

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
OTTAWA-CORNWALL DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT BOOK 2024**



**Joyfully!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION  
MAY 3, 2025  
ST. BERNARD'S PARISH, FINCH  
THEME: "THE JOY OF SISTERHOOD"**

**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”

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

<b>PARISH PRESIDENTS &amp; SPIRITUAL ADVISORS 2024</b>		
<b>PARISH:</b>	<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b>
<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	BEV COSSETTE	FR. KEVIN DARWENT, CC
<b>DIVINE INFANT</b>	MARGARET HEUTHORST & CINDY KEARNS-O'HARA	FR. WALDEMAR PODLASZ, SDS
<b>HOLY REDEEMER</b>	LILLIAN DELMAS	FR. PAUL NWAEZE
<b>HOLY SPIRIT</b>	CLAIRE MOORE	MSGR. JOSEPH MULDOON/ FR. GEOFFREY KERSLAKE
<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	FRANCES MURPHY PIKE	REV. FR. FRANK BREWER
<b>NIGERIAN IGBO</b>	BERNADETTE OJIAKU	FR. PAUL NWAEZE
<b>OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS</b>	DARLENE MACGREGOR	FR. ALBERT KAMBA
<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b>	JENNIFER JONES	FR. LINDSAY HARRISON
<b>OUR LADY OF GRACE/ST. PIUS X</b>	MARGARET MCALLISTER	FR. AUGUSTINE CHIKE OBAGO
<b>OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</b>	LORRAINE BARKER	FR. ANTHONY NWAHIRI/ FR. GERARD PLANT

<b>OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION</b>	SANDRA BLAIS	DEACON PAT MCNULTY
<b>RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD</b>	VIOLA TOBIN	FR. ROBERT MASTERNAK, SDS
<b>ST. ANDREWS WEST</b>	MARY JOYCE-SMITH	FR. LOUIS GROETELAARS
<b>ST. ANDREW (NEPEAN)</b>	LINDA LOVELACE	FR. PIERRE CHAMPOUX
<b>ST. BASIL</b>	ELIZABETH LARMOND ELLIOT	FR. DARYOLD WINKLER
<b>ST. BERNARD</b>	MONIQUE LABELLE-MONTGOMERY	FR. AUGUSTINE CHIKE OBAGO
<b>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b>	BEV ROWAN	FR. HEZUK SCHROFF
<b>ST. CLARE</b>	ADA GORRIE & TILLEY O'CONNOR	? FR. ROBERT POOLE
<b>ST. COLUMBAN</b>	VALERIE ROWE	FR. TOM RIOPELLE
<b>ST. FAUSTINA</b>	BETTY FEHR	DEACON TOM DONOHUE
<b>ST. FINNAN</b>	INEZ FRANKLIN	FR. JONATHAN BLAKE, PP
<b>ST. FRANCIS DE SALES</b>	MARIA TERRENCE	MSGR. KEVIN MALONEY
<b>ST. ISIDORE</b>	LISA ZANNESE	FR. GEOFFREY KERSLAKE
<b>ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR</b>	MARIE SEGUIN	FRIAR MAURICE RICHARD
<b>ST. JAMES</b>	ANN MALLOY	FR. JONATHAN BLAKE
<b>ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE</b>	AUDREY WOJCIK /ROSEMARY FIKIS	FR. EMEKA ONYEOGUBALU
<b>ST. LEONARD</b>	ANNA MENCARINI	FR. GERARD PLANT/ FR. JOHN ORBAN
<b>ST. MARTIN DE PORRES</b>	ROSANNE NADON	FR. TITUS EGBUEH
<b>ST. MARY (ALMONTE)</b>	CINDY ZORGEL	FR. CYPRIAN ADIBE
<b>ST. MAURICE</b>	ANGELA DARWIN	FR. BEN ST. CROIX
<b>ST. PATRICK (FALLOWFIELD)</b>	ANNE LAMONT	FR. PAUL SHEPHERD
<b>ST. PETER</b>	DIANE SCOTT	FR. THEO NNOROM
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b>	BARB PAQUETTE	FR. VIRGIL AMIRTHAKUMAR



Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all of you on the occasion of the Ottawa-Cornwall Catholic Women's League's 2nd Annual Convention! It is with great joy and honour that I, as your Archbishop, participate in this blessed gathering. The theme of your convention, "Joy of Sisterhood," along with the powerful words from Proverbs 31:25, *"And she laughs at the days to come,"* reflects the unwavering hope, strength, and trust that each of you brings to your communities. Your faith is radiant, and I truly believe that the joy you bring into this world reflects the joy that comes from our Lord.

