

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
OTTAWA-CORNWALL DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT BOOK 2023



**1ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION
MAY 4, 2024**

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD PARISH
THEME: "STANDING WITH MY SISTER"**



GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



MOTTO: FOR GOD AND CANADA

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.

LEAGUE PRAYER

We humbly pray you, O God our Father to bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others at home and abroad the good things you have given us. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness "Our Lady of Good Counsel". **AMEN.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, You told us, "The harvest indeed is great but the labourers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest." We ask You to strengthen us as we follow the vocation to which You have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests. We also pray for those called to serve as sisters, brothers and deacons. Father, we pray for those whom You have called, those You are calling now, and those You will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving Your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME.

Heavenly Father, through the ages you have called many to serve you. Abraham, Sarah and Samuel; Martha, Mary and Elizabeth, as well as countless men and women throughout the ages. All were different, and each brought unique gifts to your service. Now today, we too hear your call to come and follow, to bring our gifts to your service. Help us, O Lord, to make our reply, "Here I am Lord, send me" with full and generous hearts, in order that we may be your instruments in the building of your Kingdom. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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OUR CORE VALUES

FAITH

(HEARTS IN PRAYER)

“Uniting Catholic Women to Grow in Faith”

SERVICE

(HANDS THAT SHARE)

“Service to the Church, Canada and the World”

SOCIAL JUSTICE

(MINDS THAT DARE)

“Actively Involved in Society”

THE BIRTH OF A NEW COUNCIL

**On June 10, 2023 at
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Russell
CWL members from across the region (Almonte to Alexandria)
gathered to witness the birth of a bouncing new baby diocesan council.**

**Archbishop Marcel Dampousse and
Ontario Provincial President Linda Squarzolo
were the overseers of the blessed event.**

**She has been named the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council
and she will take her place on the Ontario Provincial Council
empowered with the strong CWL history (197 years collectively!)
that she has inherited from her "parents", the
Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan Council
and the Ottawa Diocesan Council.**

**Under her new name and under the leadership
of the new executive she will continue to
"Go Make a Difference".**

**She looked forward to meeting her "siblings", the other diocesan
councils across Ontario, at the Ontario Provincial Convention which was
held in Cornwall in July.**



**Our Lady of Good Counsel,
intercede for and bless this new council.
Guide her leaders and her members to continue to grow in faith,
be fervent in prayer,
be kind to one another and
generous as they share with others at home and abroad.
AMEN.**

OTTAWA-CORNWALL DIOCESAN CWL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2023 - 2025	
PRESIDENT	MELINA NOBERT
VICE PRESIDENT	MARY ELLEN JAMES
PAST PRESIDENT	ANGELA GAUDET
PAST PRESIDENT	CLAUDETTE LANGDON
TREASURER	LYNN POMAINVILLE
SECRETARY	HEATHER SISK
STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
FAITH	JEAN ANDERSON
SERVICE	MICHELE HUNDERTMARK
SOCIAL JUSTICE	LINDA LYNCH
LIFE MEMBER LIAISON	MARY ELLEN VILLENEUVE
SERVICE CLUB LIAISON (FOR CORNWALL AREA COUNCILS)	ANGEL GAUDET
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR	FR. STEVEN GAUDET

PARISH PRESIDENTS & SPIRITUAL ADVISORS 2023		
PARISH:	PRESIDENT:	SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	JANET WARREN	FR. KEVIN DARWENT,CC
DIVINE INFANT	MARTINE BARNEY	FR. WALDEMAR PODLASZ, SDS
HOLY REDEEMER	CORIENNE MATTHEWS	FR. PAUL NWAEZE
HOLY SPIRIT	CLAIRE MOORE	MSGR. JOSEPH MULDOON
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	FRANCES MURPHY PIKE	REV. FR. FRANK BREWER
NIGERIAN IGBO	BERNADETTE OJIAKU	FR. PAUL NWAEZE
OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS	DARLENE MACGREGOR	FR. CYRIAQUE BALLA
OUR LADY OF FATIMA	JENNIFER JONES	FR. LINDSAY HARRISON
OUR LADY OF GRACE/ST. PIUS X	MARY THIBEAULT	FR. AUGUSTINE OBAGO CHIKE
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL	JANE MUNRO/ LORRAINE BARKER	FR. ANTHONY NWAHIRI

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION	SANDRA BLAIS	DEACON PAT MCNULTY
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	VIOLA TOBIN	FR. ROBERT MASTERNAK, SDS
ST. ANDREWS WEST	MARY JOYCE-SMITH	FR. LOUIS GROETELAARS
ST. ANDREW (NEPEAN)	LINDA LOVELACE	FR. PIERRE CHAMPOUX
ST. BASIL	ELIZABETH LARMOND ELLIOT	FR. DARYOLD WINKLER
ST. BERNARD	BARBARA-ANN GLAUDE	FR. AUGUSTINE OBAGO
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA	BEV ROWAN	FR. HEZUK SCHROFF
ST. CLARE	ADA GORRIE/ TILLEY O'CONNOR	?
ST. COLUMBAN	VALERIE ROWE	FR. TOM RIOPELLE
ST. FAUSTINA	BETTY FEHR	DEACON TOM DONOHUE
ST. FINNAN	INEZ FRANKLIN	REV. JONATHAN BLAKE, PP
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES	MARIA TERRENCE	?
ST. ISIDORE	LISA ZANNESE	FR. GEOFFREY KERSLAKE
ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR	MARIE SEGUIN	FRIAR MAURICE RICHARD
ST. JAMES	NANCY MARLEAU	?
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE	AUDREY WOJCIK	NONE
ST. LEONARD	JANE BROWNRIGG	FR. GERARD PLANT
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES	ROSANNE NADON	FR. TITUS EGBUEH
ST. MARY (ALMONTE)	CINDY ZORGEL	FR. CYPRIAN ADIBE
ST. MAURICE	CARLA BARRY	FR. BEN ST. CROIX
ST. PATRICK (FALLOWFIELD)	ANNE LAMONT	FR. PAUL SHEPHERD
ST. PETER	CARMEN MASCARHENAS	FR. MATTHEW BRUNET/ FR. THEO NNOROM
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	DOREEN DUMONT	FR. VIRGIL AMIRTHAKUMAR



Dear ladies of the CWL,

Welcome to our FIRST Ottawa-Cornwall Archdiocesan CWL Convention!

This year's theme, "*Here I am, Lord, send me,*" echoes through the corridors of history, a timeless call that resonates with countless men and women who have dared to make a difference. From the prophets of ancient times to the modern-day changemakers, the spirit of this declaration fuels the fires of transformation and service.

In the pages of religious texts, we find stories of ordinary individuals responding to the divine summons with unwavering courage and conviction. Abraham, Moses, Esther, and Mary, among many others, heard the call and stepped forward, trusting in a higher purpose guiding their actions.

Beyond the confines of religious narratives, the same sentiment reverberates among activists, humanitarians, and visionaries who have left an indelible mark on the world. Whether fighting for justice, championing equality, or alleviating suffering, they embody the timeless message of "Here I am, Lord."

Yet, answering the call is not merely a passive acknowledgment; it demands action and commitment. "Go make a difference" is the imperative that follows, urging individuals to translate their faith and conviction into tangible deeds that uplift humanity.

In every era, there are challenges to confront, injustices to rectify, and lives to touch. The call to make a difference beckons each person to contribute their unique gifts and talents to the greater good, knowing that even the smallest act of kindness can ripple outward, sparking transformation and hope. Let us now go confidently make a difference in our world!

Yours in Christ,

✠ Marcel Damphousse

Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

Dear sisters of Catholic Women's League

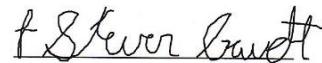
Grace and peace and to you all, and happy Easter! With the Easter resurrection comes new beginnings. New life in Christ, new birth in baptism, a new season in our Church. As Christ rises from the grave, what new beginnings does He bring to the CWL? As we go into this convention let us begin with a spirit of openness to His prompting. As Christ prayed in Gethsemane, "*not my will but yours be done.*"

I want to encourage us to look back at the year we have had. To remember the work that has been accomplished, and the things we have learned. May this convention provide both a good look back, and good discernment to go forward.

I want to extend my gratitude to all the presidents, officers, and members for all the work of you have done. Appreciate always by your efforts the work of the Church is furthered in our diocese, our country, and the world. Thank you all for your contribution.

Receive O Lord, not only the work of this book with its reports, but all the efforts of this convention, that guided by your Spirit we may help to build up your kingdom.

Yours in Christ
Fr. Steven Gaudet





ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

My Dear Sisters in the League,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has witnessed many changes as several of the initiatives suggested by the strategic planning committees were introduced. By July all councils will have embraced the new structure for council executives. We live in exciting times!

League members of your diocese have embraced both the national theme of "Here I Am Lord, Send Me" and the provincial theme of "Go Make a Difference!"

Your president, Melina Nobert, has represented you well at the provincial meetings and worked tirelessly on your behalf. The work of the League in parishes and by the diocesan council has served the people of God and addressed many issues in your communities. Imagine all that has been accomplished over the history of the League in your diocese.

Know that the prayers and best wishes of more than 33,000 members across Ontario are with you as you gather to conduct the business of your diocesan council in 2024.

May God bless you and Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over you as you continue serving in the League, *For God and Canada*, through faith, service, and social justice.

Respectfully,

Linda Squarzolo

Ontario Provincial President





May 4, 2024

My dear sisters in the League, Fr. Steven, and honoured guests,

I would like to start with a quote from my 2023 Provincial Report:

“Instead of a story where “the two met and fell in love”, I think this one is better described as “an arranged marriage”. For many years there was talk of amalgamation between the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I, decided, in all his wisdom, that this would happen, and it finally came to be in 2020. When the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall was officially formed, it was only a matter of time before the 2 diocesan councils would also join. It just had to be.”

And on June 10, 2023, our two CWL councils amalgamated and formed the NEW Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council that stands before you today.

This year has been a bit chaotic at times, not only learning how to blend two councils together who have done things differently, but also trying to schedule so many last minute diocesan events. With God’s guiding hand and Our Lady of Good Counsel and Undoer of Knots, we are getting there. Our “arranged marriage” is beginning to blossom and produce fruit.

This year, we have made a difference with the many projects in our councils, but also with your faithful prayers for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We wait to see the fruit of these prayers, but we know that our God has heard us. Today is the last day of year one, but also the first day of year two, and year two is full of promises...promises of a deepening sisterhood and a deeper dive together into faith, service and social justice.

