



CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

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.



Glory to God in the highest!
My precious Lord, Jesus,

I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your
birth

Your love for us is unfathomable,

it is glorious
transforming,
awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.

Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord.

to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.
Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.

I love You, dear Lord Jesus.

Help me to love You with all my heart.

Newborn Savior of the World,

I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph,

Pray for me and for all.

Amen.

Welcome to our CWL's Short December update with a small taste of what is to come in January 2023...we were excited to again gather in person in November and continued to share ideas of what we might want to do as we continue of our League journey. We will continue our efforts to try and keep members and our parish family up to date with what is happening in the world of CWL and what our members are doing or can do by providing monthly information hopefully putting a smile on each person's face...Our next full update will be in January 2023!!!!

"Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time." — **Jean Paul Richter**

The following women will be celebrating birthdays in December: Bea Advent, Pam Brusadin, Stella Hogan, Diane MacRae, Sharon Morin, Vicki Storry, Joyce Swoboda and Cathie Vass. The following women will be celebrating birthdays in January: Judith Bentz, Patricia Filipovic, Mary Ann Gill, Joan Joubert, Natalie Leonard, Ruth Mayor, Noella Pelletier, Marilena Sawicki, Adriana Shonosky, Sr. Dolores Turgeon and Leona Viau. Remember each of these wonderful women in your prayers during the months of December and January as they celebrate their birthdays.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is many things to many people:

- A sisterhood of support and understanding that is more than 63,000 members strong
- A way to act on important social justice issues by adding your voice to many
- An opportunity to be of service to your community, to the country and to God
- A chance to live your faith with those who share it

IMPORTANT UPDATE: AT THE SEPTEMBER GATHERING MEMBERS SET THE ANNUAL FEE FOR 2023 AT \$35. THIS IS TO COVER THE INCREASE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

Looking for a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer: Why not buy your mother or mother – in - law or daughter or niece or granddaughter or friend who has everything a CWL membership for 2023?

From National: [new resource...52 Reasons To Talk About The CWL](#)

Here are the first four:

1. **ACCEPTANCE** The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them. We can't wait to meet you!
2. **ACTION** As a Catholic Women's League member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join us today.
3. **ADVOCACY** Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard!
4. **BELONGING** Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so...WELCOME to the Catholic Women's League...you belong with us.

Do these words touch you? Why?

Watch future issues for more reasons and other new resources to help up grow!!!!

Information from Provincial Program Chairpersons and Upcoming Events

From **Colleen Martin Provincial President Elect and Organization Chairperson** comes the following:

LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT ZOOMS

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

CWL MEMBERS REGISTER FREE

NON-MEMBERS \$10

REGISTER AT preselectopc@tbaytel.net

Send your name, cwl parish council and the date(s) you wish to register for. The fee can be sent e-transfer to the same email. Call (807) 628-3875 if you do not e-transfer.

2022

TOPICS

December 14
requests

Open ... to be decided based on topic

2023

January 18

Goal setting made easy through prayer!

February 15

Everyone is a mentor! Are you?

March 22

Spring into leadership! Recognize your style!

April 19

Why did God give us personality and free will?

May 18

Public speaking? Not me! Yes you!!!

June 15

Open ... to be decided based on topic

From the Thunder Bay Diocesan website comes the following:

- ADVENT RETREAT - November 28, December 5, 12 and 19
Week 1 Watchfulness; Week 2 Preparation; Week 3 Nearness;
Week 4 Emmanuel
The link to participate is found on the diocesan website and a poster has been attached to this edition as well.

Upcoming Events

- We will have a membership poster making gathering immediately following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 15th...many hands make for laughter and fun...hope to see you!!!
- Our next gathering is Sunday, January 29th immediately following the 10:30 Mass...hoping many of you will be able to come as we work on plans for the coming year...we will have an update with respect to Dew Drop Inn participation Gathering dates:

January 29

February 26

March 26

April 23

May TBD

Topics for the gatherings will be determined by the members...bring your ideas to the January gathering...

Continuing events:

- Divine Mercy Chaplet for Peace in Ukraine

The Chaplet will be prayed via zoom **every morning at 8:00 am** (EST) 7:00 am (CST)...

Open to anyone. Feel free to join any day until peace returns to Ukraine:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82848869346?pwd=WmJac2RXZTlhYWdzZlhmNjZBYytKdz09>

The link is also be posted on the Thunder Bay Diocesan CWL website...(cwlthunderbay.org)

Keep checking the following websites to see what is happening in the CWL world:

Diocesan website is: www.cwlthunderbay.org

Provincial website is: www.cwl.on.ca

National website is: www.cwl.ca

Development and Peace website: www.devp.org

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Prayer:

Loving Father, open our hearts to your infinite love for all people, and to your presence with us wherever we go in your name. Lord Jesus, deepen the spiritual life of the Catholic Women's League. Strengthen the faith and good works of our members, building-up life in the world by being Catholic and Living It! May we

imitate you with works of mercy, welcoming the forgotten, suffering or vulnerable wherever we encounter them.

Holy Spirit, strengthen us to live our faith, witnessing to life, peace and social justice daily wherever we are in Canada. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, may we be joyful and responsive to our Christian calling, by truly being Catholic and Living It! We make this prayer through Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

"You were made in the image of God.

Act accordingly!"

(holy moments, Matthew Kelly)