I am deeply thankful to God for the amazing work every one of you accomplishes in your parishes and beyond. You are beacons of light and hope, shining brightly in a world that often finds itself in need of the grace and compassion only Christ can provide. Your dedication to serving others, lifting each other up, and working toward the greater good is a testimony to the living faith that unites us all.

As you gather in prayer and fellowship during this convention, I am reminded of the words of our Savior in the Gospel of John: *"I seek not my own will, but the will of Him who sent me"* (John 5:30). You are truly walking in Jesus' footsteps. Your willingness to give of yourselves and seek the will of God in your actions is inspiring. Like Jesus, you do not seek recognition or fame, but rather to glorify God through your service.

May you all continue to live joyfully in the Lord, embracing the joy of sisterhood, and knowing that your lives are a beautiful testament to His love and grace. Here I am, Lord—send me. Together, we can continue to spread His light and love in the world.

With blessings and prayers for each of you,

✠ Marcel Damphousse (Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall)



CWL Spiritual Advisor  
Fr. Steven Gaudet  
Annual Report

Dear Sisters in the League

I pray that this past year has brought you everything that God has needed to give you. This past year, my ministry has had me pulled in various directions, with split assignments at Holy Redeemer parish & Carleton University, and now at St. Columban's and St. Francis de Sales. Know however that no matter how much I move, or wherever I am presently posted, the Catholic Women's League are in my prayers.

A particular joy this year was my opportunity in July to travel to Sudbury for the Ontario provincial convention. There I was able to connect with many other of the spiritual advisors-Father Stéphane *Kingston*, who I've known for years, Fr. Paul Kim, *London*, who I studied in seminary with; and many others. Together the spiritual advisors had the opportunity to pray for, and be present to the league as we met for the convention. Congratulations to another successful convention, and big thank you to everyone who made it possible.

2024 also brings to us a jubilee year of hope. My prayer for all our councils this year, is that we may have a graced season of hope.

Praying for you all  
Fr. Steven Gaudet  
Spiritual Advisor

*Fr. Steven Gaudet*



CWL Ontario Provincial Council  
Ottawa-Cornwall Representatives  
Sudbury, 2024





## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

My dear sisters in the League,

Convention is a time of celebration, education and faith support. As you gather in convention this year, I welcome and congratulate you on behalf of the national executive/board and all members across Canada.

2024 was a year of transition and planning for the League, and now, as we journey into 2025, we celebrate a Jubilee Year, a year of *hope*.

Pope Francis said, "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring." Is this not true of the League? We work for our parish, the church and our communities with faith and hope.

And this is what you have done as members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese. That work that you do strengthens all of us. We are women of the church. We proudly go forward speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves or are unheard, and we do outreach through faith, service and social justice. It is a calling of hope.

So, my dear sisters, thank you. You are appreciated and congratulated for the work that you do, for the voice that you share and your support within your community.

My hope is that the League continues its work "For God and Canada," that the invitation to join us is heard by all women and that the League's voice continues to grow.

You have answered the call... *Here I am Lord, send me.*

May God bless you,

Shari Guinta  
National President

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April 2025

Dear Sisters and Spiritual Advisors:

**RE: 2nd OTTAWA-CORNWALL ANNUAL REPORT**

It is with great joy that I write this letter of greetings to you for your 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Report. The annual report is an important opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments of members within your diocese each calendar year.

A mix of repeating and special initiatives involving the sharing of the gift of presence, developing awareness on health and social justice issues, developing tools to assist members in leadership roles, and many other initiatives demonstrate engagement of members, and meaningful impacts across the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese.