We stand with our sisters, and together we say: Here I am Lord, send me. (Isaiah 6:8)

Melina Nobert

Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CWL President

OFFICERS ACTIVITY REPORTS
DIOCESE: OTTAWA-CORNWALL
JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

PRESIDENT: MELINA NOBERT

- Attended the Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (June 10)
- Attended Provincial Convention planning meetings
- Attended both the Provincial and National Conventions (July and Aug.)
- Attended pre- and post- Provincial OPC meetings
- Prepared the agenda for, chaired, and/or attended the following diocesan meetings: officers meeting (Aug. 23/24), executive meetings (Sept. 16 & Nov. 9), convention planning meetings (Oct. 16, Nov. 16, Dec. 4)
- Attended the Advent Retreat Team Meeting (Oct. 10)
- Organized and attended the Fall Clean Up Day at Waupoos Farm (Oct. 16)
- Attended the Advent Retreat at St. Andrew's West Church (Dec. 2)
- Attended a retreat at St. Finnan's (Sept. 23)
- Attended the OPC Fall Meetings in Toronto (Oct. 12-14)
- Attended monthly OPC presidents' meetings
- Attended the Remembrance Day Celebrations at Parliament Hill (Nov. 11)
- Attended a Diocesan Workshop hosted by Claudette Langdon (Nov. 13)
- Helped fill the Cornwall Children's Christmas Fund baskets with the Cornwall Service Clubs (Dec. 18)
- Attended a Cornwall meeting for leaders in the area churches
- Attended wakes/funerals for members or their families, when available
- Attended celebrations/meetings/dinners with parish councils, as invited
- Gave advice as needed to officers and parish presidents
- Ordered our Zoom Account and Remembrance Day Wreath

PROVERBS 31:25 "AND SHE LAUGHS AT THE DAYS TO COME."

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

VICE PRESIDENT: MARY ELLEN JAMES

- Chair of the Policy and Procedure manual to coordinate edits for the newly amalgamated diocesan council bringing Ottawa and Cornwall manuals together -on going.
- Participated in the Diocesan Advent Retreat hosted by St Andrew's West Parish.
- Chair of the 1st Annual Ottawa Cornwall Diocesan Convention to be held May 4th, 2024, chairing 2 meetings October 16th and December 4th, 2023.
- Facilitated 4 potential members to join our CWL by linking each with a parish council near them in our diocese.
- Participated in the inaugural Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Officers meeting (in person August 23rd)
- Participated in 2 Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan executive meetings- inaugural meeting in person at Our Lady of Fatima Parish September 16th and second meeting via zoom November 9th.

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

PAST PRESIDENTS: CLAUDETTE LANGDON & ANGELA GAUDET

- Completed the Amalgamation process for the new Diocese.
- Assisted in the preparation of the June 10 AMM meeting for new Diocesan Council.
- Facilitated the closing of the previous diocesan books.
- Supported, provided information and advice to Diocesan President as requested.
- Supported our Parish Councils and provided guidance and information.
- Attended Diocesan meetings and supported events.
- Ensured the completion of Unity Outreach at Parish Councils.
- Participated in Honour Guards for our deceased members.
- Attended Workshops/Webinars hosted by Provincial and National.
- Volunteered at our Parish Church and served on various Ministries.
- Participated on the previous diocesan Archives.
- Worked on the annual report for Provincial.
- Attended Provincial Convention in Cornwall.

Claudette Langdon

- Attended the National Convention in Fredericton as Diocesan Accredited.
- Developed and presented a Webinar on the Three Pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

- Presented a mini workshop at Provincial Convention on 'Secret Sisters.
- Served on the Ottawa-Diocesan Convention Planning Committee.

Angela Gaudet

- CWL Liaison for the Service Club of Cornwall area.
- Attended all meetings.
- Kept members informed of the different activities sponsored by the various organizations that are part of the Service Club of Cornwall and District.

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
AUGUST 16 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023**

TREASURER: LYNN POMAINVILLE

Opening balance August 16, 2023		\$ -
 <u>Revenues:</u>		
Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese Seed Money	\$2,300.00	
Ottawa Diocese Seed Money	\$2,300.00	
Storage Reimbursement from Ottawa Diocese	\$ 47.56	
Per Capita/Dues	\$ 658.00	
Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese Dues	\$ 12.00	
OPC CWL Zoom Reimbursement	\$ 100.00	
CWL of Canada Wreath	\$ 129.95	
In Trust Money	\$ 462.22	
(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Council)		
Ottawa Diocese Deposit	<u>\$7,821.96</u>	
		\$13,831.69
 <u>Expenditures:</u>		
Convention Exp. (President)	\$1,000.00	
Melina for Zoom invoice \$229.00 and Wreath	\$ 355.95	
\$129.95		
Bank Charges	<u>\$ 15.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 1,370.95</u>
 Balance as of Dec. 31, 2023		 <u>\$12,460.74</u>



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Ottawa Diocesan Council CWL

Financial Report

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Ledger Balance as of January 1, 2023		\$ 9,595.26
Revenue:		
Per Capita	\$ 3,195.00	
Diocesan Convention	\$ 8,474.00	
Diocesan Convention collection	\$ 1,023.15	
Ontario Prov. Zoom subsidy	\$ 100.00	
Misc. Money in Trust	\$ 462.22	
Our Lady of Fatima-Prov. Con.	\$ 125.00	
Elimination Draw Donations	\$ 1,231.80	<u>\$14,611.17</u>
		<u>\$24,206.43</u>
Expenses:		
Diocesan Convention	\$ 8,293.10	
Convention Coll.-Caldwell Family Centre	\$ 1,023.15	
Donation following Potluck	\$ 50.00	
Donation Food Bank-Lenten Day Reflect.	\$ 50.00	
Flowers Our Lady of Good Counsel	\$ 72.32	
Spiritual Advisor's pin	\$ 6.00	
100 th Anniversary Memento TREE	\$ 1,142.02	
Cartridges/Photocopies	\$ 269.00	
Postage	\$ 17.83	
Miscellaneous Expenses-Bank charges	\$ 3.95	
Auditor	\$ 100.00	
Provincial Convention 2023-O-C reps	\$ 1,348.19	

Zoom for meetings	\$ 142.32	
Storage & supplies	\$ 794.33	
Liability Insurance	\$ 303.54	
Awards -- certificates	\$ 6.50	
Seed money to Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan	\$ 2,300.00	
Balance to Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan	\$ 8,284.18	
		<u>\$24,206.43</u>

Ledger Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$.00</u>
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Note \$462.22 to be kept in trust until January 9, 2025 Shirley Bernier

Additional note: \$49.15 credit from Dymon Storage was sent directly to Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Ottawa Diocesan Council**

BUDGET FOR JANUARY – MAY 2023

Approved at the Executive Meeting January 18 and Ratified January 21, 2023

	2023 Jan.-May	2023 Jan.-Dec. Actual
INCOME		
Membership Fees		
Per capita Fees	3,150	3,195.00
Event Fees		
Advent Retreat		
Diocesan Convention		
Registration, Lunch, Banquet etc.	11,200	8,474.00
Goodwill Collection		1,023.15
Provincial Subsidy for Zoom		100.00
Leadership/Public Speaking		
Finding Your Voice		
Day of Reflection		
Funding for Charitable Donations		
Miscellaneous Income	250	
Our Lady of Fatima donation to support		
J. Amderon to Provincial Convention		125.00
Convention elimination draw		1,231.80
Money in Trust		462.22
	14,600	14,611.17
80		
EXPENSES		
Spiritual Development		
Advent Retreat, portion to hosting facility		
Retreat facilitator		
Miscellaneous		
Potluck/Synodality Workshop	50	50.00
Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel	50	72.32
Lenten Morning of Reflection	75	50.00
Organization		
Diocesan Convention	9,675	8,293.10
Distribution of Collection at Convention		1,023.15
Provincial Convention, 2 Accredited		1,348.19
National Convention, 1 Accredited		

	2023 Jan. – May	2023 Jan- Dec. Actual
EXPENSES cont'd		
Leadership/Public Speaking Course		
Find Your Voice		
League Development Day	100	
Honorariums/Gifts/Speakers	455.50	6.00
Awards	100	6.50
Life Membership, Application Fee		
Christian Family Life		
Archbishop's Charity Dinner Ticket		
Community Life		
Campaign Life Rose Dinner Ticket	110	
CWL 100 th Anniversary recognition TREE	1,900	1,142.02
Heath & Education		
Local Conference		
Communications		
Photo equipment, DVD's and supplies		
Website administration		
Subsidy for Zoom subscription	135.60	142.32
Resolutions & Legislation		
Mailing of Resolutions Package	150	
Life Members		
Life Member Liaison	50	
Bookkeeping		
Review of financial accounts	100	100.00
Administration		
Photocopying and Cartridges	200	269.00
Postage	25	17.83
Miscellaneous	25	3.95
Liability Insurance, Executive & Officers	300	303.54
Remembrance Day Wreath		
Archives		
Storage fees	776.24	794.33
Leadership Development Fund		
Leadership Dev. Fund Applications		
Leadership Dev. Fund Expenses		
Investment Portfolio, reinvested GICs		
Total Expenses	14,277.34	13,622.25
Totals +/-	322.66	988.92

Claudette Langdon
Ottawa Diocesan President
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**Statement of Review of the Ottawa Archdiocesan CWL Council
2023 Accounting Records until Termination of the Council's Activities on
December 21, 2023**

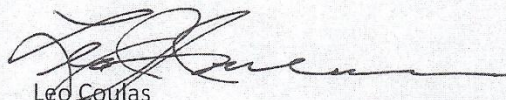
At the request of the Ottawa Archdiocesan CWL Council Treasurer, I have examined the financial records from January 1, 2023 until December 21, 2023. I have found them to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The accounting records are entered using spreadsheets, and are comprised of monthly bank reconciliations, deposits, transfers and paid invoices.

All bank statements, which include Bank deposit slips, ATM deposits and photocopied cheques on both sides, were reconciled on a monthly basis.

Review of Transactions

I have reviewed expense transactions for the period stated above. Supporting documentation was present for each. Expense receipts were reasonable, and original receipts were attached to each claim.

In general, prudent financial and administrative practices were in place and executed as required.



Leo Coullas
613-836-4285

January 31, 2024

ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL DIOCESAN CWL

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2023 – August 9, 2023

Ledger Balance on January 1, 2023 **\$ 6,115.10**

INCOME:	Per Capita Fees	\$ 1,704.00
	Banquet Ticket	50.00
	Administration	4.00
	GIC'S Cashed In	12,495.20
	Love of Chocolate Fundraiser	5,346.50
	Ramada Inn Cheque Refunded	250.00

Diocesan Convention

-	Advertising Sponsors	700.00
-	Registration & Banquet	6,415.00
-	Holy Childhood	450.00
-	Penny-A-Day	1,087.75
-	Mother's Day Roses: Our Lady's Missionaries	2,054.80
	Canadian Missions	<u>735.25</u>
		\$31,292.50

St. Columban's CWL overpaid	<u>50.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,342.50</u>
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Gross Income		\$ 37,457.60
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EXPENDITURES:	Bank Fees	\$ 9.70
	Liability Insurance	300.18
	Service Club Commitment	110.00
	Masses	15.00
	Donation to Children's Treatment Centre	30.00
	Guest Speaker	50.00
	Refunded Cheque to St. Columban's CWL	50.00

Replaced Cheque 131	50.00
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Love of Chocolate Expense	162.26
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Diocesan Convention Expenses:

- On-Prov Convention Acct	16,086.38
- Diocesan Medallions	3,899.00
- Flowers – Roy’s Florist	128.82
- Ramada Inn Deposit	250.00
- Best Western Inn - Deposit	250.00
- - Final Bill	9,011.67
- Guest Speakers Gifts	94.00
- Musicians’ Gifts	100.00
- Printing	157.00
- Badges & CWL Pins	75.79

Donations:

- Shalom House	1,087.75
- Holy Childhood	450.00
- Canadian Missions of Canada	735.25

Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Seed Money	<u>2,300.00</u>
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Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 37,457.60</u>
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Ledger Balance on August 9, 2023	\$ 0
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Prepared by: Linda Rines

Audited by: Divina Fraser

March 25, 2024

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

SECRETARY: HEATHER SISK

- Prior to appointment as secretary in mid-July, served on the Amalgamation Committee and helped coordinate the Amalgamation Meeting/Mass/Lunch at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish on June 10th, 2023.
- Wrote the letter to Scotiabank outlining the results of the elections at our June 10th Amalgamation Meeting and who the signing officers would be according to League policy and subsequently went to the bank to sign the paperwork to become a signing officer.
- From August to December the minutes of the following meetings were recorded and distributed:
 - Officers Meeting (August 23/24)
 - Executive Meetings (September 16 & November 9)
 - General Meeting (October 21)
 - Convention Planning Meetings (October 16, November 16 and December 4)
- Attended Retreat at St. Finnan's Parish on September 23rd.
- Attended the fall clean-up day at Waupoos Family Farm on October 21st.
- Attended the Advent Retreat at St. Andrew's West Parish on December 2nd.
- Sent sympathy /get well/celebratory cards as requested by the president.
- Reported on any correspondence sent or received at each meeting.

