



CWL June 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Acting President

A SWOT Analysis

The acronym SWOT stands for *Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats*. As we come to the end of a long and difficult year, and as I look back on 2020, a year no one will forget, I realized that despite the pandemic, we the St Charles CWL managed to carry on... in some form. I decided as a year-end message to complete a quick SWOT analysis of what I saw, realized, and felt during the year.

I wish you all a safe and blessed summer and hope to see you in person in the Fall.

Yvette d'Entremont, Acting President

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| <p style="text-align: center;">STRENGTHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *We have taken advantage of the pandemic to use online platforms such as Zoom for meetings and events. * Covid or not, with the help of our members, St Charles CWL has been able to keep going. We had a very successful Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser, we continued to support AIM School in Uganda as we made 200 masks, continued to make dresses and even tote bags. We will probably have to rent a plane just for Annet next time she goes to Uganda. * A dedicated executive that kept the show on the road | <p style="text-align: center;">WEAKNESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The use of technology has unfortunately left some members unable to participate in online events. The push towards online meetings and events has been a challenge for some members. * Attending meetings online is not the same thing as meeting in person. We have missed the social aspect of meetings. * We have missed the Christmas and June Socials. It was a reason to not have to cook supper and have some fun (and some wine). * The lack of social interaction left a void that we hope can soon be remedied. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">OPPORTUNITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We have taken advantage of the fact that members were stuck at home to plan activities based on that fact, such as the virtual book club. * We have been conscious of members without computers or internet access and have mailed out the Newsletter every month. * We have made an effort to communicate with members regularly by sending out the monthly Newsletter, informing them of events happening within CWL, the Archdiocese, and the church, and sending Christmas cards to all members. | <p style="text-align: center;">THREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The recent proposal to increase National per capita fees has left some councils wondering what will happen to them if the motion passes. Time will tell. * We hope that the pandemic has not had a negative impact on our membership. * It is to be seen how our previous way of doing things in the kitchen will change. |

June is National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month. It allows us to commemorate and recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities. This year, National Indigenous History Month is dedicated to the missing children, the families left behind and the survivors of residential schools. Below is the official statement from Anne-M Gorman, CWL National President.



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Statement from the National Executive/Board of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

It is with grief and broken-heartedness that I write, upon receiving the devastating news of the dear children lost at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation.

On behalf of all members of the League, I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers for healing and peace. The knowledge of the inexcusable behaviour visited upon innocent children renders us speechless and stricken. It also serves to re-traumatize our fellow citizens who lived through such devastating experiences.

We are reminded of Mary's suffering, pain and broken heart at the foot of the cross of her dear son. With only our prayers can our hearts survive as we slowly claw our way towards a future peace.

May God bring peace upon all who have suffered the injustices of this wounded world.

Anne-M Gorman
National President

CWL 40th Anniversary

The 40th Anniversary Committee will continue to monitor the evolving rules for gatherings over the summer. Please keep the date of **Saturday, October 16th, 2021** marked on your calendars and stay tuned!

Save
the
Date

Spiritual Reflection For National Indigenous History Month

When they buried the children
What they didn't know
They were lovingly embraced
By the land
Held and cradled in a mother's heart
The trees wept for them, with the wind
they sang mourning songs their mother's
didn't know to sing
bending branches to touch the earth
around them. The Creator cried for them
the tears falling like rain.

Mother Earth held them
until they could be found.
Now our voices sing the mourning songs.
with the trees. the wind. light sacred fire
ensure they are never forgotten as we sing
JUSTICE

-abigail echo-hawk

CWL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS !!



The League is celebrating 100 years !! To commemorate the Centenary Anniversary, and keeping with the national theme *Care for our Common Home*, every diocesan council across Canada is asked to plant a tree in a place of honour. This is a symbol of our “roots” from the past century as we “branch out” into the next century.



Most Councils put the tree planting on hold during the Pandemic, so the Centenary Committee has asked Councils to continue till project into 2021.

