



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

January 2023

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.



From The President's Desk

Happy New Year Ladies, with this New Year, we begin looking at new beginnings. This year we will be talking about the new strategic plan for CWL and the format for our next Executive. The biggest change will be the Standing Committees which will be going from 6 to 3 Committees. You will see this in the layout of our new looking newsletter and the graph that is included which highlights Faith, Service and Social Justice.

In the next election, we will be voting for those members who are willing to let their names stand for these restructured positions. It is exciting to see new rejuvenating ideas and we hope that you will embrace them. The new National website has a lot to offer to encourage ideas, including videos promoting membership. These tools will help us to build on the "Charism" of our Council.

Ask yourselves these questions in relation to our CWL: "What do you enjoy doing?" "What excites you?" "What do you want to learn?" "What are you tired of?" "What are your gifts?" "What is our Council's charism (gift, special abilities?)". Everyone has something to offer and we can build on those strengths.

Please contact me by email (ritapfefferle@gmail.com) if you want to share some of these thoughts, or come to our next meeting and share. See you at the next meeting, **February 21, Tuesday at 7 pm, upstairs in the Columbia room.**

If you need to reach me, please call my cell phone at **(780) 916-2414.**

Rita Pfefferle, President

Message From Deacon Joe, Spiritual Advisor

I look forward to serving the St. Charles Council in the role of spiritual advisor. As I mentioned at the January meeting, the CWL is an essential part of our faith community given the many different ways its members contribute their energies to the parish. I have plenty to learn about the organisation and am hopeful that along the way my advisory role will meet the needs of the group.

My wife Mary and I have been members of St. Charles parish since 1994, and have two adult children. Mary is a member of the CWL and for many years has served as a lector and extraordinary minister. My involvement in the works of the parish began in 2010 with the Social Justice ministry and later with the Pastoral Council and organising the multimedia team.

I entered formation for the diaconate in 2012 and was ordained by Archbishop Richard Smith in 2016. I've continued to focus on social justice efforts such as prison ministry and recently became the spiritual advisor for the St. Charles Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. One does not need to look very hard to find people in our faith community who live out their Christian vocation by devotedly serving those in need and it is a joy to serve beside them. I've recently retired from my professional career and appreciate being able to dedicate more time to my life as a deacon.

Deacon Joseph Leuwer

Reminder – Parish Mission Stations of the Cross Dates

Please watch the Bulletin for the Parish Mission and Stations of the Cross dates coming up. At the time of publishing of this newsletter, those dates have not yet been confirmed.

Family Day

Our CWL will again be supporting the Knights of Columbus for the Family Day Fun Day event scheduled for **Monday, February 20th, 2023**. We will be serving hotdogs, ice cream and hot chocolate to the families attending. If you can help in the kitchen, please contact Rose Hearn at KHearn@live.com



Carmelite Greeting Card Collection

Katherine Tarras will soon be taking the used greeting cards from the box in the reception area to the Carmelite Nuns.. If you have any greeting cards that you would like to recycle, please put them in the box within the next couple of weeks.



Social Justice

It's A Wrap!

Thank you to all our members and guests who attended the 2022 Christmas Social which will be held in the Activity Centre on **Tuesday, December 20, 2022**. There were approximately 38 attendees who braved the -30 C. weather, including our seminarian, Benjamin Wilkins, to join us for our Christmas celebration.

The ladies contributed an extensive variety of potluck dishes which were enjoyed by all. Bea Spatafora was our mistress of ceremonies for the evening. Bea and Bev Jensen kept the entertainment going with some games and door prize draws throughout the evening. Rose Potter and Lorette Fairfield helped to keep us in tune by ending the evening with a couple of Christmas carols.

In lieu of gifts to one another, the "Sharing Tree" was full of grocery gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul Society. A total of \$1040.00 in gift cards were received. Thank you for your generosity.

A big thank you everyone who helped set up and clean up for the social.

