



# CWL November 2021 Newsletter

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## Message from the Acting President

### 100 Years and Still Strong

One hundred years ago, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of remembrance. One hundred years later we still wear the poppy. One hundred years ago (in 1920) the Catholic Women's League of Canada was founded. One hundred years later the CWL is still going strong calling on its members to grow in faith, and to witness the love of God through ministry and service. Forty years ago a CWL Council was established right here at St. Charles. We are a strong Council and we must all work to keep it going. January 2022 will see a new roster of Executive members. We can do things differently but we do need a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Standing Committee Chairpersons can ask members for help to do certain tasks. We are all here to work as a team. We must do what we can to keep going.

Please take the time to seriously consider being a member of the Executive.

**Yvette d'Entremont, Acting President**

## Spiritual

### Ways to Raise Awareness of Social Justice Issues November 2021 Edition - Living with Christ

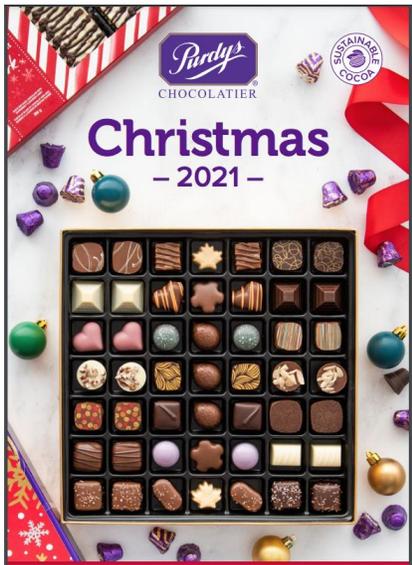
- Wednesday, November 17th raise awareness of persecution of Christians around the world -Wear red (Page 181 in the Living with Christ November Prayer book)
- Learn more about Peace and Development
- Caritas Canadas national year-long campaign "People and Planet First" greater environment justice (Page 182-183 in Living with Christ prayer book)  
"Be a voice for the Voiceless"

Nov 28 begins a new liturgical year-Advent, preparing for Christ, his humble beginning and the message of hope.

On **December 1 at 2pm (EDT)**, join us for a live *Living with Christ* webinar: **Hope and Joy at Advent**, with liturgist and author Dr. Simone Brosig. Registration details at [en.novalis.ca/lwcwebinars](http://en.novalis.ca/lwcwebinars)

**Rita Pfefferle, Spiritual Convenor**

# Purdys 2021 Christmas Fundraiser – Thank You!



Thank you to all those CWL members, family and friends who made the Christmas Purdys Fundraiser a success!! We sold approximately \$6000.00 worth of chocolate!

Thank you to Katherine Tarras for taking the lead on this project.

Please pick up your order  
on **Saturday, December 4**  
between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm  
at 15712- 119 Street NW Edmonton

**If you have any questions call Katherine at  
780-488-5521**

## Reminder - Christmas Charity Sacred Heart Parish of the First People

This year, the St Charles Christmas Charity will be for the Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. They are in need of the following new items

- \* socks (men and women)
- \* tuques (men and women)
- \* underwear (men and women)
- \* leggings (women)
- \* long johns (men)
- \* female hygiene products
- \* face wipes
- \* hand warmers

All of the above items can be purchased at places like Dollarama.

**NOTE:** Used and clean winter jackets for adults are also accepted. No need for any winter wear for children.

**PLEASE: NO ITEMS FOR CHILDREN (they have a lot and are not in need) and NO GIFT CARDS**

All are invited to participate and help Sacred Heart Church serve the needs of those in the inner city.

Please drop off your items in the box, decorated for this cause, located in the church lobby  
**by December 5, 2021.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**



# First Annual CWL Diocesan Book Project



For the past 25 years, CWL has celebrated catholic education with a poster/essay contest with the schools in the Archdiocese. The CWL wants to maintain the relationship with the schools by providing a resource to the school library. The book chosen for the First Annual Diocesan Book Project is *Everybody's Welcome* by Patricia Hegarty. The book is suitable for elementary schools.

It is a tale of animals living together and helping one another. Children will learn how important it is to extend a generous hand to those in need, whether neighbors in crisis, a friend with a problem, or a family

immigrating to a new country. It's a comforting story that will elicit useful conversations about kindness, charity, and empathy. The four elementary schools under the jurisdiction of St Charles Parish (St. Charles, St. Lucy, Bishop Savaryn, Bishop Greschuk) have all expressed interest in receiving this book for their library. The books have been delivered to the schools.



The photo shows Susanna Nigor, Vice Principal of St Charles School accepting the book from Yvette d'Entremont on behalf of St Charles CWL.

## 2022 Memberships Now Due

Last month kicked off the start of our 2022 CWL membership drive. If you missed the notice, it's not too late to pay!! Annual fees for 2022 will remain the same at \$30.

Although we are still meeting virtually at this time, there are still a number of options to pay your membership:

- If you are currently attending church in person, you can drop your cheque\* (preferred, but cash is also accepted) into the offertory basket
- You can drop your cheque\* off at the Parish Office during office hours
- You can mail your cheque\* to the church (no cash in the mail please)
- You can mail your cheque\* to  
**Bea Spatafora, 14407 130 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2**
- You can e-Transfer\*\* Bea Spatafora at [bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca)



\*If sending in a cheque (or cash), please make payable to St. Charles CWL & complete & include the below form with your payment.

\*\*If paying by e-Transfer, please include your name in the notes of the transfer; I'll contact you via email to confirm payment and verify your contact information.

