

DIOCESAN DIALOGUE

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

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This issue is dedicated to life before Covid. Thanks to all who send in their memories.

Next month we will feature highlights from the Diocesan Convention.

Website Wednesday is for you!

Websites to visit
www.cwltunderbay.org
www.cwl.on.ca
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President's Message

"We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence." – Pope Francis

Thank you, to all the council Presidents who completed their annual report surveys. I have read about the numerous ways that councils put into practice the League's core values of Faith, Service and Social Justice. It is truly rewarding.

With the help of technology, we continue to remain connected, praying the Rosary virtually, Novenas, and Retreats. Please refer to the calendar on our website for dates of upcoming virtual events. Although we may not be able to attend our parishes in person, we can view masses virtually from anywhere in the world!

To say that the past year has been trying, is truly and understatement, as I have been scrambling my way through all the changes and obstructions Covid-19 has provided, but as Pope Francis states, "Christ's light illuminates the dark moments."



St. Joseph Retreats

Each month we gather in Zoom for a retreat centring on St. Joseph. As you can well imagine questions come out of each of these gatherings. Following the March Retreat we talked about St. Joseph’s age and later someone asked about why Joseph’s staff is a lily

Thanks to Colleen for doing a bit of researchcheck out the links below....

<https://stjosephmantua.com/our-patron-saint>

<https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/s/saint-joseph-lily.php>

April St. Joseph Retreat on April 24, 2021. Father Terry Sawchuk, Spiritual Advisor for Holy Angels and St. Martin of Tours will give the Spiritual message this month. We begin at 10:00am with a break for lunch and gather until about 2:00 pm. Plan to attend!

President’s Message (cont’d)

Our Annual Meeting of Members will be held virtually on Saturday, May 1, 2021. I am longing to see many of you there. A link to access the meeting will be posted on our events calendar on the website. I look forward to the day when we can meet in person for our Convention.

Blessings
Maria

Our Lady of TheWay (Pinewood / Stratton)

My best pre-covid CWL memory was February 14, 2020. Our members (Our Lady of the Way) got together for the day and made home-made Thinking of You cards to be sent to community members and members of the Canadian Armed Forces who also struggle with loneliness. Two of us brought pots of soup, another made homemade buns and one member brought dessert. We had a very enjoyable day together - including a delicious lunch. That day was the last time we got together as a group.



(Thanks Sandy for sharing)

St Patrick Cathedral, Thunder Bay



At our last year end gathering a wonderful speaker talked about Our Common Home...highlighting Monarch Butterflies...

All those at the gathering discovered new and exciting ways to be good stewards... little did we know how useful this would be!

So many are staying safe tending gardens big and small.

A most delicious meal complete with awesome conversation and so much laughter.

God's gentle touch giving us a time for calm and peace...joy bringing smiles...

(Thank you Joleene for sharing)

St. Patrick, Emo

As we enter another year of no gatherings we reflect on how much we miss our meetings and being able to pray together as well as the social aspect of coming together. We did reach out to our sister councils in our area, to let them know we were praying for them, prayers to keep safe and to keep well.

We are grateful for the health care workers who are working so hard for others.

We have our CWL Sunday intentions for Doctors and Nurse practitioners to come to our hospital and clinic in Emo. We did get a new Dr last year 🙏🙏

It is important to stay in touch , we have a messaging group where we share items and news, either sad, happy, or important.

Many of us are able to attend mass each Sunday for now.

Our prayer for each of you is to stay strong, stay safe and to help others get through this struggle.

(Thanks St. Patrick, Emo for sharing)

St. Joseph, Dryden

It's truly difficult to share one memory as there are so many. However, smiling and having upfront conversations with our friends and parishioners when we see them on the street, grocery stores and/or in church is a memory that we all miss and so desperately need.

(Thanks Lorraine for sharing)

Life Before Covid Corpus Christi, Thunder Bay



Bingo at the Heritage

Making Memory Boxes for Bethammi



Celebration of Spiritual Advisor's Anniversary of Ordination

Celebrating ourselves



Awarding of Service Pins

(Thanks Liz for sharing)