St. Andrew the Apostle

CWL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

CATHOLIC
and ***LIVING IT!***

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Feast
Of
Our Patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel
April 26, 2023

Membership Fee is Overdue
$35.00/Year

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership.

OPC President, Linda's League Letters

Dear League Members, I enjoy going to the movies and recently saw "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love". This film tells the story of the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, her work with the needy and how her missionary work continues today through the Missionaries of Charity. Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu was born in Macedonia on August 26, 1910. She joined the Loreto Sisters when she was 18. In 1946 she experienced a "call within a call" to travel to India and help the poorest of the poor. During her lifetime she established hospices to help the blind, disabled, lepers and orphans. She believed, "Every person is Christ for me." When people praised her accomplishments, she stated, "I am a pencil in the hand of God that he wrote love letters to the world with." Her Missionaries of Charity continue to help the less fortunate and have established over 700 houses around the world, called tabernacles for Christ. Following her death in 1997 Mother Teresa's private letters revealed that she felt abandoned by God. Although suffering with this spiritual darkness, she was able to care for the most vulnerable throughout her life. St. Teresa of Calcutta was canonized September 4, 2016. In her words, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." May we BEE people who put love into all our actions. Linda Squarzolo, OPC President

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you for affording Barbara, Yoli and me, in part, the opportunity to attend the Annual Diocesan Retreat this year. I only wish that more of our members would have seized this opportunity to enrich their spiritual life. Perhaps next year?

Our newly ordained Diocesan Priest, Fr. Daniel Corso gave a heartfelt testimonial of his life's journey, confessing the truth that prayer is tremendously important in fostering vocations. He also imparted a thought-provoking presentation, entitled "Lent is More Than Giving Up Chocolate". To summarize his talk, he challenged us to accept our own unique suffering as a vocation. To complete Our Lord's salvific suffering, we are called to participate and be sharers in His experience and bear, with as much love as we can, whatever suffering comes our way. Quoting author, Leon Bloy, he stated that,"There are places in the heart that do not yet exist; suffering has to enter in, for them to come to be." We need to suffer to complete God's plan and be who we are meant to be. It is because God loves us that he permits the gift of suffering to transform and perfect us. He reminded us that God did not exempt himself from suffering but gave suffering meaning. How can we rightfully expect to be spared this experience? This is our opportunity to respond to our calling, to transform our part of the world, with our love of God and our neighbour.

Faith makes all things possible! Wishing all of you a blessed Easter!

Love and peace,

Shelley Tamas, President

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

SPRING CLEANING
Saturday, March 18, 2023
9:00am
Parish Hall & Kitchen
Your Help is Needed

POTLUCK SUPPER
&
GENERAL MEETING
Monday, March 20, 2023
5:30pm

SPRING FUNDRAISER
Sunday, March 26, 2023
St. Andrew Parish Hall
12:00pm – 2:00pm
Lunch
(Chili & Hot Dogs)
Penny Table, Bake Table Treasures
Donations & Help Gratefully Appreciated
Proceeds will benefit, in part, the eventual purchase of new chairs for our parish hall.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Mass 9:00am
Refreshments & Meeting Following Mass
Parish Hall

DIOCESAN NEWS TO SHARE

ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION WORKSHOP
Saturday, March 4, 2023
9:00am – 12:00pm
Star of the Sea Parish Hall
34 Elgin Street, St. Catharines
Registration Contact:
Shelley Tamas
905 714-7677

Collection of Eyeglasses + Pop Can Tabs

DIOCESAN CONVENTION (AMM)
Monday, April 24, 2023
Holiday Inn Convention Ctr.
Ontario St., St. Catharines
8:00am Registration
9:00am – 4:15pm
$80.00/Person: Lunch Only
Registration: Shelley Tamas

FAITH

What are you doing to enrich your spirituality during Lent?

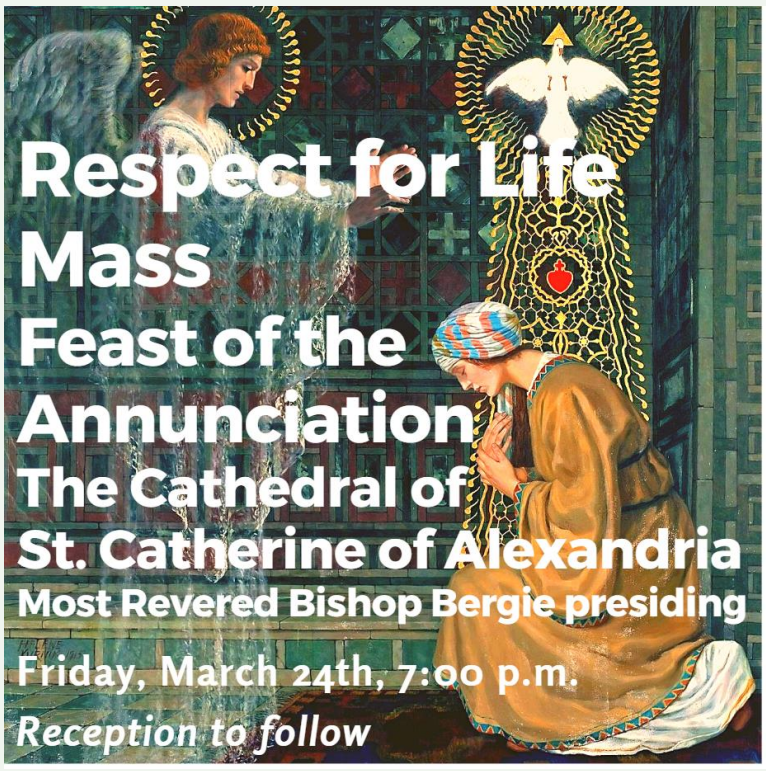
Whatever you do, whatever your skills, and whatever your age – you can live your life for the glory of God. Let this inspire you to take action today. Even the smallest act for God can make huge changes in someone's life. *St. Dominic Savio*

Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, CWL Patroness

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Rosary 8:35 am & Mass 9:00am; followed by refreshments & general meeting in the parish hall. Please join us.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



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.

HEART TO HEART WEBINAR

Who Me? A Leader?

(Sat., April 15, 1pm – 2pm CST):

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regi.../1731296934923758172

SERVICE

The instruction for discipleship and following Jesus: "whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself/herself, take up his/her cross, and follow me." The path of discipleship is the path of self-sacrificing love, and that means the path of suffering.

"For whoever wishes to save his/her life will lose it, but whoever loses his/her life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." This is a model for a happy life.

GRATITUDE CORNER

Congratulations and many thanks to each and every League member awarded a service pin as they marked a significant milestone in their service to The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

May God bless all of you!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CWL SERVICE AWARDS

Presented March 20, 2023:

10 Year Pin – Mary Jane Ferrell
20 Year Pin - Barbara Nenadovich
20 Year Pin - Nicky Rocco
25 Year Pin - Laura Dmytrow
25 Year Pin - Anita Garel
25 Year Pin - Brunina Myciak
30 Year Pin - Tony Garafalo
30 Year Pin - Jennifer Labenski
30 Year Pin - Inez Mauro
40 Year Pin - Teresa Albano
40 Year Pin - Shelley Tamas
40 Year Pin - Debbie Walker

Welcome! We are a sisterhood. Join us. Join the CWL! Contact us.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national service organization, of like-minded women, who are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and who work together to promote Catholic values and to carry out volunteer and charitable work. PLEASE JOIN US and "make a difference" in our hurting world.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Andrew Parish Council

SPRING FUNDRAISER

PENNY SALE & BAKE SALE

St. Andrew-the-Apostle Parish Hall

East Main St. & St. Andrew's Avenue

Sunday, March 26, 2023

12:00 Noon – 2:00pm

Penny Sale, Bake Sale, Raffles,

Lunch

Hot Dogs & Chili

MESSAGE FROM SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

FR. PAUL VELLAKUNATHU

Prayer for Our Spiritual Leaders

Heavenly Father, You have created each of us to love You and Your people. You have chosen some to serve by responding to the particular call to priesthood and religious life. Send Your Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of those You have designed to follow this path of spiritual leadership. May they seek your counsel daily, seeking your wisdom and guidance as they give spiritual guidance to others. Fill them with patience, peace, and joy for their work, remembering you are with them even when the work is hard, for you are faithful to equip those who obey your call. Amen.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit your newsletter contributions to Shelley Tamas, by email, at shelleytcwl@cogeco.ca before the 1st of the month of May and we will try our very best to include your contribution.

SAINT CORNER

March 20, 2023
Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph is observed on March 19. This is an annual celebration in honour of St. Joseph.
St. Joseph was the husband of the Virgin Mary and the legal guardian of Jesus and is venerated by the Catholic Church as a patron saint of workers.

When you invoke St. Joseph, you don't have to speak much. You know your Father in heaven knows what you need; well, so does his friend, St. Joseph.

St. Andre Bessette

CWL PRAYER OF RENEWAL

God of new beginnings, ever faithful God, we thank You for your constant care for the women of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. We have sought to serve You in faith by service to your people.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we continue to discern Your call to seek justice and build Your Kingdom on earth each day.

We ask Your guidance as we plan the evolution of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Grant us wisdom, the grace of discernment, and strength. May each of us open her heart and mind to Your will and welcome the new life You bring to the League.

We ask this through Jesus, Your beloved Son and Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. AMEN.

Written by Sister Susan Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

We would like to acknowledge the birthdays, anniversaries and special events of our members within this space of our parish council newsletter.

Please provide us with your special dates. Thank you.

March Birthdays

06 – Shelley Tamas

24 – Maria Fazzalari

April Birthdays

28 – Barbara Nenadovich

Happy Birthday in faith and blessings be upon you! On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in his love. You are so blessed to be you and to share the amazing love of Jesus on your birthday! May God bless this day with more love that your heart can hold.

COUNCIL UPDATES

At our breakfast held on CWL Sunday the membership agreed to contribute to the Easter flowers for the church, Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Rosary Apostolate, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and Welland Port Colborne Pro-Life Association.

A donation will also be made to the Parish Care Bearer Outreach Ministry to offset a portion of the costs to provide a meal to the convalescing and/or bereaved of our parish.

A decision was also made to reserve half of the proceeds of our Spring fundraiser for the eventual purchase of much needed new chairs for the parish hall.