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

FAITH CHAIR: JEAN ANDERSON

How quickly this first year of our newly minted diocesan council has flown away! There isn't the space to include all the activities that the Faith Chair has been involved in, but here is a modest overview.

- It was established in September that our councils would have a particular focus on prayer for priestly vocations. The response has been gratifying with several councils choosing whole months dedicated to intercessory prayer for priests, masses and cards of appreciation for their pastors.
- St. Andrew Council (St. Andrews West) hosted our annual Advent Retreat on December 2, 2023. We teamed up with the organizers of their local First Saturday Morning of Reflection and attracted almost 100 women to the event. The morning began with mass and confessions and after a short break, Archbishop Emeritus O'Brien gave a talk on a deeper journey into Advent, reflecting on the Word of God and making it our own. A delicious potluck

lunch was served before a video of Mary's Meals was presented. Thank you again to all who helped to make it such a wonderful day!

- I was invited to a panel night at St. Martin de Porres Council. Their invited guests (panelists) included a priest, a nun, a deacon and a lay Oblate. Fr. Titus brought 30 years of experience with him and easily shared his journey with us. He emphasized that a vocation is first nurtured in the family and village. Sister Rosemary spoke of her religious life and commitment and concluded with "I am in love with God who is in love with me". Wow! A deacon also shared his love of service and the need to keep things well balanced. He spoke of his ministry being completely involved with his wife at his side and indispensable! Last, but not least by any means, Annette, an Oblate of The Holy Cross Order, shared her calling and path that she was on. She opened by saying that a calling is a choice. Their foundress laid out 12 principles to live by. These include search for holiness, zeal, fidelity, compassion, community, family (lay and ordained), interdependence, formation, church, people of God, hospitality and hope. These are so worthy of our deepest reflection!
- Again, I have to be in awe at the devoted prayer life infused into parishes by council sisters in rosaries, prayer services, retreats, spiritual bouquets (including a diocesan one for our incoming National President). May Our Mother of Good Counsel ever inspire us to greater works of holiness!
- God bless us all and always.

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

SERVICE CHAIR: MICHELE HUNDERTMARK

- Proposed a catered 'Ladies Night Out' for any Council who wished:
 - To raise the CWL profile in their parish
 - To raise their council's Social Awareness of Choice ie. Human Trafficking
 - To socialize, educate and evangelize women
 - A night for just women: to promote sisterhood
- Attended CWL Executive and General Diocesan meetings
- Helping to plan First Ottawa-Cornwall Convention at Annunciation of the Lord Parish in Ottawa

ACTIVITY REPORT: JUNE 10 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAIR: LINDA LYNCH

- Presented bursaries to local students to further their studies.
- Informed members about combating textile waste in Canada.
- Informed members on Bill C-39 and S-248 relating to MAID – Medical Assistance In Dying.
- Informed members on Bill S210 – Restrict Pornography, and Human Trafficking.
- Donated money to Pro Life, Birthright, Peace and Development, Coady Internation, Breast Cancer and local schools.
- Gifted baby supplies to Birthright, baptismal blankets, and winter boots to school children.
- Sent out Development and Peace petition for miners in Honduras.
- Helped New Canadians access affordable clothing, food, apartment items, driving and finding doctors.
- Helped create an awareness of Indigenous Land settlements for better housing and clean safe water.

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

DIOCESE: OTTAWA-CORNWALL

LIFE MEMBER LIAISON: MARY ELLEN VILLENEUVE

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: 1

LIFE MEMBERS: 22

Life Member Activities:

The Diocese of Alexandria Cornwall and the Archdiocese of Ottawa amalgamated and became the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. It was a long process with many meetings both in person and by zoom and the Life Members (LMs) of both Dioceses along with the two presidents and the Provincial President formed a committee to examine both Dioceses P&P, financial statements etc. to form this new Diocese.

On June 10, 2023, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Russell CWL members from across the region met in Convention to witness and sign the new Charter for the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall.

Our LMs have been very busy both hosting their own conventions before the amalgamation and with Russell Council hosting the Amalgamation convention and Alexandria-Cornwall Hosting the Provincial Convention.

- LMs are Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, serve on Pastoral and Liturgical councils
- Members of the amalgamation committee,
- Visit the sick and shut-ins,
- Send cards by email, snail mail for: Birthday, Sympathy, Get-well, etc.
- Direct Prayer Groups
- Working on Archives
- Making a new LM Book
- Attend Adoration: in St. Julian's Chaple and Churches
- Honour Guard at Funerals
- Host and participate in Funeral receptions
- Mentors for members & councils
- One LM is the Screening Officer for the Provincial Council
- Participate in the Divine Mercy virtually.
- One LM was chairperson for Provincial Convention
- Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood with the Vocation Crucifix
- Member of the Ottawa-Cornwall amalgamation committee
- Treasurers, Secretaries
- Led elections for parish councils
- Worked on Provincial Convention
- Support St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwin House, Children's treatment Center, Hospice etc.
- Arrange CWL Friendship lunches.
- Attend other functions in other dioceses when invited (promotes goodwill)
- Serve in consultive capacities
- Part of National Unity Outreach
- League Workshops
- Committee member for the Provincial Social Justice Award
- Member of the Communications National Focus Group
- Sat on sub-committee to write a draft of a new P&P for the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CWL
- Assisting with Christmas pageant
- Organized Jello drive for the Christmas Food Baskets
- Participated in review of Elements for National Standards for Long Term Care



OTTAWA-CORNWALL LIFE MEMBERS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

JOAN CHESSER

LIFE MEMBERS

SHIRLEY BERNIER

JESSIE BOUSQUET

JEANNIE COLEMAN

KAY DUBREUIL

MARION HARAMIS (DECEASED MARCH 2024)

TERESA MACINNIS

MOIRA MATTHEWS

KAY MAY

EVELYN MEANEY MILLS

EDITH MOCKLER

JANE MUNRO

MARILYN OLSEN (MILITARY ORDINARIATE)

COLLEEN PERRY

EMMA ROSE RAYBURN

MARGO SCHWERDTFEGER

COLLEEN SHIRLEY

ANIDA SIMURDA

HEATHER SISK

JOANNA SISK

SHARON ST. JEAN

MARY ELLEN VILLENEUVE

ANNE VINCELLI

CONNIE ZIMBALATT

LET PRAYER BE THE KEY OF THE MORNING AND THE BOLT OF THE EVENING.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

DIOCESE: OTTAWA-CORNWALL

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: JANET WARREN

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. KEVIN DARWENT CC

MEMBERS: 125

LIFE MEMBERS: 1

Our mission as members of the Catholic Women's League is to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

- During 2023 we hosted 14 CWL related **funeral receptions**, 9 of which were for deceased council members, plus 11 parish funeral receptions. In total we gave 1050 hours of service to accompany family who were grieving the loss of a loved one through our food preparation, our setup, our service, and our clean up of these receptions. We are grateful that we can witness to our love of God in this way. We work at creating a beautiful environment and a delicious spread of food and beverage. In all, about 50 of our council members provided time and talents to serve this ministry. It is gratifying to create bonds of service in this way with our CWL sisters.
- We serve our parish by helping to **host parish events** alongside our Knights of Columbus Council, such as our Parish Feast Day Breakfast in March at which we served 325 parishioners after the 2 Sunday morning Masses.
- Our **annual Bazaar**, too, is a fun way of attracting community to our parish while raising funds to support our many charitable efforts.
- An outreach project that we initiated was a **parish-wide baby shower for the Miriam Centre**. We accepted clothing and other items to fill a bassinet located in the narthex together with donations of cash and cheques totalling over \$3000.00.
- A second project was a **Christmas collection by our council of personal care items for Minwaashin Lodge**, an outreach programme serving poor and troubled women most of whom are indigenous.
- And now as I write this, we are **preparing to host the 1st Annual Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Convention**.

DIVINE INFANT	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENTS: MARGARET CHAN-HEUTHORST & CINDY KEARNS-O'HARA	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. WALDEMAR PODLASZ, SDS	
MEMBERS: 65	LIFE MEMBERS: 0
With COVID behind us, we were able to reignite some programs we supported in the past.	
<u>FAITH (SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT):</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in an Advent Rosary Prayer Chain • Led the Stations of the Cross during Lent • Promoted / encouraged parishioners to pray the rosary by giving away 50 hand made bracelet rosaries in exchange for voluntary donations. We also received a donation of 100 scented rosaries which we sold for \$10. 	
<u>SERVICE (CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE, COMMUNITY LIFE, EDUCATION & HEALTH):</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created postcard campaign and encouraged parishioners to mail these to their MPs to dissuade Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) (Bill C-7 and C-39) • Hosted a baby bottle drive in support of the Miriam Centre (Pregnancy Care Centre) • Participated in the Hike for Life. Our president, Martine Barney was the designated hiker for Divine Infant Parish • Supported different group/ministry retreats (Legion of Mary & The Single Mothers Group) • Provided all children who received their First Eucharist and Confirmation a religious gift • Collected and donated clothing, mitts, shampoos, etc. to St. Joe's Women's Centre • Collected and donated grocery cards for St. Vincent de Paul and the Cumberland Food Bank • Supported Plan Canada, Catholic Missions of Canada and Esk-Omi Missions 	

HOLY REDEEMER	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: LILLIAN DELMAS	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. PAUL NWAEZE	
MEMBERS: 31	LIFE MEMBERS: 0
<u>CWL ACTIVITIES/SUPPORT:</u>	
<u>FUNDRAISING:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothers Day or Fathers Day Basket Raffle • Christmas Basket Raffle (All basket items donated by CWL members) 	

WHO WE SUPPORT:

- **St. Mary's Home** for mothers and babies
- **Cornerstone Housing** for homeless women
- **Caritas Baby Hospital** in Bethlehem
- **Birthright** Ottawa
- **Holy Trinity High School** Bursaries
- **Nunavut Project** through Campaign Life
- **Snowsuit and Mittens Project** for inner city school
- **Parish Evangelization** Initiative (supporting hospitality)

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

- CWL **Prayer Box**
- Lead **Stations of the Cross**
- Participate in **Coffee Sunday** initiative

HOLY SPIRIT

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: CLAIRE MOORE

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MULDOON

MEMBERS: 56

LIFE MEMBERS: 2

2023 was a busy year for our Council. Our focus was on youth and in particular youth mental health. This focus will continue this year.

