St. Andrew the Apostle

CWL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

HERE I AM LORD; SEND ME

Happy New CWL Year

Jubilee 2025

"Let us be pilgrims of hope bringing light to the world."

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Who we are: We are the voice of Catholic Women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world.

What we offer: We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to reach their full potential.

What we do: We provide faith-based opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development and many avenues for service, advocacy and social justice.

Why we do it: As Catholic women, we are called to stand up and take our place, speak the truth and renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God – to fortify family, create sanctuaries of peace, and be the Good News to all.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025 Kay Kiss and I travelled, via coach bus, to the National Closing Mass of The Catholic Women's League of Canada where Bishop Bergie was installed as the National Spiritual Advisor and Betty Colaneri was installed as National President. We were pleased to show our support to Bishop Bergie, who is faithful shepherd extraordinaire, and to Betty Colaneri, the first of our diocese to hold this position on National Council. Our encouragement was well-received by both Bishop Bergie, National Spiritual Advisor and Betty Colaneri, National President.

I was informed that Betty's theme for the 2026-2028 term was announced as "Ignite the Passion-Empower His Mission". How will you enthusiastically continue His mission?

Below: Newly Installed National Council

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

NEXT GENERALMEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
CANCELLED

NEXT GENERALMEETING
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
St. Andrew Parish
6:00pm

POINSETTIA FESTIVAL
Sunday, November 9, 2025
12:00pm – 2:00pm
St. Andrew Parish Hall
Please bring any donation items to the General Meeting in October. Please consider bringing a food item for the grocery raffle.

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP

Please contact our Standing Committee Chairperson of Organization, Mary Jane at 905 734-1611.

DIOCESAN NEWS TO SHARE

ST. CATHARINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MEET & GREET
Friday, September 12, 2025
St. John's Ukrainian Church
91 Lakeshore Road,
St. Catharines
Tickets: $35.00
Contact: Shelley Tamas 905-714-7677

Pop Can Tabs Collection
Wheelchairs for Those in Need

LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DAY
Saturday, October 25, 2025
St. Alexander Church
9:30am – 12:30pm
Topic: TBA

FAITH

September 21: Designated by the League as **National Faith Day**, members are invited to celebrate sisterhood and to come together in thanksgiving for the graces received through service within the League.

October 7: **World Rosary Day** In response to the Pope Francis' call for a direct petition "to the Virgin Mary to accompany the Church on the path of preparation for the event of grace of the Jubilee," World Rosary Day will be marked starting at 7:00 p.m. on October 7th, as a day of global prayer focused on the Holy Rosary. The prayer will be recited from East to West at that time in each participant's local time zone, circling the whole earth.

In concluding his first address, Pope Leo said, "We want to be a synodal Church, a church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering. …Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace." As disciples of Christ and as pilgrims of hope, may our response be with full and generous hearts in responding to the Holy Father's call to a mission of peace and synodality.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Please consider contributing a box of cereal or non-periishable breakfast item to the food cupboard of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Our contributions last year were very much appreciated.

I pray that hopefully, our parish council will be able to assist in some way and that our hearts will be stirred with compassion for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

QUICK LINKS

St. Andrew Parish Council

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WEBSITES:

Diocesan Council

www.stcatharinescwl.ca

Provincial Council

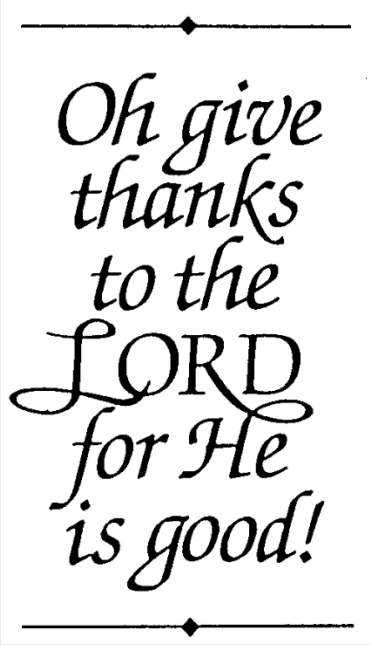
www.cwl.on.ca

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

BISHOP BERGIE & BETTY'S

CWL FAN CLUB

Top: Betty Colaneri, National President

Below: Bishop Bergie, National Spiritual Advisor

Prayer for Beginning a New Season

God of all creation, we thank you for the beauty and wonder of this new season. We praise you for the changing colors, the fresh growth, and the promise of new life. We ask for your blessings as we enter this new time. May our hearts be open to your presence and your will. Guide us in our thoughts, words, and actions, that we may live in accordance with your teachings. Help us to be mindful of your gifts and to share them with others. Grant us strength and wisdom to face any challenges and embrace the opportunities that come our way. May our faith be strengthened, and may we grow closer to you in all that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

CWL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Happy Thanksgiving

MESSAGE OF BISHOP LOBSINGER, PAST NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Heavenly Father, You have raised Your servant, Pope Leo XIV, to the Chair of Saint Peter.
Pour out Your abundant blessings upon him.
Through him, guide Your pilgrim Church along the path to Heaven.
Grant him wisdom to discern Your will, courage to fulfill it, and charity to shepherd Your people with the Heart of Christ.
In this time of transition, bring peace to troubled hearts, joy to those who suffer, and hope to the despairing.
May he be a faithful successor to Saint Peter, a humble servant of Your Word, and a fearless herald of Your Divine Mercy and Truth.
Strengthen him with the grace of the Holy Spirit, that he may lead the Church in unity, holiness, and fidelity.
We entrust him to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the prayers of all the saints.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I ask that you keep both Betty and Bishop Bergie in your prayers as they carry out their responsibilities of service and use their gifts and talents to carry on God's work. May God bless them abundantly for their selfless yes.

"NEVER STOP LOVING"

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

You are welcome to submit a newsletter contribution to Shelley Tamas before the first of the month and she will do her best to include your contribution.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX OF THE CHILD JESUS & HOLY FACE

(2 January 1873–30 September 1897)
Canonized May 17, 1925
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Thérèse of Lisieux (born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin); was a French Discalced Carmelite who is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known Little Flower. Therese is a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. She is one of the most popular saints in the history of the Church, although she was obscure during her lifetime. Pope Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern times". Therese is best known today for her spiritual memoir, *Story of a Soul*. St. Therese is the patron saint of aviators, florists, illness(es), and missions. **Feast Day**: October 1

WHAT'S NEW AT THE SHRINE!

Mini Retreat
Presented by Adelaine Nohara, Spiritual Formation Lead

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
6:00pm – 9:00pm
The Power of the Rosary
Adoration, Talk, Confessions, Rosary, Mass, Fellowship
Fr. Ronald Angervil, Presider

Shrine Thanksgiving Family Day
Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

Saturday, October 11, 2025
CANCELLED

Shrine Clean-up

Saturday, October 25, 2025
Raindate: Saturday, November !, 2025
9:00am

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, Connie DeChellis 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

Birth of Mary
September 8

Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and death of your Divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our Divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and Immaculate Mother of God. Amen.