rosary often. I came across a way to “change it up a bit” so to speak. Dynamic Catholic ([h" ps://dynamiccatholic.com/rosary/history-of-the-rosary](https://dynamiccatholic.com/rosary/history-of-the-rosary)) has introduced a *Rediscover the Rosary Email Program*. Simply click on the link above to learn how to register so that you can receive your daily emails. Their goal is to pray 5 million Rosaries for America.☒

Diocese of Thunder Bay Crest by Msgr Stilla Used with permission



The Diocesan crest which is found in churches across the diocese is surmounted by a mitre, a symbol of the Bishop’s Ministry of leadership and service to our Diocese.

Our Lady of Charity, the Diocesan Patroness is represented in the upper right quadrant of the shield, by a lily with a golden crown, on a blue field, traditional symbols of Mary.

St. Patrick, our secondary Diocesan Patron is symbolized by a Celtic cross on a field of green in the upper left quadrant.

The main gate of Fort William is shown in the lower left quadrant to remind us of the fur trade and the early settlers to our area.

Three eagle feathers in the crest’s lower right represent the Indigenous Peoples, the first to worship God here and the first to receive the Gospel in this area. At the base is the Sleeping Giant on Lake Superior, symbol of Thunder Bay.

News from Provincial Council

Three - Part Webinar Series

This series is hosted by the Indigenous Solidarity Team of the North Bay Area Mission Cluster, United Church of Canada. Theme: *Making the Justice Connections - Indigenous Women and the Environment*. Full details can be found through link posted on provincial website (www.cwl.on.ca)

Fund Raisers for Conventions 2021

Check out what is being sold

National Convention 2021

Toronto Diocese is hosting the national convention on our behalf. Every council in Ontario is a part of this event. Find a creative way to support the hosting team. Link onto the Toronto website to find out who to chat with about ways to support their efforts.

Development and Peace

Words of thanks....below is part of a letter send by the Thunder Bay Diocesan Animator for D & P ...

.....The Catholic Women's League 1% Program for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) is one of our oldest and most precious fundraising programs. As Marie Rackley, CWL National Chairperson of Community Life says so well: "I know the membership will be overjoyed with this news. CCODP has worked hard throughout the world to reach those in great need."

With prayerful thanks to Catholic women everywhere!

Genevieve



Thunder Bay Diocesan Workshop

Watch for news of the fall campaign workshop to be held later this month. The theme: Recovering Together.

Information about the theme can be found on the D&P website.

Thanksgiving 2020

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:34-40

Using the above passage as our backdrop members of St. Patrick's Cathedral were asked to prepare *Blessing Bags* for those at Grace Place. An opportunity to work together as a council while maintaining social distancing requirements. This morning we had the honour to be able to take several boxes of made up bags along with handmade scarves and monetary donations to Grace Place. What a joy! The sheer generosity was overwhelming...our brothers and sisters would not be forgotten. Words cannot describe the feeling of seeing into the eyes of those accepting the donations. With everyone wearing masks one really got to make eye contact. God's gift to us. We were blessed with a moment of extra-ordinary holiness! Thanksgiving Day came early.

Submitted by Joleene Kemp

St. Patrick Cathedral Parish Council