FAITH:

- In 2023 our Faith Chair implemented the **Secret Sister program** once again. Every member was given a secret sister to pray for and cards and gifts were exchanged. It is a program that the ladies enjoy and helps them to get to know each other better.
- There were faith filled **presentations at all of our meetings** including a prayer circle and special prayers and ceremonies.
- At one of our general meetings we held a **special ceremony to honour deceased members** of our council.
- We also have a **mass said once a month for living and deceased members** of the Catholic Women's League.

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- For our pillar of Social Justice, our ladies discerned together on our **focus for this year: Blessed be our youth!**
- This focus now also informs our Faith and Service pillars.
- It was very important that in order to discern our focus we **practice the model of Synodality Pope Francis encourages us all to use.** Our ladies sat in tables with a facilitator, discernment questions and all voices were heard and respected. As at the ongoing Synod in Rome.
- We are now looking at offering **financial support to our parish Youth Ministry**, creating a small faith group for our youth in the high school and

assisting at enlivening our high school youth Masses. And we hope to continue to discern and operate in a Synodal way.

SERVICE:

- In 2023, we collected **gift cards and bed linen for Chrysalis House Women's Shelter** and supported the Faith and Social Justice Pillars.
- The Service Pillar also focused on our Council's theme: youth & mental health. For the upcoming year and in keeping within our local community, our Council voted on **donating to the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre** & assisting with the **Kanata Kiwanis Club at the Stittsville Youth Centre**. This Centre provides a gathering for youth before & after school as a place to socialize, meet new friends, play video games, just to mention a few of the services they provide under the supervision of 3 volunteers. It is expected we will arrange for a guest speaker to talk to us about these centers & provide further information for our youth's needs.

CHARITIES: In 2023, we supported the following charities:

- The **Shepherds of Good Hope**
- The **Stittsville Food Bank**
- **Chalice** (sponsored child, Happy)
- **Chrysalis House**
- **Elizabeth Fry Society**
- We also provided an **award to a graduating student** from Sacred Heart Catholic High School.

EVENTS: We held several successful fundraising events this past year including:

- **Euchre Party** in June
- **Paint Night** in September
- **Bazaar** in November

GUEST SPEAKERS: We were pleased to have guest speakers at some of our general meetings including:

- **Alex Duhamel** – Holy Spirit Parish **Youth Ministry**
- **Suzanne Massie Manchevsky** spoke about the process she used in writing the **St. Phoebe icon** that was displayed in the Atrium of the Church.
- Parishioner **Theresa Anderson** spoke **about her attendance at the World Youth Day in Lisbon**.

THE NICEST PLACE TO BE IS IN SOMEONE'S THOUGHTS.

THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE IS IN SOMEONE'S PRAYERS.

THE BEST PLACE TO BE IS IN GOD'S HANDS.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: FRANCES MURPHY PIKE

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: REV. FR. FRANK BREWER

MEMBERS: 24

LIFE MEMBERS: 2

What follows is a summary of the IHM CWL activities from September 2023 to April 2024.

- We continue to award our **annual bursaries** to 3 grade 12 students who meet our criteria, yet who wouldn't otherwise necessarily receive an academic award.
- We ran our annual **Christmas Gift Drive for the Youville Centre**.
- We ran our **monthly Book Sales** in conjunction with the K of C to raise monies for bursaries.
- We ran our **ecumenical Bridge Club games**, again to raise monies for bursaries.
- We hosted a Friday evening **Stations of the Cross** service during Lent.
- We gained **2 new members** and **1 transfer** member joining our Council.
- We had a **Years of Service ceremony** after a Mass to award 17 pins for Years of Service.
- Dr. Sephora Tang (one of our Council members and a psychiatrist) gave us an excellent **presentation on MAiD** that was well attended.
- Some of our members sing in our Parish's **Choir**, two serve as **Eucharistic Ministers**, two serve as **Lectors** and one is a **Sacristan**.
- We made charitable **donations** locally, focusing on the **Heron Rd. Food Bank**.
- We hosted the **IHM Choral Concert for Advent**, and provided participants and attendees with refreshments afterward.
- We **kept in touch** with members who do not have a computer or email by **phone, cards and notes**.
- We continued our **close working relationship** with the K of C.
- We continued our **strong Spiritual Development Program** that stimulates much thought and reflection on spiritual matters.
- What we've been enjoying most and are most thankful for about our Council is the **comradery and friendship** that meeting and working together provides.

SERVING BUILDS GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH.

NIGERIAN IGBO	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: BERNADETTE OJIAKU SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. PAUL NWAEZE MEMBERS: 47 LIFE MEMBERS: 0	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since we are a newer council (Charter October 17, 2021) we have been busy setting up the structure and familiarizing ourselves with the protocols and procedures of the League. • In the month of May each year Mother's Day is celebrated in some way. • We continue to do different activities each year. In 2023 we had a soccer game between the CWL and the men. This year we will be debating the men. • We supported Igbo school children by providing refreshments for six weeks of cultural dance practice. • We also sponsored and supported the youth from our church. • A successful Bake Sale was held. • We supported the Church Harvest 2023 with a cash donation. • Our president represented our council in various activities held throughout the diocese. • Members are kept informed of what is happening in the League at monthly meetings and by email. • We are determined to share our rich culture with our CWL sisters any chance we get, and thus, we will be performing a cultural dance routine at the convention on May 4TH. 	

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: DARLENE MACGREGOR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. CYRIAQUE BALLA MEMBERS: 22 LIFE MEMBERS: 0	
<p>Our ladies have been quite busy this last year. We may be a very small council but these women are dedicated and enjoy being active.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We volunteer serving a meal to a local curling club to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. • We organized an Easter children's activity. We showed them how to weave the palms, read the Easter story, sang some songs and decorated cupcakes for Easter. • We read a poem after mass for all Moms on Mother's Day. • For each member celebrating their Confirmation in our parish, we give them a card with a prayer inside. • For our students making their 1st Communion in May we give each of them a water font and holy water. • After mass a poem is read for all Dads on Father's Day. 	

- We **donate to our 2 local high schools** for graduation.
- Our ladies always help and prepare for the annual **Parish Supper**.
- We organized another **Christmas children's activity** and focused on the Christmas Wreath describing its history. We sang Christmas songs and decorated some cookies.
- We have our annual **Christmas Basket draw** – dinner for 8.
- We all get together and invite ladies to attend our **Christmas Dinner** with Fr. Cyriaque.

We always look forward to what the new year will bring and try to plan events in our community.

Hoping and knowing the Catholic Women's League really does make a difference for God and Canada.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: JENNIFER JONES

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. LINDSAY HARRISON

MEMBERS: 30

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

Throughout the year, we hold **monthly meetings** with members September to May. We also paid for **12 masses for the souls in purgatory**. Members assist in the **Coffee Sunday receptions, milk bag ministry**, as well as **other organizations in the parish**.

- **Celebration of Saint Patrick:** This is our major fundraiser for the year - Beef stew dinner with Irish Music and Dancers. (March)
- **Presentation and discussion** with Evelyn Meaney representing diocesan council. (March)
- Assisted with leading the **Way of the Cross** during Lent. (March)
- Attended **Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass** at St. Leonard in Manotick. (April)
- **Pro-Life Baby Shower** with donations to Birthright & Miriam Centre. (May)
- **Confirmation** Reception. (May)
- **Led the rosary** after masses. (May)
- Participated in the **amalgamation mass and service**. (June)
- Hosted the **Diocesan Executive Meeting**. (Sept.)
- Hosted a **Rosary Rally**. (Oct.)
- **Led the rosary** at mass at other times. (Oct.)
- **Awards and Pin Celebration** – Pins were given for 5, 10, and a Maple Leaf Service was presented to Jean Anderson. (Nov.)
- **Three huge gift baskets** filled with toys and presents as well as a gift voucher for a local store.
- We also provided **Christmas gifts to the priests and office staff**.

OUR LADY OF GRACE/ST. PIUS X	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: MARGARET MCALLISTER SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. AUGUSTINE OBAGO CHIKE MEMBERS: 37 LIFE MEMBERS: 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parish president for 2023 was Mary Thibeault. • One of our ongoing focuses is supporting our local catholic school and their students. • We gave each First Communion student a gift and hosted a reception with cake and other refreshments. • We held the baby bottle campaign and raised \$1,385. • We also revived the layette project which gives a layette to mothers. • Our quilt fundraiser was successful and we were able to donate \$500 each to South Stormont Support Center, Children's Treatment Centre and Hospice Cornwall. • The remainder of \$1,100 was given to the Parish maintenance Fund. • We held a supper for the first time in a number of years. Many parishioners were among those attending. It was great for everyone to have a chance to socialize and reconnect. • To assist in the spiritual journey of our members, we purchased reflection booklets that are received about four times a year. • We once again made Christmas gift bags for residents in our local nursing homes. • We ended the year with a well-attended Christmas get together at a local restaurant. • We gave two maple leaf pins to members Pat Beveridge and Margaret McAllister. We gave a number of pins to members who achieved years of membership. Of special note was our member, Barbara McLellan who achieved 65 years as a member of the League 	

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: LORRAINE BARKER SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. ANTHONY NWAOHIRI MEMBERS: 54 LIFE MEMBERS: 2 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in WDP service along with members of the Anglican and United Church Women's Groups. (March) 	

- Attended the **Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Good Counsel** at St. Leonard's Church, Manotick and honoured the memory of 3 of our council's deceased members. (April)
- Participated in "**12 Hours of Prayer for Hospice/Palliative Care**" with Mass offered for this special intention, followed by an hour of prayer in the church with parishioners and CWL members in attendance. We prayed for the need for good Hospice/Palliative Care to be made available to all Canadians. We prayed also for the caregivers of those people in the final stages of their life. This was followed by a time for fellowship in the parish hall, hosted by the CWL. (May)
- **Hosted the Amalgamation Meeting of Members** and the Installation of the new CWL Diocesan Council of Ottawa-Cornwall on June 10, 2023. Archbishop Marcel Dampousse officiated the Mass of celebration with Father Anthony Nwaohiri of OLMM Parish. The event was overseen by Ontario Provincial President Linda Squarzolo. (June)
- **Christian Leadership Awards** were presented to students at the 2 local elementary schools (St. Mother Teresa & St. Joseph) and the high school (St. Thomas Aquinas). (June)
- A **\$400 bursary** was presented to a graduating Grade 12 parishioner. (June)
- We celebrated the **30th Anniversary of the Ordination of our Spiritual Advisor**, Father Anthony Nwaohiri with a gift and small reception with parishioners in the parish hall. (July)
- Council voted to **donate \$500 to the Embrun Food Bank** and we voted to **increase our annual Student Bursary Award to \$500** next year. (Sept.)
- Participated in **Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary Rally** in Ottawa. (Oct.)
- Participated in the **Waupoos Family Farm Fall Cleanup Day** and provided frozen prepared food for the Christmas visitors to the Farm. (Oct.)
- We **held our elections** for a new Parish CWL Executive and were able to elect a full slate of officers. (Oct.)
- Under the Social Justice Chair, we initiated the **Mitten Brigade Program**. Several members made mittens that were delivered to the women in need at Cornerstone Home for Women. Our members will resume this project next fall. (Nov.)
- We had the **Installation of the new Council Executive** by Fr. Anthony on Saturday, December 9th at 4:30 Mass. (Dec.)
- We had a **Reverse Advent Calendar Event** that resulted in a very large collection of food and personal hygiene products that we donated to the Embrun Food Bank. (Dec.)
- Donated **Christmas Gift Bags and Christmas baked goods** to the 25 Residents of the Vars Community Home for adults with special needs. (Dec.)

