

**Minutes for March 1, 2020 CWL Gathering**  
**St. Patrick's Cathedral Council**  
**Pillars for our restructuring:**  
**Faith...Service...Social Justice**

**Our Mission:** 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.

**Care for our Common Home...Water**

**Welcome**

Joleene Kemp

28 members attended

**Opening Prayer**

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Prayer to St. Rita

Holy Patroness of those in need, Saint Rita, so humble, pure and patient, whose pleadings with thy Divine Spouse are irresistible, obtain for me from thy Crucified Christ my request (pause). Be kind to me, for the greater glory of God, and I promise to honor thee and to sing thy praises forever. Oh glorious St. Rita, who didst miraculously participate in the sorrowful Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for me the grace to suffer the resignation the troubles of this life, and protect me in all my needs. Amen

(The Patron Saint of Loneliness - St. Rita was a woman from the Middle Ages who became a nun after her husband was murdered. She is considered the patron saint of abused women, loneliness, spousal abuse, sterility, bad marriages, and widows, It is probably because of her association with widows and abused that she assumed patronage of all lonely people. To learn more about St. Rita you make follow this link [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rita\\_of\\_Cascia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rita_of_Cascia))

1. Financial update JoAnn Floen
  - copies with your package
2. Minutes from January gathering Crystal Tustian
  - copies with your package
3. Correspondence
  - Cheryl DeLorenzi... report attached to minutes (Birthday cards for January & February, 2020)
  - Copies of correspondence received on side table for review
4. Membership update Joan Joubert

131 paid members, last year we had 171 paid members, will be doing reminder calls soon

Pam Brusadin is taking over Honor Guard for funerals – Joan Joubert is retiring

## **Action Items**

1. **First Communion Cards:** 15 candidates  
Date to give them cards: Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>...6 pm
2. **Confirmation Cards:** 19 candidates  
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020...10:30 Mass  
Presented by: Pam Brusadin
3. **Diocesan Convention:** Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>...St. Edward's Catholic School, Nipigon  
...details available on side table...deadline to have all registrations in is April 3, 2020...that means we will need to have all materials in for mailing by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. No money needed to help out  
**Parish representative:**  
**Two accredited delegates:**

**Please let Joleene know by March 27<sup>th</sup> as one form will be sent from parish**

4. **June wind up** - TBD  
Organizer: TBD  
(person who organizes selects location)  
Date: determined by person(s) organizing
5. **Loneliness Project:**
  - Phone lists have been finalized
  - Those who volunteered will be given their list to contact
  - Members will be offered the opportunity to receive regular calls with CWL updates, or to receive their updates via email as well those who do not regularly "go out" will be part of a special phone list
  - For those who enjoy phone contact we will do our best to ensure that the same League sister contacts them
  - Contact people are: Cheryl D., Colleen M., Bonnie, Vi, Dorothy G. they will do the initial call out to members and then will contact other members to do some calls;
6. **Next gathering:**
  - Will take place at HRM...Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> ...1:30Any refreshment volunteers for May gathering: Jeannette Pyrick and Cookie Margarit

## Items of Interest

- St Agnes CWL present a Brief Presentation on Human Trafficking: Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm following the 7pm Mass and Sacrament of Healing Service. 1019 Brown Street.  
Refreshments and time of fellowship to follow the presentation. No charge to attend.
- **Women's World Day of Prayer**  
This year's prayer service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The theme for the service is ***Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk***. Our host parish on the Southside is St. Thomas Anglican in the heart of Westfort (Edward Street) to take place on Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 am. A lunch will be served following the prayer service. On the Northside, World Day of Prayer is being held at St. John The Evangelist, 228 Pearl Street (next to the Casino) at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 6th.
- **Mark Your Calendars! March 9 - 11, 2020 ... THE LEGACY OF ST. FRANCIS ... As Unfolded by Pope Francis ...** A Lenten retreat entitled "THE LEGACY OF ST. FRANCIS, As Unfolded by Pope Francis" will be offered at **St. Peter's Church** in the evening (6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.) from Monday, March 9th to Wednesday, March 11th,. Together, we will explore the dynamic and rich spirituality of prayer and action of this 12th and 13th Century Mystic as unfolded by Pope Francis—" I believe that St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically." (#10, Laudato Si') The evening will provide time for prayer, input and social interaction. Retreat Facilitator: Evelyn M. Marcon, M.A., (Retreat Director & Spiritual Director).
- Holy Family CWL "Spring Into Fashion Show" ...Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>...7 pm...\$10 charge... poster on display
- St. Agnes Raise the Roof...Two Bit Auction...Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>...7 pm...Columbus Centre...\$5 charge...poster on display
- **73rd Annual Provincial Convention**...July 4-8, 2020 – Kitchener...tentative agenda with this package...more information available on website

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Bishop) and 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Priest) for Bishop Colli on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Special Mass at 10:30am and celebration at Pastoral Centre 1-4pm.

Colleen Martin doing a presentation on the water situation in Attawapaskat Reserve at the Provincial Convention.

In the package for everyone is a Lenten Calendar and two articles on Health.

## 7. **Presentation:** Msgr. P. Stilla...The Stations of the Cross

The Road of Calvary – A brief history of today's "Way of the Cross Devotion"

- In 335AD built a church of the Holy Sepulchre people came especially during holy week;
- Walk 2 kms from the Court of Pilate to this Church and 37 rest stops which they eventually called "stations";
- Little statues/pictures at those stations reminder of Jesus' walk
- Franciscan Devotion;
- Started in Franciscan Churches 1686;
- 1731 stations fixed to 14 but not all churches;
- 1742 Catholic urged to place stations in all churches;
- Visit the tomb of Christ in Holy Week (Holy Thursday night);
- Every year on Good Friday, the Pope walks the via Dolorosa at the colosseum in Rome;

### **Biblical Way of the Cross**

- Jesus condemned to Death;
- Simon help Jesus carry his Cross;
- Jesus meets women of Jerusalem;
- Strip of garments;
- Jesus is Crucified;
- Jesus is laid in the tomb;
- Church added 5 stations: fell 3 times, Mary meets Jesus, Veronica wipes face of Jesus;
- **Mgrs. Stilla's thought these should be added:**
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- 1) Father, forgive them for they know not what they do;
- 2) Truly I tell you, this day we will be with me in Paradise;
- 3) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

- Soldiers pieced his side with a spear and at once blood and water came out;
- Baptism and Forgiveness of Sin by the Saving Power of the Blood of Christ;
- Teaching Christians how to live 3 of “H” Sins:
  - The Sin of Hating – hating what people doing
  - The Sin of Hoarding – taking this for yourself
  - The Sin of Harming – hurting people
- 3 “C” Virtues:
  - The virtue of Charity
  - The virtue of Concern
  - The virtue of Compassion

The most important teaching:

- The certain knowledge that good will ultimately conquers evil.

## **8. Closing Prayer**

Msgr. Stilla