St. Andrew the Apostle

CWL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

CATHOLIC
and ***LIVING IT!***

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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

Enjoy your Summer Holidays!

Happy Canada Day

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GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"CATHOLIC and LIVING IT" is the National theme and "Go Make a Difference" is the Provincial sub-theme of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Pope Francis in meeting with members of the American Jewish Committee said "Women make the world beautiful; they protect it and keep it alive. They bring the grace of renewal, the embrace of inclusion, and the courage to give of oneself."

Consider what can you do to live out these themes and give of yourselves as members of the League.

Remember that the Christian life is one of action, not of speech and daydream. Let there be few words and many deeds, and let them be done well. St. Vincent

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our general meeting in June was held at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Port Colborne where members enjoyed pizza, fellowship and were given the opportunity to join in the Annual Worldwide Global Rosary Relay praying for the sanctification of our priests.

One of the topics we discussed was the scheduling of our meetings. It was established that our meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the months of September, October, November, March, May, and June at 6:00pm. We will hold morning meetings on CWL Sunday, the last Sunday in January and April 26, the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. I hope that this will work for all concerned.

Have a great summer and God bless you!

Best regards, Shelley Tamas

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

2023

KITCHEN & HALL CLEANING
Saturday, July 22
9:00am
Your Help is Needed

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

POINSETTIA TEA
TBA
12:00pm – 2:00pm
St. Andrew Parish Hall

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DIOCESAN NEWS TO SHARE

ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MEET & GREET EVENT
September 8, 2023
5:30pm Doors Open
St. John Ukrainian Church
Pierogies,Chicken,Salad
Dinner: $20.00
Contact: Shelley Tamas
905 714-7677

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

Gaudete et Exsultate

Pope Francis says, "To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves." He further notes that Catholics are called to be holy by:

- living out their commitment with joy;
- loving and caring for their spouse, as Christ does for the Church;
- labouring with integrity and skill in service of their brothers and sisters;
- patiently teaching children how to follow Jesus;
- working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The position of Social Justice Standing Committee Chairperson will become vacant when Monique Shinton transfers to her new parish council after the sale of her home and relocation. We will miss Monique and her ardent zeal to uphold respect for the sanctity of life.

Thank you for your yes, to this appointment, and for all your efforts to educate and to stand up to the culture of death by your witness and with your organization of the 40 Days for Life for our parish.

I am hoping that our members will discern and consider taking on the leadership of this, soon to be vacant, position within our parish council. Please take some time to consider this important role.

At the very least, I encourage you to communicate your opposition to all levels of government regarding the ever-expanding inclusion of MAiD to those most vulnerable in society.

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.

I can do things you cannot,
you can do things I cannot;
together
we can do great things.

Saint Mother Teresa

SERVICE

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (Jn 13:14-15) Service is the core value that exemplifies the League's reputation of extending a spirit of welcome, hospitality and fellowship as a sign of love for one's neighbour and for each other. The League Prayer, written by Fr. Gabriel Schachtel in 1952, includes words that still resonate today, "Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us." Members are encouraged to follow Jesus' model of servant leadership. Examples of service activities that offer leadership opportunities include providing outreach to members and parishioners (e.g., prayer shawl ministry), organizing parish receptions (funerals, etc.), assisting with breakfast and lunch programs to youth, and planning highway and park clean up events.

GRATITUDE CORNER

We wish to convey our appreciation to those who have assisted with the cleaning of the parish hall and kitchen. Though the task is not complete, much has been accomplished. Thank you to Anita Bilodeau, Maria Fazzalari, Barbara Nenadovich, Monique and Greg Shinton, Shelley and John Tamas.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Monique Shinton

The Shinton's have been active members of our parish family for nearly eleven years and sadly have decided that they are at the stage in their lives that they feel a need to be closer to their family members.

Our council will miss Monique and her willingness to serve as she leaves her appointed position of Social Justice Chairperson.

Thank you for your service to St. Andrew Parish Council Monique. May God bless you in the next phase of your journey.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to help me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)
Amen.

OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE

The objectives of the League shall be to unite the Catholic women of Canada:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony.

JULY MESSAGE

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pope Pius IX, but this devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth though His Blood.

The Anima Christi (Soul of Christ) Prayer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from Christ's side, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me unto Thee.
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and Thy angels.
For ever and ever. Amen

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit newsletter contributions to Shelley at least one week prior to the 1st day of September and she will do her best to incorporate your contribution. Thank you.

SAINT CORNER

Sts. Anne & Joachim

Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition.

We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the dessert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honour Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints. We celebrate their joint feast day on July 26. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. The also remind us to honour our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine.
We pray for peace
and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who are in fear,
that your Spirit of comfort
would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power
over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for your precious children,
at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

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 July and August.

04/08 Monique Shinton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Council President Shelley Tamas and her husband, John celebrate their Wedding Anniversary in July.

31/07 Shelley & John Tamas

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION
JULY 8 – 12, 2023
CORNWALL, ONTARIO

I will be attending the Ontario Provincial Convention, this year at the Cornwall Civic Complex, as I currently serve The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the position of Ontario Provincial Council Life Member Liaison. I look forward to this opportunity to learn and share our faith as I gather with sisters in the League from across Ontario. I will remember all of you, in each opportunity of prayer, during this time.