LIVE YOUR LIFE LIKE A SNOWFLAKE; LEAVE A MARK BUT NOT A STAIN.

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: SANDRA BLAIS

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: DEACON PAT MCNULTY

MEMBERS: 27

LIFE MEMBERS: 1

Our council #1771 was reactivated in January 2012 and since that time we have accomplished many initiatives incorporating our Mission Statement. (We even have one Charter Member from 1954!) Last year the *majority* of our members voted to remain a council growing in our faith and to focus on our local Catholic School, our Parish and Community rather than being heavily involved at our Diocesan level. Like many councils we have wise elderly members, partially involved members, ill members, active members, supportive members, all with talents and a desire to "Make a Difference" even if we are all super busy. (The phrase 'Make a Difference' is noted in our council's minutes back in 2012.) Our Spiritual Advisor is active and collaborates well with our Spiritual Development Chair.

Those who are active (we usually have about 15 members to attend our monthly General Meetings) are committed to supporting their council by participating in the projects that interest them. Some of our members attend daily Mass while others attend weekly Adoration when their schedule permits. This past year we were successful in:

- Holding productive **monthly meetings** with prayer, sharing information, with each Standing Committee Chairperson producing written reports.
- Providing the Parish with **Stations of the Cross** during Lent and celebrating Our Lady of Good Counsel's Feast Day with a Prayer Service.
- Some members **supported Confirmation and First Holy Communicants**.
- Our Annual **Membership Drive** from the pulpit involved three of our members.
- We provided **Spiritual Bouquets** when deemed appropriate.
- We are gradually **implementing to the three pillars** of Faith, Service and Social Justice.
- We supported and participated at our **local school's BBQ**.
- We served at the **School's Graduation ceremonies and presented a student with a Rosary**.
- Our second annual massive support to the **Ukrainian Summer Sunshine Camp** for displaced children was highly appreciated.
- We sponsored a **Winter Clothing Drive** in our Parish for the Ottawa Catholic School Board.
- We reached out to our parishioners and were greatly gratified to **collect and ship boxes of men's underwear, pajamas, t-shirts and socks to a Ukrainian Hospital** in Odessa. (The first shipment reached the hospital in four days!)
- Our members generously donated hundreds of dollars' worth of gift cards for a **Gift Card Live Wreath Raffle**. (Covid has put a damper on our Fundraising efforts.)

- We filled the positions for our three **committed CWL Sunday Masses**.
- We volunteer and provide thousands of items to our extensive **Recycle and Reuse Program**. (Ongoing initiative since 2013.) Keeping useful items out of the landfill sites by donating them to our six beneficiaries is a committed positive action.
- Our members are involved in being **Lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, adult choir members and Sacristan**.
- We attend and donate to the **Parish's Fundraising Dinners**.
- We create a **Newsletter** three times a year for our parish.
- Our treasurer provides a Financial Report every month.
- We **annually donate** funds to our **church's hall mortgage**.
- Our secretary produces the minutes of every meeting.
- **Greeting/sympathy cards** are sent when appropriate.
- **Regular communications** between members and executive include email, zoom, telephone, word of mouth, and meetings.
- The **archives** are up to date.
- When there is a need or suggestion, we update our Policy and Procedure Manual.

The following positions are **filled** by volunteering, acclamation and appointment to realign our leadership roles: President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past-President, Communications are handled by the President and Secretary, Parish Activities, Spiritual Development, Education, Christian Family Life, Community Life and Health.

All of these positions (especially the last five above) are supported by ALL of us. Together. We are a TEAM of like-minded Catholic women and we will continue to do our best with the time and energy available.

We now have a new parish priest who is knowledgeable of the Catholic Women's League and very supportive of our council. What a delight.

As our membership prefers to protect their contact information, and do not have the time to write any Annual reports, this has been written for you by the undersigned. I hope you can accept it in the spirit that it is written.

As a member of forty-six years (10 years of which have been president at different parishes) I quote from "A Call to Catholic Action" booklet from my mother-in-law's estate. She was the first president at Our Lady of the Visitation in 1954 and the quote comes from Pope Pius X! in a private audience given to our first National President, Miss Bellelue Guerin in 1922: *"Today everyone belongs to some club or association. Religion, education, the professions, the fine arts, trade and commerce, politics, recreation: Everything is organized – even crime. Life is too short and meaningful for you to be a drifter allowing chance or a snap decision to settle what societies are to be given your time, energy and support. Be not among the many who invite frustration here and grief thereafter by burying even one God-given talent."* His blessing centered on the Family for the restoration of the world.

I am so joyful of these members. They are truly amazing. Worthy of respect for their dedication.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: VIOLA TOBIN

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. ROBERT MASTERNAK, SDS

MEMBERS: 26

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

- In December 2022 we made the decision to once come together and **reactivate our Council**, to give the next generation a chance to be part of an incredible organization.
- We have **added new members**. At present we are 26 strong.
- We are **finding our new direction**, mixing our more experienced members with our new. We are still a work in progress; trying on new roles to see what feels right; exploring each other's strengths; exploring the different avenues, to discover where our energy is most beneficial in our community.
- **Three of our dear sisters went to their eternal resting place in 2023**, one of which had been a member for 60 years. They are dearly missed.
- In the past year we have held **2 successful bake sales**, the proceeds were distributed among: our Parish; the purchase of religious articles for distribution in our church; donation for our speaker, and our Council.
- We have held a successful **food drive for the Ottawa Food Bank**.
- We are continually offering **Rosary/Divine Mercy kits**, containing prayer cards and Rosary beads; prayer cards and pamphlets pertaining to the Eucharist and the importance of the Mass.
- We held a successful **Christmas dinner for our seniors**, with prizes for all who attended.
- We had **Fr. Paul Tennyson SJ** give a **talk about "Faith in times of Adversity"** with a free lunch afterwards. Over 50 people attended, 28 of which stayed for lunch.
- We are now preparing for a **Rummage sale** at the end of May.
- A **baby shower** in early June **for a member** who is having a baby in May.
- We had the **lawn statue of Our Lady repainted**, we **planted flowers, rose bushes and took care of our parish garden**.
- Some of our members are involved in different ministries in our parish; we **visit the sick and shut ins**; we bring Communion to those who cannot get to mass due to illness or mobility issues.
- **Inspired by our Pope Francis we try to live by his message of 2023:** "To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of His salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love." Spreading the Love of God to all humanity; by way of sharing; educating; freely giving; prayer; understanding and treating all with respect and dignity.
- Our members have a history of being very active in our parish community, serving as **Altar servers; Eucharistic Ministers; Music Ministry; Social Action; Activities committee; Gardening; Knitters; Bakers**.

- Also our members have always been very active in our community at large: **Visiting the sick; delivering food baskets to those in need; assisting schools in our area by helping students with reading; helping with fundraising for a class who was raising money for Rwanda.** Serving God and our community is our foundation.

First Director: Rev. Roger LaRiviere

First President: Mrs. Frank Yates

First Secretary: Mrs. R.E. Gobeil

Cert. of Organization # 2339

Official Council date: February 7, 1962

Disbanded in 1969; Reorganized in 1976

Became Inactive May 13, 2019; Reactivated December 4, 2022

ST. ANDREW (ST. ANDREWS WEST)

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: MARY JOYCE-SMITH

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. LOUIS GROETELAARS

MEMBERS: 73

LIFE MEMBERS: 1 (DECEASED)

- Our Council was part of the **Provincial Convention** last year held in Cornwall, Ontario. We **hosted the Opening Mass and a luncheon** afterward that was attended by many.
- In December we hosted the **first Ottawa-Cornwall Advent Retreat Day** in conjunction with our Women's Morning of Reflection Group. This was also attended by many and speakers were provided by the Diocese.
- The St. Andrews CWL **hosted a quilt show** with over 200 quilts on display, the **proceeds went to the Canadian Cancer Society.**
- The CWL provided **Candles /Prayer books to the parents of 26 babies who were baptized** to date and **Crosses were given to newly married couples.**

ST. ANDREW (NEPEAN)

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: LINDA LOVELACE

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. PIERRE CHAMPOUX

MEMBERS: 17

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

We have, as a Council, accomplished a great deal and we continue to assist our parish in activities and expenses.

- We held a **Valentines Day basket raffle** with proceeds to our parish building fund.
- Participated in and led one Friday **Stations of the Cross** during Lent.

- Distributed a **Spiritual letter to our members** at the beginning of each month.
- We hosted a **Parish Social after the Easter Vigil** in April.
- Attended the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel** at St. Leonard's in April.
- We had a **Palliative Care Day** during the month of May.
- We had a **food drive** for our local Barrhaven food cupboard in May.
- We held a **coffee social** at both Masses in Sept to **welcome our new Pastor.**
- Attended the **Permanent Diaconate Archdiocese Ottawa-Cornwall Mass** in Oct.
- In Oct. we participated and helped organize a day of **Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary & recited the Rosary on a rotation basis** (Mon-Thurs).
- We spoke on **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** at our Oct. meeting.
- We participated in the **fall clean up at Waupoos Family Farm** in Oct.
- We held a **potluck meeting** in Nov. to **welcome our Pastor** and get to know him on a more personal level.
- We participated in the annual **Legion's Poppy Drive** and **Remembrance Day Prayer Service** at Capital Memorial Gardens led by our Pastor in Nov.
- We had our annual **Christmas Bake Sale** to help with our donations.
- We held a **Christmas gift collection for the residents at Longfield's Manor Long Term Care Home** to help fill their Christmas bags in Nov.
- We held a **monetary donation** to help fill **Christmas baskets for the less fortunate in our parish** in Dec.
- We are **participating in our Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan theme: Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.** One of our sisters took the lead and has organized a monthly project. January, is the month our Council chose to participate in solidarity with our Diocesan sisters. In Oct. we discussed "religious vocations" in general. We sent thank-you/appreciation cards to our Priests and Deacons. In Nov. we welcomed our new pastor with a potluck social to discuss vocations and religious life. We discussed the ordination of Deacon Ron Bishop and Father Michael El-Nachef. We are continuing our theme into 2024.

ST. BASIL

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: ELIZABETH LARMOND ELLIOT

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. DARYOLD WINKLER

MEMBERS: 54

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

Here are the highlights: We have a new President: Michelle Tracy, a new Faith Chair: Divina Hogan, a new (returning) Secretary: Margery Livingstone.

- We initiated a project to **have a member welcome people** as they arrive at Mass. This has been well received.
- A **project to bake together** with the women's group from Carlington Community Chaplaincy and then sell the baked good at St Basil's netted \$500 for the women's group retreat.
- Jointly with the Knights of Columbus we put on a **Fundraising Dinner for our newest refugee family** and also a **Christmas Dinner for parishioners**.
- An **Icon Building Workshop** offered to parishioners was well attended and appreciated by participants.
- **Toiletries were collected** and delivered to St Joe's Women's Centre.
- We sponsored a **session by Ottawa Police Service** to raise awareness about scams and fraud. Several parishioners attended.
- We participated in the CWL **Unity Outreach Project**.
- Later in April Sandra Blais will present her **Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose** ideas to parishioners after Sunday Mass.
- Most of our meetings are held on Zoom as this is more convenient for members. A large number of members enjoyed a **potluck dinner** in June.