Bea Spatafora & Bev Jensen, Conveners

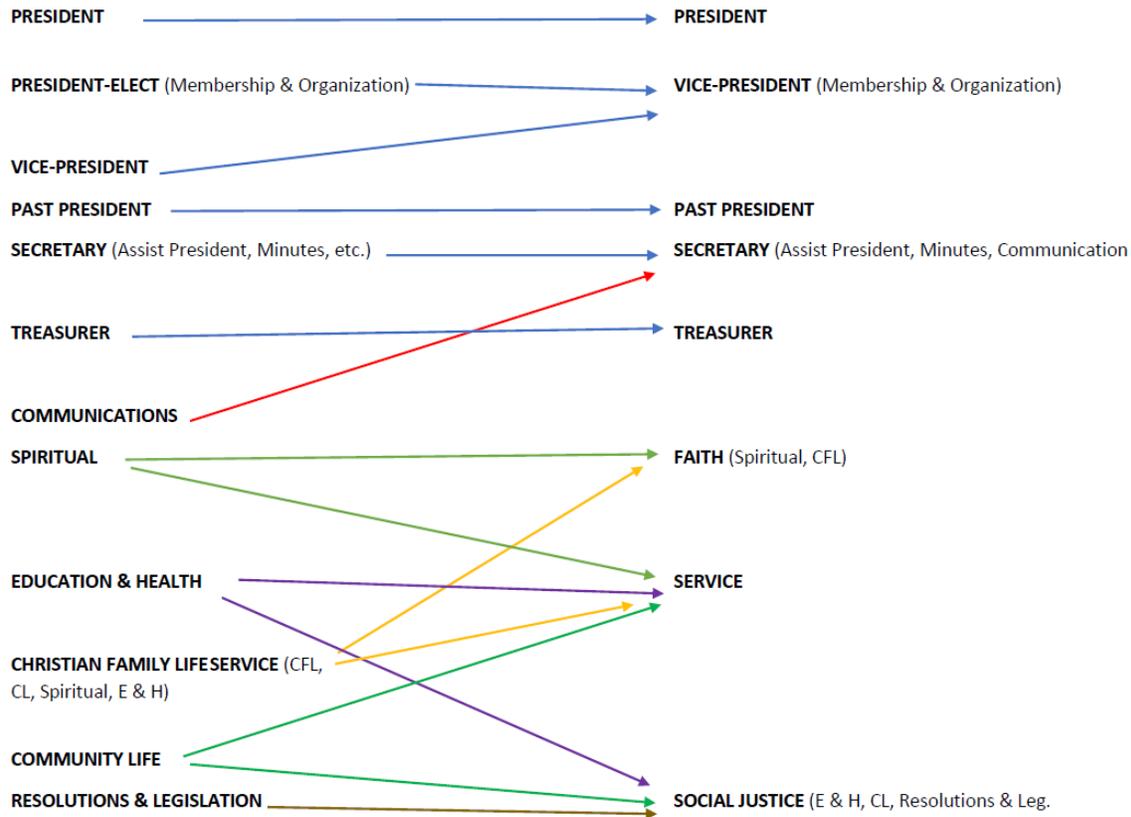
Introducing... New CWL Structure

At our January CWL General Meeting, Rita introduced the members to the new structure for CWL Councils at the Parish level. This new structure will take effect in January, 2024 when we have our next election. The biggest change is that there will be only three Convenorships – Faith, Service & Social Justice. The diagram on the next page demonstrates how the old categories will be incorporated into the new structure.



EXECUTIVE POSITIONS ON COUNCIL - NEW STRUCTURE-2023

CATHOLIC
and LIVING IT!



Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

ACCEPTANCE

- 1 The gifts we have are made valuable only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them. We can't wait to meet you!

ACTION

- 2 As a Catholic Women's League member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join us today.

Membership Renewal Time!!

2023 is here and it is time to renew your membership. I would like to challenge each of you to invite a family member or friend (or both) to join our league as well. As renewing members, we all appreciate the benefits of being part of such a strong, united group of Catholic women:

- We build friendships with other sisters of the league, feeling their support in our times of need and being there for others in theirs.
- We unite and celebrate our faith through the many social activities we partake in
- We have a comradery in our Faith
- We take on Social Justice issues
- We have ample opportunities to make our parish, our community and our world a better place though the connections we've made.
- ...to name a few



The membership fee is \$40. You are more than welcome to purchase a membership for a fellow sister of the league; either in whole or in part. Like everything we do from our hearts, a membership would make a lovely gift.

Fees can be paid a number of different ways:

- Mail to Organization Convenor Bea Spatafora at 14407 130 St, Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2* or **Kathy Martel** at **780-456-0760** or kathymartel780@yahoo.ca who is helping Bea out
- Drop envelope in the offertory basket at mass, or leave at the parish office*
- E-transfer fees to bspat@shaw.ca
- Bring cash/cheque to a general meeting

*Please do not send cash through the mail. Be sure to include your name, address & phone # with your remittance. Thanks,

Bea Spatafora
Organization Convenor

Laughter is Good for the Soul



Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair. One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed, sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go. When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot. But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out.

In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him. "I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off her hospital gown and getting dressed."