I did send a few reminders out to some of our members for 2021's dues; if you are one of the members who did not pay last year, you can double-up your membership dues this year (ie pay \$60) if you would like the 2021 year counted towards your years-of-service.

Finally, for our members with email, you should be receiving an electronic (emailed) copy of your receipt once you've paid. If you have sent in your payment for 2022 and but have not received an electronic receipt, please contact me to follow-up. If you do not have email, a manual receipt has been written out, but not mailed out – if you wish to have your receipt mailed out, please let me know.

If you have any questions on membership, please feel free to call me at 780-399-9459.

**Bea Spatafora**  
**Organization Convener**

CWL	DATE: _____
TITLE: (Miss Mrs Ms Dr.) _____	
NAME (First, Last): _____	
ADDRESS (w/ Postal Code): _____	
HOME #:	CELL # (Optional):
EMAIL: _____	

# BYOB Club

List of books recommended by the October Book Club Group.



**1. *Good as Gone: My Life with Irving Layton* by Anna Pottier**

After falling in love with and marrying a man two lifetimes older than her, Irving Layton's last wife shares the story of her life with the acclaimed poet.

**2. *Growing Pains: The Autobiography of Emily Carr* by Emily Carr**

Growing Pains tells the story of Carr's life, beginning with her girlhood in pioneer Victoria and going on to her training as an artist in San Francisco, England and France.

**3. *Klee Wyck* by Emily Carr**

*Klee Wyck* is a memoir by Emily Carr consisting of a collection of literary sketches. It is an evocative work that describes in vivid detail the influence that the Indigenous people culture of the Northwest Coast had on her.

**4. *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny**

Chief Inspector Gamache returns to Three Pines to provide security for a visiting professor of statistics. Discussions become debates, debates become arguments, which turn into fights. As sides are declared, madness takes hold and a murder is committed.

**4. *Tides of Honour* by Genevieve Graham**

It's 1916, and the last thing Nova Scotian soldier Danny Baker expects to find in war-torn France is the love of his life. Audrey Poulin is alone in the world, and struggling to survive the war in the French countryside. When Audrey and Danny meet and fall in love, it seems like the best version of fate.

**5. *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay**

Paris, July 1942: Ten-year-old Sarah is brutally arrested with her family in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, the most notorious act of French collaboration with the Nazis. But before the police come to take them, Sarah locks her younger brother, Michel, in their favorite hiding place, a cupboard in the family's apartment. She keeps the key, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

**6. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens**

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land.

**7. *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah**

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.

**8. *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt**

The Goldfinch is a haunted odyssey through present-day America and a drama of enthralling power. Combining unforgettably vivid characters and thrilling suspense, it is a beautiful, addictive triumph - a sweeping story of loss and obsession, of survival and self-invention, of the deepest mysteries of love, identity and fate.

**9. *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill**

Aminata, a young girl from West Africa, is sold off in to indigo plantation in South Carolina. She embarks on her journey to freedom when her child is abducted and she is separated from her husband.

**Next Meeting: November 25 at 7 pm via zoom. Link to be sent before the meeting**

## Nativity Postage Stamps – Did you know?



Have you seen the 2021 Nativity Scene postage stamps? Did you know that Christian-themed Christmas stamps are an example of successful resolutions by the CWL of Canada? National CWL *Resolution 1959.12* resolved "that The Catholic Women's League of Canada in 39th annual national convention assembled at Saint John, N.B., request the federal government to plan a Christmas stamp depicting a "Nativity Scene" to be issued in Canada annually during the month of December." Canada Post began the tradition of featuring Nativity art on stamps in 1965, with an issue

featuring the Gifts of the Magi. Canadians have had a Christmas-themed stamp for several years now and deeply grateful for the effort of CWL in the process.

## Items for Refugees Needed

The Refugee Welcome Bag Program is looking for donations of:

- Disposable razors, shaving cream
- Toothbrushes adult/children
- Feminine napkins
- Towels
- Children's stuffed toys
- Small toy cars, puzzles
- Family-size shampoo
- Family-size body lotion
- Deodorants (men/women)
- Nail clippers
- Colouring books
- 2022 Calendars

The project is happy to accept any personal care donations. Check the Diocesan webpage at [www.edmontoncwl.org](http://www.edmontoncwl.org) for additional items that could be donated. Thank you for your ongoing support. God bless and stay safe.

**Katherine Tarras**

## Laughter is Good for the Soul



Lee, A seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"



**St. Charles CWL  
Cordially Invites You To A  
Virtual Christmas Gathering**

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Entertainment, Games & Prizes**

**Log-In Information Will be Emailed Prior to the Event**

Invite a friend or relative to your home to join us online for the festivities!

Prizes for the Best Christmas Spirit (background or costume)

Brief Show and/or Tell Your Favorite Christmas Tradition|

Have a dark felt pen, paper and your purse nearby to participate in the games.

**Merry Christmas!**



# ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

## *November 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)  
Jacqueline Cuerrier  
Marlene Schmidt  
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)  
Marie Phillips  
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)  
Cathy Jacobs (niece of Bev Jensen)  
Hope Maitwe (daughter of Annet Maitwe)  
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)  
Julie McMillan  
Lynn Cristini  
Dorothy Woods  
Gladys Marciniw  
Evelyn Radostits  
Georgie Alexander (sister of Kathy Martel)

### *For those who have died and all who mourn them:*

Colleen Fitzpatrick (daughter-in-law of Myrla Fitzpatrick)  
Nellie Grandish  
Leo Landreville (brother of Norma Belanger)  
Patrick Maitwe (husband of Annet Maitwe)  
Sophie Oshaneck (sister of Evelyn Radostits)

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

