St. Andrew the Apostle

CWL NEWSLETTER

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Nativity of Our Blessed Mother

September 8

WELCOME!

CATHOLIC
and ***LIVING IT!***

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Next Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
6:00pm
St. Andrew Church

PRAYER TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT

I spend so much time reliving yesterday or anticipating tomorrow that I lose sight of the only time that is really mine… **THE PRESENT**.

Remind me that **THE PAST**… with its successes and failures… is over. I can make amends where I have hurt others or let them down, but I cannot undo what has been done.

THE FUTURE is yet to had, eagerness or apprehension will not hasten it, or postpone it.

You give me **TODAY**, one minute at a time. That's all I have… all that I ever will. Give me the faith that knows each moment contains exactly what is best for me. Give me the hope that trusts you enough to forget past sins and future trials. Give me the love that makes each minute of life an anticipation of eternity with You. Amen.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It was great connecting with sisters in the League, from across the province, at the Annual Meeting of Members held in Cornwall. I attended the Resolutions Dialogue where we discussed two resolutions. The first, To Establish a Sustained Universal Intermittent Catheter Coverage and the second To Add Compassionate Community Care to the National Voluntary Fund. Both were approved by the attending delegates. The finalized resolution documents will soon be on the provincial website for your perusal. The opening Mass was held at the historical St. Andrew Parish with Bishop Thomas Dowd presiding and our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Richard Kowalchuk concelebrating. The keynote speaker was Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R., whose topic was How We Can Make A Difference. He entertained attendees with a response that had us thinking and bursting with laughter. His message focused on the Beatitudes and what way they show us how to live and the need for them to take root in our hearts. The instructed vote on the use of virtual meetings was held and passed for revision to the Constitution and Bylaws. Mini workshops were held with an opportunity to choose four of the twenty-three available presentations. I chose topics of interest that will be applicable to our council. The closing Mass was held at St. Peter Parish. An invitation to attend next year's AMM in Sudbury, July 7-10, was made by their diocesan members. I eagerly await the experience.

Shelley Tamas, President

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

2023

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 20
6:00pm
St. Andrew Church

HALL CLEANING
Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00am
Parish Hall & Kitchen
Your Help is Needed

POINSETTIA BAZAAR
Sunday, November 12, 2023
(Tentative Date)
12:00pm – 2:00pm
St. Andrew Parish Hall

CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Date, Place & Time
To Be Determined

DIOCESAN NEWS TO SHARE

ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL

DECEASED MEMBERS MASS
Sunday, November 5, 2023
2:00pm
St. Kevin Parish
Welland

Pop Can Tabs
Collection
for
Wheelchairs
for
Those in Need

FALL WORKSHOP
Role of New Chairpersons
October 2023
Time & Place: TBA
Registration: Shelley Tamas

FAITH

My Daily Prayer

Empower me, O God, I pray,
to love the way You do,
With gentleness and mercy,
goodwill and kindness, too.

Giving of myself to others,
as Your Scriptures teach,
Offering a helping hand,
to all within my reach.

Please grant me motivation
to serve You selflessly,
Loving You with all my heart,
because You first loved me.

Amen.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

This day is a federal statutory day designated to recognize the suffering of indigenous peoples due to residential schooling, to encourage deeper reflection, learning and public dialogue in our relationship with indigenous peoples.

Heavenly Father, we come to you, on this Truth and Reconciliation Day to ask that you would guide us. Forgive members of your family for the things that were done in your name that are not of you. May we follow you and your path of healing as you are the God of truth and the God of reconciliation. Amen.

QUICK LINKS

WEBSITES:

Diocesan Council

www.stcatharinescwl.ca

Provincial Council

www.cwl.on.ca

National Council

www.cwl.ca

Diocese

www.saintcd.com

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

ENVISIONED FUTURE

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women inspired by faith.
It is: a vital participant in the church; a valued partner for social justice; a respected advocate at all government levels; connected to the world

SERVICE

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONNIE POLL

Connie was accidentally over-looked when our parish council service awards were presented in March. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Connie for her 10 years of service to St. Andrew–the–Apostle Parish Council. Connie is always eager to assist at our fundraisers, lead the praying of the rosary and is always generous in her contributions.

WHAT ARE THE CWL NATIONAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS?

Permanent Voluntary Funds
Four agencies and the CWL Bursary Fund are permanently assisted by monetary donations of parish councils of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Coady International Institute
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)
Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC)
Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)

Temporary Voluntary Funds
Temporary Voluntary Funds may be established from time to time as deemed appropriate and will be identified as such and assigned an expected end date.

Compassionate Community Care (CCC)

PRAYER FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore your mercy.
Bless and protect our students, teachers,
staffs, their families, and especially our pastor.
Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.

Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways.
Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,
particularly those isolated and lonely.

In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear sisters in Christ,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer. September is, in a way, a time of new beginnings for our children and all of us. The Church celebrates the Nativity of our Blessed Mother on the 8th. A new chapter in the history of salvation was sprouting up in the house of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Nothing extraordinary or noticeable, but God was unfolding His plan of Salvation in and through that family. When we say yes to God in our day-to-day life, we too are participating in God's plan for our time. With much gratitude let us fulfill our part in God's drama and be blessed. Let us be models of Catholic Christian life to our young generation.

You are in my prayers,

Fr. Paul Vellakunnathu

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit newsletter contributions to Shelley Tamas by the 1st of the month and we will do our best to include your contribution.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Feast Day: April 17
(Canada)

In 1656, Kateri Tekakwitha known as "Lily of the Mohawks" was born of an Algonquin mother and a Mohawk father in Ossernenon in the Mohawk Valley, now known as Auriesville, New York. Kateri was four years old when the horrible European disease of smallpox devastated her village. Many perished along with Kateri's parents and younger brother. She survived the deadly disease but her eyesight was greatly affected and her face ravaged with smallpox scars.

She was beatified by Pope (now Saint) John Paul II in 1980 and canonized on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI. She is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

The **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, also known as the **Triumph or Elevation of the Cross** is September 14. This day the Church celebrates both the discovery and the recovery of the True Cross of Jesus Christ. St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, a convert to the faith, went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to locate where the important events in the life of Jesus occurred and to preserve the relics of the Christian faith that remained there. One of her goals was to find the place of Jesus' crucifixion and the actual Cross on which He was hung. In her search she discovered the spot and found the True Cross which had been previously hidden by the Jewish people at the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. According to history the identity of the Cross was confirmed by a miraculous healing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish to convey our sincere wishes for a Happy Birthday to our dear sisters in the League who will celebrate a birthday in September and October.

08/09 Birth of Mary

13/10 Yoli Pelligrino

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Anita and Denis Bilodeau and Monique and Greg Shinton will celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries in September & October.

19/09 Anita and Denis Bilodeau

11/10 Monique & Greg Shinton

Le Sanctuaire du Rosaire NIAGARA INC. Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine RUE MILLER ROAD

4706 Miller Road, Port Colborne

Visit of the Most Rev. Gerard Bergie

Triumph of the Cross - Thursday, September 14, 2023
Stations of the Cross 6:30pm; Rosary 7:00pm; Mass 7:30pm Bishop Bergie, Presider
Refreshments to be Served