ST. BERNARD

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: MONIQUE LABELLE MONTGOMERY

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. AUGUSTINE OBAGO

MEMBERS: 49

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

- The annual CWL meeting was held on January 22nd, 2023 and **pins were given to two members**, one receiving 25th and the other 50th.
- Our CWL council continues with the many commitments such as **bursaries to students of our parish** graduating high school, the program "**Save the Family Plan**" (2 families), the **Remembrance Day ceremony** where our council presented a wreath, the **support of Madonna House, and Shalom House**.
- In achieving these goals, our council continues to have success with the **monthly pie fundraiser** thanks to the dedicated pie makers and our parish support.
- Also, we do a **June yard sale** and all articles leftover are donated to local charities.
- During the year we participate in the following causes: the **Hunger Meal** and the **Food Drive** going to the local food bank, and the **Baby Bottle Drive going to Birthright**.
- We have a **purse drive**, which is personal care and hygiene products put in purses **for Naomi House**, a shelter for battered women.
- **Operation Christmas Child** (shoe boxes).
- Collection of **Jello boxes for the Christmas Food Baskets**.
- We acknowledge our **elders and our shut-in at Christmas** with gifts.

- In connection with our community faith we joined the **World Day of Prayer**.
- We also attended the **Spring Retreat at Shalom House** to grow a deeper relationship with our Lord and members of different parishes.
- We had **our last convention as the Alexandria-Cornwall** held on May 28th, 2023.
- The **Provincial Convention** was held in Cornwall at the Civic Complex on July 8th -July 12th, 2023. Our council participated in both events and it was a success.
- We finished our year with the Knights of Columbus at an **evening mass** celebrated by our spiritual advisor, Father Augustine Obago followed by our **ritual annual Light Up for Christ**. Afterwards, we enjoyed a **Chinese dinner together**.
- At this time I would like to thank all the CWL ladies who work so hard to make a difference in our parish and our community. You are the pillars of faith, service and social justice. May God bless you for your continued good works.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: BEV ROWAN

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FATHER HEZUK SHROFF

MEMBERS: 14

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

In September, we set up an **eight-step plan** to make the CWL more visible in our Church.

- In September, a brief, **informative talk** about the CWL was given **at the end of each Mass**.
- A back-board and **table containing CWL history** and events of prior years was set up at the entrance of the church.
- We had a few social events open to parishioners, i.e. **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Paper Bag Auction**, a **virtual shower** in May and a **dinner** in June.
- Our **meetings were moved to after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** to be more convenient.
- **Masses** were said during May **for deceased CWL members and their families**.
- A **bulletin board** was placed **at the entrance of the church** outlining upcoming events.
- At the end of the year **an insert**, outlining activities of the previous year is **added to the Sunday bulletin**.
- We were **added to the church website**.

Activities:

- October: A new initiative was introduced – **"Soctober"** where we were able to donate 162 pairs of socks to the homeless at Ottawa Mission with the help of the parish and our members.

- November: We brightened up Christmas for **Waupoos Centre** families by providing **gifts and cash donations**. We donated money to the **Poppy Trust Fund** and **laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony**.
- December: We **raffled a Christmas wreath** and donated the **proceeds to two families in need**. We hosted a **pot-luck supper and paper bag auction**, proceeds of which bought **Christmas gifts for occupants of the Osgoode Care Centre**.
- Throughout the year we **promoted fellowship** in our parish by **hosting Coffee Sundays**, where parishioners had an opportunity to socialize with each other.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: VALERIE ROWE

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FATHER TOM RIOPELLE

MEMBERS: 69

LIFE MEMBERS: 2

- New **executive installation** in January 2023 at St Columban Church with a new smaller executive.
- In February we **celebrated birthdays and anniversaries at Glen Stor Dun Lodge**.
- We held **three fundraisers: St Patrick Day Tea and Bake Sale, Mother's Day gift basket and Christmas Tea and Bake Sale**.
- May 13th, we celebrated the **first annual Living Rosary** including the parish.
- In the summer we **organized the going away celebration for Deacon Guy** and his wife Tammy; we attended an **evening Stations of the Cross and an outdoor Mass in Green Valley**; and we had an **afternoon get together at the RCAF Wing**.
- We gave out **13 service pins** – from 5 years to 50 years - and awarded **two certificates** at our annual membership dinner in October.
- Marilyn Brown Wylie was awarded the **Maple Leaf Service Pin** and at our Christmas potluck Frances O'Dair was presented with the **Bellelle Guerin Award**.
- One of our favourite meetings this year was in November where we held **three workshops** similar to the ones at the Provincial Convention. Melina Nobert was a surprise visitor.

LIFE WITHOUT GOD IS LIKE AN UNSHARPENED PENCIL.

IT HAS NO POINT!

ST. FAUSTINA

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: BETTY FEHR

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: DEACON TOM DONOHUE

MEMBERS: 29

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

At St. Faustina, Cumberland, we are a small parish, but we focus on being active in our community and parish.

Parish specific activities we did:

- **Decorated the church** for Mother's Day.
- Provided **Confirmation and First Communion gifts** for the children of the parish doing their sacramental preparations.
- **Hosted funeral receptions** for parishioners.
- **Lead the rosary** at all masses in May, October.
- **Lead Way of the Cross** 2 Fridays during Lent
- Prepared and hosted an **All Soul's Day celebration** for deceased parishioners and family members/friends.
- Hosted a **CWL mass** in October.
- Organized **craft and bake sales** in Spring and at Christmas.

Local community activities:

- Supported the **Miriam Centre** in Orleans with their **baby bottle drive** and **stamp collection**.
- **Hosted a bingo day** with snacks and gifts **at our local senior's residence** for the residents.
- Hosted the **World Day of Prayer** for the Cumberland region. The day included the service and a reception after for our parishioners and local Anglican church.
- We supported a **local primary school with warm clothing and money to provide special snacks for the children**.

Support to the broader community:

- Supported a **mission in Northern Alberta** with sacramental preparation material.
- Participated in **letter writing to government regarding MaID**.

CWL membership support:

- Our members **chose a Saint to follow for the year** and shared information about their Saint after each general meeting.
- **Prayed for the intentions of our members and clergy**.

LORD, HELP ME TO WALK WITH GODLY AND WISE PEOPLE SO I CAN BECOME LIKE THEM. AMEN.

ST. FINNAN

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: INEZ FRANKLIN

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: REV. JONATHAN BLAKE, PP

MEMBERS: 66

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

St. Finnan's Council is blessed with a dedicated core of active members, who prayerfully undertake every activity with a focus on teamwork and service. 2023 highlights include:

- **Activities commemorating the dissolution of the Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan CWL Council** included assisting with planning, fundraising for and hosting the final Diocesan Spring Retreat in Alexandria (April), the Diocesan Convention (May), and the Ontario Provincial CWL Convention in Cornwall (July). Nostalgic and gratifying!
- Fulsome **representation at the historic June 10th, 2023 Inaugural Meeting and Election of Officers** for the new Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council.
- National's **Unity Project** with Diocesan President Angela Gaudet (February)
- Fundraising activities included our **annual Curling Bonspiel** with St. Finnan's Knights of Columbus, and a **spring and a fall CWL bake sale**.
- Proceeds **supported donations** to:
 - **St. Finnan's Catholic Elementary School** at Advent and at Catholic Education week;
 - **Two high school** and **one elementary school** graduation bursaries;
 - **Support** for a local Catholic High School **student's mission trip**;
 - **Sponsorship** of a room at Maison **Shalom House Retreat Centre**;
 - A donation toward **St. Finnan's Basilica Elevator** project;
 - A donation to **WICC** for World Day of Prayer;
 - **Christmas poinsettias and Easter gifts for our clergy, sacristans, and shut-in members**;
 - **Annual cash donation** plus several hundred **boxes of Jell-O** to the **Cornwall Service Club for Christmas food baskets**;
 - **Thanksgiving and Christmas hampers** for local families.
- Our final annual **Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan Convention charitable donations**: Penny-A-Day for Shalom House; Holy Childhood; Mother's Day Roses proceeds – 75% for Our Lady's Missionaries and 25% for Catholic Missions in Canada.
- **Baby Bottles for Pro-Life** campaign;

- **Winter mitts collection** for St. Finnan's Catholic Elementary students;
- **Christmas gifts for students;**
- **Canned food** for St. Vincent de Paul.
- Our annual **Christmas and Easter outreach** comprises **hand-written cards stuffed with chocolates for up to 200 local long-term-care-home residents and patients in the local hospital's chronic care ward**. A favourite project for our members!
- Spiritual:
 - April **Mass for Vocations;**
 - November **Mass for Deceased Members;**
 - **Rosary** at May and October meetings;
 - October **Rosary Rally;**
 - **Prayer Service for Sanctity of Life** during 12 Hours of Prayer;
 - **Deceased Members Prayer Service;**
 - **Remembrance Day** prayer service;
 - **Funeral honour guard** for deceased members;
 - Ongoing **prayer support for vocations, for the sick,** and for **spiritual bouquets** as requested.
- **End-of-year celebration** (June) with **dinner, service pins** and recognition of **two 70-year members;**
- **Christmas dinner** with St. James Council and our parish clergy & religious.
- An inspiring **September weekend** at St. Finnan's with **National VP Betty Colaneri, our guest speaker at a morning reflection and an afternoon workshop** shared with three neighbouring councils, plus Betty's short address to the congregation at all Masses.

ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: MARIE SEGUIN

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FRIAR M. RICHARD

MEMBERS: 42

LIFE MEMBERS: 1

Our charter is over 95 years old of which we are very proud.

We chose the "Go Make a Difference Project" to **support the less fortunate.**

- We collected and delivered:
 - **Socks, hats and warm mittens** to the Mission.
 - **Diapers and shoes** to St. Joe's Women's Centre
 - **Mitts, hats and socks** for students at St. Michael's Elementary School in our parish.

➤ **Baby supplies, clothes and cute outfits** to Birthright.

- Many gifts from our Bazaar were **donated to St. Michael's School** where the children were able to do Christmas shopping for their families.
- We make a difference in our parish with our time and talents as **administrative assistant, sacristan, music ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Greeters, Collection counters, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and hosting Coffee Sundays monthly.**
- Many of our members **contribute financially to organizations** that make life better for so many. Two members are in the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and very busy serving the needs in our area.
- We are generous to **drive those that need a ride to church, doctors appointments, shopping etc.**
- As women of faith, we **pray for all and support those who mourn.**
- Fundraising is not a mandate of the CWL, but we have **supported the parish by hosting Bazaars and Strawberry Socials and by helping with the cost of a hot water tank, back door entrance remodeling and refitting the elevator.**
- Members with access to **Zoom** enjoy **prayer and workshops.**
- We reach out to members that do not have email with **regular phone calls.**
- The members who joined us from Assumption Parish have added life to our council and have been very supportive in helping out with our endeavours.
We do make a difference!

