



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

May 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

Hello ladies, it has been a full April and May of CWL activities. Katherine Tarras and I attended the Diocesan Convention in Red Deer. It was inspiring and great fun. I hope you enjoyed the photos and highlights sent out recently.

I attended the RCIA and RCIC meeting and welcomed our new Catholics, introducing them to CWL and the service our council does.

Our General Meeting was a Wine and Cheese, with our Guest speaker Mariette Huot from Diocesan who spoke about the CWL Unity Outreach Project, as a follow up to the new infrastructure of CWL. Where do we go as a Council from here? I was pleased to see some returning members and new members in attendance. There were three ladies with the name of T(h)eresa all sitting together. Our members are valuing what we are doing and are glad to have our Funeral Lunch Ministry active again. We have great support from our K of C in helping to assist with clean up. We could use another CWL member to help cover this Ministry. **"Talk about it, think about it and pray about it."**

It has been an unusually dry Spring and our Albertans in the wildfire zones need our prayers.

You will see that we have submitted CWL slides at weekly mass "Sharing the Words" and reasons to talk about CWL. Share how you feel about the Catholic Women's League. Spread the word of our good works. Come to our meetings and attend our June Social, it is always fun to see everyone.

Our Bake Sale is June 10th and 11th. Please Bake, Bake, Bake. We **need** your support to make this successful. If you need to reach me, please call my cell phone at **(780) 916-2414**.

**Blessings,
Rita Pfefferle, President**

During these last weeks of the Easter season our Sunday Gospel passages have brought us to the Upper Room on the night of the Last Supper. During his long farewell discourse, Jesus leaves us with the essence of his teachings. One of his repeated themes is the importance of unity among his disciples. Praying over his disciples, he says,

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. Jn 17:20-21

Also during Easter we hear passages from the Acts of the Apostles, and here we come to know some of the disciples a little better. This past Sunday we saw the boldness of Philip as he went to the people of Samaria. We see that Peter and John have become leaders in the community as they too go to Samaria and invoke the Holy Spirit upon the newly baptised. Each disciple has unique talents that they contribute to the mission of spreading the Good News.

Together the Apostles and the growing community of believers have become the body of Christ. Within the Catholic Women's League, we see the body of Christ as a loving and active force dedicated to the achievement of good works through the cooperation of its members. Each woman has a variety of talents to offer, and which together with those of others accomplish so much more than any individual can on their own.

St. Paul describes beautifully the additional qualities that are found in the hearts of the faithful that make these efforts so fruitful and also make it possible to overcome the difficulties and differences that sometimes arise along the way.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Eph 4:1-6

Together we are the body of Christ, but for each of us the contribution we make begins in our hearts. There we cultivate the foundation of our faith life through our unity with Christ. Through prayer and contemplation we continue on the journey toward imitating him more fully in our lives. We nurture our readiness to be moved with compassion, to forgive and be forgiven, to be open to perspectives and experiences that at first we find difficult to appreciate. It is here that our talents fully come to life.

Within our spiritual home of St. Charles, the CWL has an Upper Room of its own. Without exaggeration, the disciples gathered here have something in common with those gathered on the eve of our Lord's Passion. You are united as faithful followers of Christ.

**Submitted by Deacon Joseph
CWL Spiritual Advisor**



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June Bake Sale

And

Carmelite Sisters Crafts and Holy Items

Saturday, June 10th after 4:30 Mass

And

Sunday, June 11th after (9:00 and 11:00 Masses)

All Baking Donation are appreciated

If you have any questions, contact: Katherine Tarras at 780-488-5521 or cell phone
780-916-9728



Funeral Lunches

In mid-May the Funeral Lunch Committee catered one funeral lunch. With the upcoming summer vacations for some of our Committee members, additional help will be needed if any funeral catering is required. If you can help, please let Rose know. Thank you to all who continue to help out with this important ministry.

Any members who are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Funeral Lunch Committee may contact Rose Hearn at 780-915-0166 or email her at khearn@live.com.



Tickets Now Available! June Social - June 20th

Cocktails:	5:30 pm
Dinner:	6:00 pm
Tickets:	\$20.00 (CWL Members)
	\$25.00 (Guests)

Please join us for an evening of good food, great company and entertainment. Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible for this year's June Social by contacting Bev Jensen at (780) 457-1696 Email: tagejen@shaw.ca

Tickets will be available after the weekend Masses starting Saturday, May 27th. The last day to get your tickets is Sunday, June 11th.

Just a reminder that the theme for this social is "Victorian", based on the series "Downton Abbey". Downton Abbey is based in 1920 England which was also the flapper years. If you are so inclined, feel free to dress up in your pearls and gloves, your vintage or flapper dress or your flapper dress. Let's enjoy a fun evening before we break for the summer.

Yvette d'Entremont
June Social Convenor



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca
Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca
Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

June 18th is Father's Day!



Laughter is Good for the Soul

An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing. He called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked.

The doctor said he could see her in 2 weeks, and meanwhile, there's a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves to the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the 5th time! CHICKEN!"





CWL Virtual Book Club

1. *The Lace Reader* – Brunonia Barry
2. *Smoke Screen* – Sandra Brown
3. *Fateful Choices: Ten Decisions That Changed The world 1940-1941* - Ian Kershaw
4. *The Darkening Archipelago* - Stephen Legault
5. *Bad Cree* – Jessica Johns
6. *Stolen* – Anna Helen Laestadius
7. *All the Quiet Places* – Brian Thomas Isaac
8. *Manhattan Beach* – Jennifer Egan
9. *The Penny Tree* – Holly Kennedy
10. *The Pewter Angel* – Henry Ripplinger
11. *Come from Away* – Genevieve Graham

There will be no book club in May.

Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

COMPASSION

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Do you recognize the human dignity in all people? Do you feel motivated to do something to help others? Catholic Women's League members embark on many projects that directly impact those who are disadvantaged in society. How can you help? Become a member and be part of the solution.

CONFIDENCE

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The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident - come walk with us!

Important Dates

June 2nd – 3rd
June 10th & 11th
Tuesday, June 20th
Thursday, October 19th
Friday, October 20th
Saturday, October 21st
Tuesday, December 12

Provincial Convention (Edmonton)
Bake Sale
June Social
Bazaar Prep & Set-up
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Fall Tea & Bazaar
Christmas Social

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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*Please pray for our CWL members and our Council
and for seminarian Ben Wilkins on his journey to respond to God's call*

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

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
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
Evelyn Radostits
Gemma Roque
Mark Pagtakham (Gemma's nephew)
Liesse Saldanha
Agnes Sam
Marlene Schmidt
Bea Spatafora
Marie Strauss (Kathleen Oswald's sister)
Faye Tkachuk
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska
Celine deVries-Stadler (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Bernard Bouma (brother of Katherine Tarras)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

*Sister Tarcienne Meunier, fj (sister of Olive Byer)
John Bucci (husband of Simone Bucci)
Dianne Vrapcenak (sister of Mary Ziska)
Noella Biollo (Evelyn Radostits' daughter)*

Please contact Kathy Martel at 780-456-0760 or Kmartel780@gmail.com to add names.