CWL Virtual Book Club November Readings

1. ***Lorna Doone*** – R. D. Blackmore

A romance based on a group of historical characters and set in the late 17th century in Devon and Somerset.

2. ***The Winter Guest*** – Pam Jenoff

Life is a constant struggle for the eighteen-year-old Nowak twins as they raise their three younger siblings in rural Poland under the shadow of Nazi occupation.

3. ***Racketeer*** – John Grisham

A small-town lawyer has found himself in prison for unknowingly getting involved in murder.

4. ***The Murder Rule*** – Dervla McTiernan

A mother daughter story, one running from a horrible truth, and the other fighting to reveal it.

5. ***Silverview*** – John le Carré

Julian has renounced his high-flying job in the city for a simpler life running a bookshop in a small English seaside town.

6. ***Paranoia*** – Joseph Finder

Adam is twenty-six and a low level employee at a high tech corporation who hates his job.

7. ***Aborted & Lived to Tell About it*** – Jessica Shaver

Stepping into a clinic to have an aborted, something unexpected happened.

8. ***Road Ends*** – Mary Lawson

A story about a large family living through the harsh winters in Northern Ontario

9. ***You Belong to me*** – Mary Higgins Clark

Dr. Chandler decides to use her daily radio talk show to explore the phenomenon of women who disappear and are later found to be the victims of killers who prey on the lonely.

10. ***The Postmistress of Paris*** – Meg Waite Clayton

Inspired by the real life Chicago heiress Mary Jayne Gold, who worked with American journalist Varian Fry to smuggle artists and intellectuals out of France.

11. ***Three Sisters*** – Heather Morris

The story of Cibi, Magda, and Livia, young sisters living in Slovakia.

12. ***I heard God laugh*** – Matthew Kelly

Demonstrates that we cannot live the life we yearn for unless we learn to tend the soul.

13. ***The Finishing School*** -Joanna Goodman

A successful writer returns to her elite Swiss boarding school to get to the bottom of a tragic accident that took place while she was a student twenty years earlier.

14. ***Daddy's Little Girl*** – Mary Higgins Clark

A story of murder and its effects years later on the man convicted of the crime and the woman who helped convict him.

15. ***The Rope*** – Alex Tresniowski

Recounting the 1910 murder of ten-year-old Marie Smith, the dawn of modern criminal detection, and the launch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)

16. ***Out of Place*** – Edward Said

A mixture of emotional archaeology and memory, exploring an irrecoverable past.

17. ***The 100 Years War on Palestine*** - Rashid Khalidi

A history of one hundred years of war against the Palestines.

18. ***I saw Ramallah*** – Mourid Barghouti

Discovering what it means to be deprived not only of a homeland but of status of a person.

19. ***Strong Father, Strong Daughters*** – Meg Meeker

Learn how to grow, strengthen, or rebuild your relationship with your daughter to better both your life and hers.

NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING: Thursday, January 26.

Important Dates

Saturday, February 11th

“We Can Do Better” Domestic Violence Webinar
(See Diocesan website for more information)

Monday, February 20th

Family Day Fun Day

Tuesday, February 21st

CWL General Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 25th

OLPH Retreat on Lent (see Diocesan website)

Tuesday, June 20th

June Social

Thursday, October 19th

Bazaar Prep & Set-up

Friday, October 20th

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Saturday, October 21st

Fall Tea & Bazaar

Tuesday, December 12

Christmas Social



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca

Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca

Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

January 2023

Please pray for our CWL members and our Council

Prayers for peace in the Ukraine
Prayers for doctors, nurses, LPNs, and all health workers
Prayers for Pope Francis

*Please pray for seminarian **Ben Wilkins** on his journey to respond to God's call*

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

Georgie Alexander (sister of Kathy Martel)
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Margaret Bernard
Noella Biollo (Evelyn Radostits' daughter)
Father J.D. Carmichael
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Margaret, Mary & Peter Gartner (siblings of Rose Potter)
Matt Klassen (Lynn Cristini's grandson)
Annet Maitwe and AIM school
Hope Maitwe & baby Ryder (daughter of Annet Maitwe)
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)
Marie Phillips
George Pouliot
Evelyn Radostits
Gemma Roque
Mark Pagtakham (Gemma's nephew)
Liesse Saldanha
Agnes Sam
Marlene Schmidt
Bea Spatafora
Faye Tkachuk
Marie Strauss (Kathleen Oswald's sister)
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska

If you wish to have a loved one's name added to the CWL Prayer List
*Please contact **Kathy Martel** at 780-456-0760 or kathymartel780@yahoo.ca*