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: AUDREY WOJCIK

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: NONE AT PRESENT

MEMBERS: 45

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

- Donating **supplies to a local elementary** school.
- **Lenten Day of Reflection** with guest speaker for the Diocese.
- **Blanket Brigade** with lap blankets donated to West End Villa and for distribution to shelters and homeless
- Shrove Tuesday **pancake supper** in coordination with the Knights of Columbus
- **Student Bursary** for St. Paul's graduating student
- Various **fundraisers (bake sales, Purdy's chocolates, Easter Flower bulbs)** that enabled us to **support our local food banks** at Christmas as well as **purchase new altar vessels** (chalice and ciborium) for our parish.
- Lenten **stations of the cross**
- **Emergency flyer projects** posted in the woman's toilets in the church
- Various **honour guards** throughout the year
- Homelessness initiative to **collect clothes and hygiene products** from our parish to donate to shelters

- **Collect used eyeglasses and aluminum can tabs.** To date, the SJA Parishioners have generously donated a total of 406 pair of eyeglasses and 69.1 pounds of aluminum can tabs. The prescription eyeglasses are collected and donated to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre, (CLERC), Calgary, Alberta through the Russell Lions Club. The site sorts, washes and grade the eyeglasses which are then distributed to various groups and optometrists who bring them to underdeveloped countries for distribution. For more information, please visit the CLERC website. The aluminum tabs are taken to Clifford Bowey School, located on Kitchener Avenue in Ottawa. This Ottawa Public School serves students with developmental disabilities. The school sells the aluminum by weight and the funds go towards purchasing equipment and supplies for their students.

ST. LEONARD

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: JANE BROWNRIGG

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. GERARD PLANT

MEMBERS: 39

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

This report lists the 2023 activities of the CWL Council, under the upcoming pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice. This group of faith filled women have served the parish and the community well.

Our Spiritual Director, Father Gerard, has been very supportive of our Council and its activities.

FAITH

- CWL organized "**The Rosary Project**" at **St. Leonard's School**, for all Grade 3 students
- CWL organized an outdoor **Rosary Rally** in the village of Manotick (Oct)
- CWL leads **weekly Lectio Divina** series at St. Leonard's Church
- CWL members serve as **Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers** and on the **Pastoral Council** for St. Leonard's Parish and **lead the saying of the Rosary** before masses
- CWL **sold Advent candles** and accompanying prayer sheets to parishioners (Nov)
- CWL member **coordinates ongoing Rosary sales** at church (proceeds to local charity, CEFO)
- CWL Council met monthly (excluding 2 summer months)- at each meeting, a '**Spiritual Teaching**' is delivered by one of our Co-Chairs, Spiritual Development
- CWL members **deliver the Eucharist** to parishioners who cannot attend mass

SERVICE

CWL members volunteered at a number of events this year including:

- **Parish picnic** (Sept)
- Hosted a **Bake Sale** (Proceeds donated to charity) (Oct)
- **Annual Pie Sale** selling CWL home made pies (Proceeds donated to charity) (Sept)
- CWL member **volunteers as a driver for families** vacationing at Waupoos Farm
- CWL member are members of the **Music Ministry** at St. Leonard's Church
- CWL member **leads as Coffee Sunday Coordinator** at St. Leonard's Church
- CWL members **participate in an on-going Matt weaving** project
- CWL members **volunteer at Food Bank** at St. Leonard's Church
- CWL member **leads as Youth Coordinator** at St. Leonard's Church
- CWL **supported a family at Christmas** with gifts and a donation (Dec)
- CWL member **sews liturgical items** for our parish priest as requested
- CWL donated a total of **\$1860.00 to charities** this year

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CWL volunteered/attended numerous events this year including:

- **40 Days for Life** campaign: the 12 hours were covered and included Pro Life Prayers, Rosaries, Mass, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross at St. Leonard's Church and members participated in a prayerful downtown Ottawa vigil (Oct)
- **Life Chain**, CWL promoted and participated in this event (Oct)
- **ProLife Fundraising Dinner**: CWL members volunteered (November)
- **Christmas Cakes**: CWL members volunteer. Proceeds to Campaign Life Coalition (December)
- **Development and Peace**: CWL member gives presentation after each Mass and encourages membership (November)
- CWL member **coordinates Youth Bake Sale**- proceeds to Ottawa Food Bank (Dec)

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: ROSANNE NADON

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FATHER TITUS EGBUEH

MEMBERS: 73

LIFE MEMBERS: 1

In 2023, our council got back to normal after the pandemic. We held general meetings in person and our executive meetings continued to be via zoom.

- A committee was formed so we could **update our CWL link on our parish website**; began putting a **weekly announcement in our bulletin** about our council/League and **updated our parish council brochure**;

- We placed **Mary's statue in the church** and crowned her during the Sunday masses the first weekend in May;
- We held a **Spring Tea** and invited the parish to join us;
- In May, we led **12 hours of prayer for palliative care** during Friday morning adoration by offering prayers and saying the rosary;
- Our **Christian Leadership Award** was presented to a graduating female student at St. Paul High School in June;
- Held our **Memorial mass** in June where we recognized all our deceased family, friends and a long-time member who had passed away during the year.
- **Financial donations** were made to: **Famsac** (a local food bank)– two different times and to **Ottawa Innercity Ministries**;
- **School supplies** were gathered for Our Lady of Peace and St. Rose of Lima schools;
- In October, we began **saying the rosary over zoom** each week;
- At our **Christmas mass/celebration, 22 years of service pins** ranging from 5-year service pins up to a 50-year service pin were awarded; A **certificate of merit** was presented to a member and the **Maple Leaf Pin** was awarded to another member.

ST. MARY (ALMONTE)

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: CINDY ZORGEL

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. CYPRIAN ADIBE

MEMBERS: 83

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

- Because of the increase in number of those in need of Food Banks, our council held **2 bake sales**: one in May for Mother's Day which realized \$750, and the second the beginning of December with a Christmas Cookies in a Tin sale which realized \$950.00.
- We held a **bazaar/raffle** in October which was well attended and appreciated after a hiatus due to the pandemic.
- We collected **70 gift bags for the seniors of Almonte Country Haven** nursing home at Christmas. The staff and residents were thrilled.
- New this past year was a parish **Advent Reflection**, organized by our CWL council. It was held on a weekday evening with a Sr. Elizabeth as speaker, the parish choir and guitarist singing beautiful hymns and prayers by Fr. Cyprian. Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies were enjoyed by all afterwards and there was a reluctance for everyone to go home. We see this as an annual event in our parish.

WHEN MY ARMS CAN'T REACH MY GRANDCHILDREN,

I HUG THEM WITH MY PRAYERS.

ST. MAURICE

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: CARLA BARRY

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. BEN ST. CROIX

MEMBERS: 117

LIFE MEMBERS: 1

- As part of our prayer and education program, we sent out a daily information package during **National Hospice Palliative Care Week** in May; at our monthly meeting we welcomed a guest speaker, to share with us on *Palliative care, a person-centred approach to your health journey*; and nearly 100 hours of prayer took place during the **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care**.
- We participated in a letter writing campaign regarding **Bill S-248: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)**.
- We participated in several recycle and reuse program initiatives - collecting **empty pill bottles; prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, cases, cloths, and chains; pop tabs**; and have an ongoing collection for **used postage stamps**.
- We supported the **needs of our parish** through actions such as organizing the Easter Vigil Reception and providing a meal for the fall Alpha program. We donated the funds to cover the cost of purchasing items requested by the Special Liturgies Coordinator including collection baskets, 'reserved signs', pyxes, and an ablution bowl. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who provide the beautiful service of **altar and/or linen cleaning** each week. We hosted a weekly **55 Plus program** in our atrium for seniors to socialize, play cards and games, and have refreshments.
- We organized and hosted an in-person **World Day of Prayer service** in March.
- Our **Ladies' Tea and Fashion Show** returned in 2023, with 161 ladies joining together for an afternoon of good food, fun and sisterhood.
- In September, we hosted a **Wine and Cheese**, where 55 ladies of the parish joined together for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, and food.
- Our **Bake Sale, Raffles and Jewellery Sale** was a popular event and we raised \$4,496 which helps to support our numerous charities and needs of the parish.
- Six members of our council participated in the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan **Day of Service at Waupoos Farm**, where we helped with cleaning the chapel, a deep clean of the kitchen, raking leaves, and washing the outside of cabins.
- This year our **charitable support** saw us contribute **\$5,000**, divided through **19 charities** as well as our continued support of the **St. Pius X Cruickshank Award, and support to Maryvale Academy**. We also continue to coordinate our parish' Shamrock Sales for St. Patrick's Home.
- We held a socks and underwear drive for **Shepherds of Good Hope** which brought in: **168** pairs of socks, **81** pairs of underwear and other items donated.

- We continued our **bi-weekly electronic bulletins and phone check-ins** - keeping members informed as to prayer requests, activities and other relevant information. At Christmas, we visited shut-ins and members in nursing homes.
- We undertook a **membership survey**, which provided an opportunity to better know our members, receive feedback on our communications, events and activities, and to look ahead at what areas we should focus on for the coming year.

ST. PATRICK (FALLOWFIELD)

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: ANNE LAMONT

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. PAUL SHEPHERD

MEMBERS: 67

LIFE MEMBERS: 1

St. Patrick's has hosted several events this year.

- We began, at the end of August, with our **School Backpack Initiative**, whereby we donated backpacks and school supplies (supplies donated by parishioners) to area schools.
- We had a **Pie Sale** the week before Thanksgiving, followed by a **Coffee Sunday** the week after.
- In October, we **co-hosted a Harvest Dinner** with the Knights of Columbus
- On Oct. 24 held a **card party** for all parishioners and guests.
- At our October meeting, we invited a **guest speaker, a retired Religion Consultant**, who explained to members the religion program in the Catholic schools at present.
- A **Bazaar** in November, with 25 Vendors, a White Elephant table and a Café brought in quite a bit of money, most of which was given directly to our church.
- We sponsored a **Bake Sale** before Christmas, with some of the proceeds going to a local food cupboard.
- We were able to help **eight Charities**, mostly in the Ottawa area, by providing Gift Cards before Christmas. Gift cards were donated by generous parishioners.
- We had **masses for the intentions of our CWL members** and deceased members.
- January was a slow month without a meeting, but in February we had a mass with Fr. before our monthly meeting and then a social afterwards.
- In March a **Coffee Sunday** and a **St. Patrick's Tea** on March 17 after all masses.
- We have prayed the **Stations of the Cross** before two Friday evening masses during Lent, and attended the Stations hosted by other organizations.
- Sadly, one of our 65-year members, **Nora Burnett, passed away March 16**. She was a woman of great faith and goodness. She will truly be missed.

- At our April meeting, we have a **guest speaker** giving us information on **Pastoral Care**.
- April also brings us to a **Fashion Show and Luncheon** on April 20, as well as the **CWL Mass for the deceased members**.
- We have a **Coffee Sunday** April 28 after all masses.
- On May 14, we have our **Crowning of Mary** celebration, and "**Secret Sister**" program will be initiated.
- In June we will have our **Potluck and Social**.

