

Saint Charles Catholic Women's League

March 2017 Newsletter

Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call



Canada's Challenge 150 for 150

Volunteering creates a lasting legacy that transforms the lives of people who volunteer and the people that benefit. To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada, all Canadians are invited to give 150 hours of their time during 2017 and give back to your community and your country.

The Saint Charles Catholic Women's League is ready for the challenge and we propose to do it as a group rather than individuals. We have begun counting our hours.

You may send your hours monthly or at a moment that is convenient to you directly to the president at : yvette@ualberta.ca or leave a note in the CWL mailbox at church. Along with this Newsletter is a sheet you can use to keep track of your hours.

CWL National Lap Quilt Challenge Update:

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, St Charles CWL is participating in the 2017 CWL National Project leading up to the 100th anniversary in 2020. Two quilting bees have taken place. It is yet to be decided how many quilts will actually be completed, and where they will be donated. Once completed, we will be taking pictures to show the parish.

Report of Zone 9 Meeting :

The Zone 9 meeting took place on Feb. 23rd at St Alphonsus. Sixty-one members were present representing 17 councils. Councils were reminded of the donations that are required of each council (sandwiches, squares, and volunteers) for the Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass will be on April 10th at the Basilica at 7 pm.

It was interesting to note that St Charles is one of only a few councils in Zone 9 participating in the 2017 CWL National Lap Quilt Project. So hats off to St Charles !

The Zone 9 project for 2017-2019 is *Dreams for Kids*. *Dreams for Kids* is an Edmonton Catholic School Foundation which raises funds in support of the children and youth, especially those experiencing poverty who attend Edmonton Catholic Schools. We are waiting for information from the Zone 9 President regarding how Councils can participate.

Vimy Ridge:100th Anniversary

2017 marks the year we remember the sacrifice made by many a Canadian soldier at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of this World War I battle. The Battle of Vimy Ridge proved to be a great success, but it came at a heavy cost. More than 10,500 Canadians

were killed or wounded in that one battle. Ceremonies will be held in April 9 in Vimy, France and in Ottawa to commemorate the sacrifice made by Canadians.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us remember Jesus' sacrifice. His crucifixion was indeed the greatest act of sacrifice in the history of the world, a perfect demonstration of His own teaching in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Update on Provincial Convention: June 9th and 10th at St Charles.

The 2017 Annual CWL Alberta-Mckenzie Convention will take place at St Charles. The preparations for the Convention are coming along nicely. The planning committee meets regularly and has visited St Charles in order to better plan how the event will take place and to assure that all runs smoothly. We will keep you updated on the details of the Convention and on the registration dates. Katherine Tarras, Connie McBride, and Yvette d'Entremont are the members of St Charles that are members of the planning committee.

Installation of CWL Executive Officers:

The Installation Ceremony of the CWL Executive Officers will take place at the 11am mass on May 7th.

Spring Fling:

The annual Spring Fling will take place on May 7th at 12 :30 pm (after the 11 am mass). Tickets will be sold after each mass the last two weekends of April. We hope you will be there!!

Diocesan Convention:

The Edmonton Diocesan Convention will take place April 21st-23rd at Corpus Christi Parish.

Members wishing to attend can find the registration information on the CWL Edmonton Diocese website or contact yvette@ualberta.ca

The Convention will feature four speakers :

- Archbishop Richard Smith
- Dr. Sheree Kwong See,
- Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Madame Justice Yungwirth

St. Kateri Celebration

Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Enoch) is preparing the St Kateri Celebration on April 22nd, 2017 at Lac St Anne and they have asked councils for help.

The St Charles CWL has made a financial donation to aid Our Lady Mercy Parish to help with expenses.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish has also asked for donations of shawls or small blankets for the disabled and sick.

If you have knitted or crocheted small blankets lately and are willing to donate them to the St Kateri Celebration please contact Rose Hearn (khearn@live.com). She will have them delivered to Lac St Anne for the celebration where they will be blessed and distributed. Rose would need these by April 1st.

Thank you:

- World Day of Prayer : Thank you to Jacqueline Cuerrier who helped with the organization of the service and to all the members of St Charles who participated in the service which took place on March 3 at Chalmers Castle Downs United Church. This year's service featured the women of the Philippines.
- To all the ladies who help in one way or another with the funeral lunches.

Please remember to support the Youth Groups garage sale May 19th, 20th and 21st.

Upcoming events :

- March 24 - Stations of the Cross at 7 pm (led by CWL)
- April 10 - Chrism Mass at the Basilica TIME at 7 pm
- April 18 - CWL General Meeting - 7 pm
- April 21-23 - Diocesan Convention at Corpus Christi Parish
- May 6 - Pasta Supper for March for Life
- May 7 - Installation of CWL Executive Members (11 am mass)
- May 7 - Spring Fling (after the 11 am mass) - Tickets will be sold after all masses the last two weekends of April.
- May 11 - March for Life (downtown)
- May 16 - CWL General Meeting - 7 pm
- June 20 - End of Year Social - 7 pm.

Spiritual Note: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." -- Pope John Paul II