Fr Marc has given us permission to plan a Snowbird Hawthorn tree on church property. We are not certain when the planting will take place. Thank you Father Marc !



Memories Project Reminder

Summertime, and the livin' is easy
Paper for writin'
And a pen in my hand
Writin' a mem'ry
'Bout our CWL
So hush little lady
And write it all down right now

(sincere apologies to Ella Fitzgerald, 1968)

Yup! Another **gentle reminder**, asking you to submit at least one memory or story about something or some event that you have experienced being a member of St. Charles CWL over the past 40 years.

It would be great if you wrote two or three or more!
STORIES -- POEMS -- SONGS!!

Deadline -- July 31, 2021
to Connie cemcb@telus.net



Laughter is Good for the Soul

The little girl was sitting in her father's lap as he read her a goodnight story. From time to time, she would take her eye's off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. By and by she was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke, "daddy, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart" he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh she said," then "daddy, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed honey" he assured her. "God made you just a little while ago."

"Oh" she said. Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it now isn't he?"



CWL BYOB Reading Club May List of Recommended Reads

1. *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel

Inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis by creating forged documents.

2. *I am my Father's Son* by Dan Hill (Canadian Author)

Through vivid family stories, letters, memories and his own award-winning lyrics, Dan Hill tells the story of two parallel lives—his father's in mid-20th-century America and his own as a young black man coming of age in suburban Canada—and the stormy but ultimately loving way each of those lives affected the other.

3. *Best of Season's Menu Cookbook* by Judy Schultz (Alberta Author)

This book is full of tempting and imaginative menus for all seasons.

4. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Coast Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

After the death of her mother, her family scattered, and her marriage destroyed, she hiked the Pacific Crest Trail alone. A journey that maddened, strengthened, and healed her.

5. *The Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer

In 1942, Europe remains in the relentless grip of war. Just beyond the tents of the Russian refugee camp she calls home, a young woman speaks her wedding vows. It's a decision that will alter her destiny...and it's a lie that will remain buried until the next century.

6. *The Diplomat's Wife* by Pam Jenoff

This novel begins as WW II is ending. Marta has been in prison and tortured to try to get information about the resistance group that she was part of. The prison is liberated by the American Army. Marta marries a British diplomat and returns to Poland to find the traitor.

7. *The Winter Sea* by Susanna Kearsly (Canadian Author)

The novel is fiction based on facts and takes place in Scotland. While visiting Slains Castle, Carrie deals with her ancestral memory and come to know the truth the exiled James Stewart of Scotland.

8. *The Answer Is ...Reflections on My Life* by Alex Trebek (Canadian Author)

The long time Jeopardy host recounts his life and relationships, as well as his work in television.

9. *The Bishop's Man* by Linden ManIntyre (Canadian Author)

The story follows a Catholic priest who became so successful at resolving potential church scandals quickly and quietly that he had to accept a position at a remote parish in Cape Breton to give himself a low profile.

10. *Consecration of St Joseph* by Fr. Donald Callaway

Consecration to St. Joseph is dedicated to meeting the challenges of the present moment and restoring order to our Church and our world, all through the potent paternal intercession and care of St. Joseph

11. *Descartes' Dream* by P. Davis & R. Hersh

This book takes examines the physical and intellectual influences of mathematics on society, particularly in light of technological advances. (NOTE: Only read this if you really like math!)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday June 24 at 7 pm via zoom. Link to be sent before the event

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

June 2021

Please pray for seminarian Martin Kaguima on his journey to respond to God's call.
Please pray for our CWL members and our Council.

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Mary Ziska
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Rollande Paquette
Faye Tkachuk
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Marlene Schmidt
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)
Marie Phillips
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)
Diane Melnyk (sister of Bev Jensen)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Lynn Cristini

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Colleen Fitzpatrick (daughter-in-law of Myrla Fitzpatrick)
Agnes Lovsin (Spruce Grove CWL member)

If you wish to have a loved one's name added to the CWL Prayer List
Please email: Janice Albiston janicealbiston@gmail.com