ST. PETER

PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PRESIDENT: CARMEN MASCARENHAS

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. MATTHEW BRUNET (UNTIL JULY)
FR. THEO NNOROM (AFTER JULY)

MEMBERS: 74

LIFE MEMBERS: 0

- In the months of January and February we did not have any meetings due to the weather. We did gather in February to celebrate one of our **member's 90th birthday**, Bernadine Greffe.
- In March we were back to regular business, and it was great meeting everyone.
- We obtained information about our **Chalice sponsored Ukrainian child**, who is doing very well. We sent her a donation of \$348.00 and a birthday gift of \$25.00.
- Before Easter, like last year we had **3 baskets raffled**, before every mass for 2 weekends and raised \$2015.00.
- Our **Share Lent Campaign** raised \$3317.00 for Development & Peace.
- Nineteen (19) of our members attended the **97th Diocesan Convention** held at the Best Western. It was a great learning experience and wonderful camaraderie.
- We also started fundraising for our Provincial convention, by **selling fudge** from Cowan's Dairy and were able to make \$842.00.
- Some of our members **joined the students at Holy Trinity High School** to recite the Rosary, on Thursdays during the month of May.
- We had an **Art & Literary contest** for Grades 5 & 6 of St. Peter's Elementary School. Topic was Love & Peace. Prizes were awarded in both categories for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.
- To make us aware of what goes around our city, we had a **retired OPP Officer**, Patrick Dassault, **talk about "Human Trafficking."**
- Twelve (12) of our members attended the **Provincial convention** held in Cornwall. We were very proud that the **closing mass was at our church**.
- Also, in June we had a **farewell get together for our Spiritual Advisor** Fr. Matthew Brunet. We also gave out the **Service pins** at this gathering.

- In August, we **welcomed our new Spiritual Advisor** & Parish Administrator Fr.Theo Nnorom.
- We also visited & honoured **one of our old-time members Iona Doherty for her 100th birthday.**
- We resumed our regular meetings with a **pizza party in September**, where we **gifted our new Spiritual Advisor with the CWL stole.**
- Our members volunteered at our **Parish Spaghetti supper** fundraising sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and we sold **50/50 tickets** as our contribution to the fundraiser. It was a great time.
- We also **raffled a Quilt** donated by one of our members and raised \$724.00
- We attended the get together at the Lamoreux park for **Truth and Reconciliation Day.**
- October is Our Lady's month, so we **recited the Rosary at Holy Trinity** and also had an **outdoor Stations of the Cross.**
- On October 14th we had the **Rosary Rally**, but in the church, due to inclement weather.
- A **bake sale** was organized as a fundraiser just before Thanksgiving and raised \$1033.00
- November was a very busy month as well. The **Travelling College of Akwesasne** was invited to our church to enlighten us of their ways and traditions.
- It is also the month for our **Annual Riverview Christmas Gift-Giving.** We supplied **76 gift bags** to the members of Riverview Manor along with a card with \$5.00 for each.
- In this endeavor the Walmart warehouse donated various personal grooming products which we also shared with our sisters at **The Baldwin House, also an annual recipient of Cheque donation from our Council.**
- We ended the year with a **Christmas Supper** at our parish hall, catered by Judy Stewart. We played a few games and had a great sing along.
- We also gave out the remainder of the Medallion from the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall to deserving members.

"NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE, NO JUSTICE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS."

POPE JOHN PAUL II

THE GOOD SHEPHERD	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: DOREEN DUMONT	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: FR. VIRGIL AMIRTHAKUMAR	
MEMBERS: 51	LIFE MEMBERS: 0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Sisters in the League were thrilled to finally be able to hold monthly meetings in our Church once again! • We continued tackling our former activities – gifts to RCIA candidates, First Communicants and Confirmandi. • We gave donations to St. Vincent de Paul and to support emergency housing for women. • Our Sisters continued in all ministries of our parish excluding K of C, of course. • We were busy with funeral receptions and felt privileged to assist those in need. • We also did something new! We held a Summer Social to kick off the holiday season. • We organized a Family Fun Day in September and it was a great success, attracting multiple generations! A fun day and the opportunity for a different experience at Church! Since it was so well received, we are in the midst of planning another one and hope to make it an annual event. 	

ST. CLARE	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: ADA GORRIE & TILLEY O'CONNOR	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:	
MEMBERS:	LIFE MEMBERS:
NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: MARIA TERRENCE	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:	
MEMBERS:	LIFE MEMBERS:
NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

ST. ISIDORE	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: LISA ZANNESE	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:	
MEMBERS:	LIFE MEMBERS:
NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

ST. JAMES	
PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023	
PRESIDENT: ANN MALLOY	
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:	
MEMBERS:	LIFE MEMBERS:
NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

THANK YOU, GRACIOUS LORD, FOR YOUR GIFT OF A FRIEND.

SO MANY TIMES YOU HAVE COME TO ME, LORD,
THROUGH THE KINDNESS, THE UNDERSTANDING,
THE CARING HEART OF A FAITHFUL FRIEND.
TIME AFTER TIME YOU HAVE REVEALED YOUR LOVE FOR ME
THROUGH HER.
PLEASE TOUCH HER LIFE THROUGH ME,
AS YOU HAVE BLESSED MY LIFE THROUGH HER.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2023

PARISH	DECEASED MEMBERS	
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	JOAN BLOCKER REINE FABBRO HOLLY HUARD GEORGETTE LAVIS MARGARET STEINFELD	JULIETTE CYR ANNE FRANKLIN GAIL LADURANTAYE JANET NADEAU JEAN THOMPSON
ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.	GENNY MALONEY-ZOSCHKE	MARGUERITE PETTIT
DIVINE INFANT	MARILYN GEISS	
GOOD SHEPHERD	ESTELLE CROWLEY ELSIE STADLER	DOROTHY GIBBS
HOLY SPIRIT	HAZEL BURKE	MARION CHARBONNEAU
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	JEAN ASLIN SR. ANNETTA RYAN	LILLIAN BENOIT
OLMM (RUSSELL)	DINY ACHTEREEKTE BEV COTE	COBY BOLS
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	MARY CLARE ELDER THERESA (FRAN) MACKENZIE HOWAT	BRIDGID MULLEN
ST. ANDREW (ST. ANDREW WEST)	FLORENCE FOUGERE MURIEL MALONEY	GRACE MACDONALD EDITH MCPHAIL
ST. BASIL	DORY HILKES	
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA	GERT SIMSER	
ST. COLUMBAN	MARY ARBIC MARGARET ROUSSEAU	JOAN MILLER LOREENA SMITH
ST. FINNAN	KATHRYN CAMERON	CHRISTENA MACSWEYN
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES	EDNA ASSAY JEAN GERVAIS	BETTY BAKER MARY LAFAVE
ST. JAMES	ELSIE BOURBONNAIS	
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE	CONNIE DARWIN ADELLA EDWARDS	CAROL DUNN MARGUERITE HILL
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES	EMILY BOILEAU	
ST. MARY (ALMONTE)	MARILYN ANDERSON KATHLEEN MCGREGOR	JEAN KIDZIUN REGINA STEWART
ST. MAURICE	LOIS ANN CAMERON MARILYN RODRIGUES	SHIRLEY CLERMONT
ST. PATRICK (FALLOWFIELD)	THERESA DUNLAP	
ST. PETER	PAT ARCAND SHIRLEY LEBLANC	MARCELLA DORIE MARGUERITE LECOURS
MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN. OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL LEAD THEM HOME.		

STANDING RULES FOR THE OTTAWA-CORNWALL DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2024

REGISTRATION:

1. Each person attending this convention shall register at the convention registration desk and shall be required to wear the official badge for admission to all business sessions.
2. Registrants shall be classified as: voting delegates (parish presidents), accredited delegates (diocesan officers, parish accredited, honorary life member and life members), Catholic Women's League members, hierarchy, spiritual advisors or guests.
3. The registration and credentials committee, at the beginning of the first business session, shall provide a credentials report summarizing the number of voting members registered at the convention. When adopted, the credentials report shall be the official roll of voting members. If additional voting members register after the report has been adopted, a supplementary report shall be given and adopted at the beginning of the next business session.
4. A Catholic Women's League member registered as an accredited delegate may, upon proper clearance by the registration and credentials committee, be transferred from accredited to voting status at any time during the business sessions.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS:

5. The business sessions of the convention shall have a designated area in which all voting members will be seated. All members are requested to be in their seats at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled sessions open.

VOTING:

6. Voting cards shall be issued to voting members and these cards shall be exhibited when a member votes.
7. The chair shall ask for affirmative and negative votes only. A voting member wishing her abstention to be recorded in the minutes shall request same before the vote is taken.

DEBATE:

8. Anyone wishing to speak shall use the microphone, which shall be available on the floor, take a place in line, and upon being recognized, state name, status, parish and diocese.
9. When time is of the essence, voting members shall be given priority to speak over non-voting members.

10. No delegate shall speak more than once on the same motion on the same day, or longer than three (3) minutes, without permission of the assembly.
11. No delegate shall be allowed to transfer time for discussion to another delegate whose time has lapsed.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

12. Members wishing to introduce new business to this convention shall submit the proposed motion on the proper form to the president or recording secretary at least one (1) hour prior to the business session at which it will be presented.
13. Only resolutions submitted to the resolutions committee before March 15, 2024 shall be considered for presentation to this convention.
14. Resolutions concerning urgent matters may be accepted after the deadline of March 15, 2024 for the presentation to this convention, at the discretion of the resolutions committee.
15. Copies of resolutions shall be made available to the delegates prior to the business sessions.
16. The procedure for presenting resolutions to the convention shall be:
 - a) The resolutions chairperson shall read the resolution.
 - b) The president of the parish submitting the resolution shall move its adoption. If more than one parish has submitted the resolution, the diocesan president concerned shall decide prior to the meeting who will move its adoption.
 - c) The president(s) of the parish(es) submitting the resolution shall have the opportunity to speak first to the resolution or shall designate another person to speak in her place.
17. Amendments to resolutions shall be submitted on the proper form to the resolutions chairperson, preferably by the end of the business meeting on the day prior to the meeting at which the resolutions will be presented; otherwise, they shall be submitted on the proper form to the resolutions chairperson at the time they are presented.
18. Final wording of titles and briefs shall be the responsibility of the resolutions committee.
19. Grammatical or minor changes to a resolution may not need to be formally amended but may be given to the resolutions committee prior to the resolution being presented to the assembly.
20. Adopted resolutions shall be posted to the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada website.

MINUTES:

21. The diocesan president shall appoint a minutes review committee to verify the minutes of all meetings of the convention.

22. The diocesan executive shall approve the minutes of this convention at its winter meeting. If corrections are necessary after approval, they may be made by motion at a convention.

PUBLICITY:

23. Only the diocesan president, or someone designated by her, may grant official interviews about the work and the policies of the League.
24. All publicity shall be under the supervision of the convention publicity chairperson in co-operation with the diocesan president.

MISCELLANEOUS:

25. No materials shall be distributed at this convention without the prior approval of the diocesan president.
26. No appeals of support, collections or announcements of any kind shall be made without a written request, clearly stating the purpose and identifying the person making the request, having been presented in advance to the diocesan president and approved by the diocesan executive.
27. Any actions adopted at this convention shall become effective at the adjournment of the convention unless a specific date has been chosen by this convention for particular action to become effective.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

These rules are not amendable as they are taken from the Constitution & Bylaws 2023.

A. Voting powers: [PART XV, Section 2]

- a) Voting delegates shall take part in all proceedings and shall have the power to vote on all questions.
- b) Accredited delegates may take part in the business sessions of the annual convention and vote on any question except the election of officers, amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws and increase in per capita fees. (Note: Other CWL members and Spiritual Advisors may speak when recognized by the chair, but they may not introduce motions or vote.)

B. A parliamentarian may be appointed for the convention at the discretion of the president. [PART XXI (b)]