St. Andrew the Apostle

CWL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

HERE I AM LORD; SEND ME

Autumn months remind us that it is You who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of Your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

Pray the Rosary Daily

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that encourages individuals to contemplate key moments in the life of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. This contemplation fosters a deeper understanding of the Gospel narratives and the virtues they embody—virtues such as love, compassion, humility, and sacrifice. It's a powerful prayer, one that can change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert nations, and win the salvation of souls.

It is important because Our Blessed Lady, herself, came from Heaven and asked us to unite ourselves with her Son through this prayer each day. "I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary." "The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven." "You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary." "All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Fall season will soon be upon us – a beautiful time of change – the leaves turn colours, the weather gets cooler, students return to school, and this year, in November we will hold elections for a change in the leadership of the Catholic Women's League.

Our parish council of St. Andrew-the-Apostle has within the membership some very capable individuals. I hope and pray that members will consider accepting leadership responsibility by responding with a "yes" when contacted by another member hoping to nominate them to the executive. At the parish level, the time commitment is minimal and there is always help available. I am more than willing to assist anyone who may need the help of a mentor.

Nomination forms will be available at the next meeting Wednesday, September 18. When completing the form, be sure to obtain the approval of anyone you wish to recommend for an executive position.

Change can be a wonderful thing – may you be inspired by the Holy Spirit to share your God-given gifts and talents as a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Shelley Tamas, President

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

2024

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 18
6:00pm
St. Andrew Church

HALL CLEANING
Saturday, November 3, 2024
9:00am
Parish Hall & Kitchen
Your Help is Needed

POINSETTIA BAZAAR
Sunday, November 10, 2024
(Tentative Date)
12:00pm – 2:00pm
St. Andrew Parish Hall

CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Date, Place & Time
To Be Determined

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – NOVEMBER 2024

Term of Office: 2 years

Who is eligible: all paid up members except associate members.

What are the positions open for nomination? **Nomination Forms are available.**
President; Vice-President; Treasurer; Secretary, Chairpersons of Faith, Service and Social Justice

What is the experience required? None, just enthusiasm and a willingness to serve. Information is available in the council on the positions and in the C&B and the executive handbook (www.cwl.ca under Resources).

Training and help are available in councils, all you have to do is just ask.

FAITH

St. Andrew Parish Day of Prayer & Fasting for The Return of Fallen Away Catholics

Date to Be Determined, 2024; 12:00 – 7:30pm

12:00pm	Guest Speaker, Fr. Stuart MacDonald
	Confession
2:30pm	Rosary
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 - 4:30pm	Children's Catechism Program
5:00pm	Mass, Presided by Fr. Paul
6:00 - 7:30pm	Dinner & Fellowship

SOCIAL JUSTICE

TITLE: Truth and Reconciliation
CWL POSITION STATEMENT

The Catholic Women's League of Canada commits to "walking together" with Indigenous peoples of Canada, begun by Pope Francis, and providing members with resources and opportunities to advance the cause of truth and reconciliation.

- In accordance with Church teachings, the League commits to promoting awareness and understanding of Indigenous peoples' histories, spiritualities, cultures, languages, traditions, rights and concerns and to becoming more informed about the violation of their dignity and human rights by governments, churches, society and individuals.
- The League recognizes that reconciliation is a process of healing relationships, requiring changed hearts and attitudes through encounter and dialogue, education, truth sharing, apology and commemoration, and acknowledgement and redress of past harms. The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs that freedom makes people responsible for their actions.

QUICK LINKS

EMAIL:
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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.

SERVICE

IN MEMORIAM OF MEMBER ANITA GAREL ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our sister in the League, Mary Emily Anita Garel (née Martin) on Thursday, August 15, 2024. She was called home to her Lord and Saviour while supported with the love and prayers of her family. Anita was born in Hunter River Prince Edward Island on June 2, 1933.

She now joins in Heaven her beloved husband Francis "Frank" de Sales Garel. She will be deeply missed by her 7 children: Richard (Bisa), Judy, parish council member, Janis (Jim), Robert (Lesley), David (Michelle), Brian (Shirley), Gina (Ringo); 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Anita is survived by her loving brother John (Penny) Martin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, August 22 at 11:00am at St. Andrew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Eternal rest grant unto Anita, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Send your Holy Spirit upon those children returning to school and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings, You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. Amen.

DIOCESAN NEWS TO SHARE

ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL

DECEASED MEMBERS MASS
Saturday, November 2, 2024
2:00pm
St. Joseph Parish
Grimsby

Pop Can Tabs Collection for Wheelchairs for

LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP
Saturday, October 26, 2024
9:30am – 12:30pm
Place: TBA
Parish Elections & Conflict Resolution
Registration: Shelley Tamas

Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LOBSINGER

Walking Together in Synodality – 104th Annual National Convention

Aug 19, 2024 | Conventions, In the News, Media, News Releases, Present Convention

On Monday, August 12 of the 104th Annual National Convention in Saskatoon, National Spiritual Advisor Bishop Lobsinger and Honorary Life Member Barb Dowding delivered a presentation called "Walking Together in Synodality".

Bishop Lobsinger explained that synodality means to "journey together", to find ways to hear the voices of all the people of God, as all who are baptized are guided by the Holy Spirit. He said that it is not about changing the truths of our faith, but to think about how to bring the truths of our faith into our world today.

Barb Dowding asked members to discern together how the Holy Spirit is calling the Church in Canada. A synodal church is a church that listens, as quoted from Pope Francis. Barbara said to not only listen to what a person says, but by what she means and what she has experienced. She then asked members to discuss with others at their table what characteristics of female leadership is God calling forth for women in today's Church? This and other thoughtful questions were deliberated to decide what actions should be done moving forward.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please give consideration to submitting an article or newsletter contributions to Shelley by the 1st of the month and she will do her best to include your contribution.

Our Lady of Sorrows & Suffering

We can turn to Mary,
Our Lady of Sorrows,
for consolation in our suffering.

Flipping through a religious calendar, I came upon a list of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. As I mentally pictured Mary's experiences, I pondered her most blessed and most sorrowful life. I met Mary heart-to-heart: her sorrows and her son's agony became mine, and the Mother of Sorrows became the mother of my sorrows as well.

Let us enter into the mind and heart of Mary and reflect on the seven major sorrows in her life. Our Sorrowful Mother can teach us much about the sanctity of suffering and be a source of consolation to all who suffer.

The Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15.

Jeanette Martino Land,
St. Anthony Messenger

Colleen Martin, Ontario Provincial President
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Hello, my dear League sisters... sitting at my computer this morning I saw the crocheted sunflower under my water bottle, and it set off a trail of musings that ended with a prompt from Holy Spirit to share His message with all of you.

What is the message in the phrase "live joyfully"? The Holy Spirit reenforced for me this morning that this kind of Joy does not mean we need to be always happy and full of smiles even in times of challenge and grief. Instead, living joyfully is about how we respond to those times of challenge and grief. Do we throw our hands up in surrender or do we double down on prayer seeking hope from our faith?

Challenge and grief to me are most often related to loss. I could describe specific personal experiences of what type of life experience brings challenge and grief but perhaps that is a personal reflection you can undertake individually. When you complete this reflection, I wonder if you will agree that all that comes to mind relates to direction in our life that we would not have chosen ourselves. I recently read this most suitable quote on a t-shirt, "God is not finished writing your story , so quit trying to steal the pen!" . .

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.

04/10 Connie DeChellis
13/10 Yoli Pelligrino
22/10 Teresa Paonessa

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

19/09 Anita & Denis Bilodeau
11/10 Monique & Greg Shinton
14/10 Connie DeChellis