On behalf of all your sisters in Ontario, congratulations on another year of service to God and Canada. We pray in gratitude for your commitment to the League and its mission to call *members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service!!*

In joy-filled faith,

*Colleen*



May 3, 2025

Dearest CWL sisters and spiritual advisors,

We did it! We have completed another successful year of serving God and Canada through our parish and diocesan Catholic Women's League work, by growing and celebrating in faith, by faithfully serving those in need, and by standing firm for social justice.

Today, we come together to celebrate 2024. We are celebrating all that we've accomplished in our parish councils and our diocesan council, but most importantly we are celebrating our sisterhood. We are gathered to celebrate at our 2nd Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CWL Convention - 32 parish councils strong, with over 2000 members. Together, we are making a difference and touching hearts.

Here I am Lord, send me. (Isaiah 6:8) This is a call for each of us that was brought forward by our National CWL, and one that is close to my heart. It is the call I answered when I let my name stand for President of the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CWL. And I am so grateful I did. I have learned so much as president, and my life has been enriched by the friends I have made these last 2 years. The team that was brought together to serve on the Diocesan Council went above and beyond after our amalgamation, and it has been a joy to witness this coming together of CWL sisters across our expanded Archdiocese.

I am so proud of all we have accomplished in 2024. Reading the presidents' reports was inspiring, and I am excited to see what 2025 will bring. I look forward to continuing to serve you as past-president.

For God and Canada,

In joy and love,

Melina Nobert

Diocesan President (Ottawa-Cornwall CWL)

## **OTTAWA-CORNWALL CWL OFFICERS ACTIVITY REPORTS**

### **ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

#### **PRESIDENT: MELINA NOBERT**

- worked on our Diocesan budget with our treasurer and secretary
- chaired CWL Diocesan Officer and Executive Meetings, in person and virtually
- met with our Diocesan CWL Spiritual Advisor
- worked with parish presidents and diocesan officers
- attended the Winter and Fall OPC meetings in Toronto
- sent out memos and answered emails
- prepared agendas, reports, posters, power points
- attended CWL luncheons, brunches, parish CWL events, and funerals
- mentored parish presidents with virtual meetings and by answering questions
- helped councils navigate parish CWL elections
- helped to plan and chair Lent and Advent Retreats and OLOG Ceremony
- chaired our 1st Diocesan CWL Convention
- attended planning committee meetings for our 1st and 2nd Diocesan Conventions
- hosted a virtual instructed vote for Provincial CWL elections
- appointed a replacement for our Diocesan Treasurer
- appointed a chair to finalize our new Policy and Procedure Manual
- met with Life Members to prepare an upcoming League Development Day
- initiated a Diocesan wide food drive in June
- appointed a Diocesan CWL representative to give a parish guidance and info
- liaised for a parish CWL and pastor conflict. Sought Prov. and Nat. help
- sent a Diocesan CWL representative to a Holy Hour for Vocations and to Development and Peace meetings
- attended the Provincial CWL Convention in Sudbury and the National CWL Convention in Saskatoon
- attended 2 pow-wows - one in Ottawa and one in Cornwall
- laid a CWL wreath at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony for National
- began planning for our For the Love of Chocolate February event
- attended various CWL virtual events
- served as signing officer
- liaised between National, Provincial, Diocesan and Parish CWL Councils
- shared our Diocesan Zoom account with requesting parishes
- worked to implement our Diocesan, Provincial, and National theme

**PROVERBS 31:25 “AND SHE LAUGHS AT THE DAYS TO COME.”**

## **ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

### **VICE PRESIDENT: MARY ELLEN JAMES**

- Assisted with two prospective members joining our Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council as requested by National with the help of parish presidents contacting each person
- Chaired the Convention Planning Committee and participated in our inaugural convention in May 2024 with over 150 members participating from all parts of the new very large geography. During the day of convention, we asked Archbishop Dampousse to bless us as we in turn blessed each other singing "May the blessing of the Lord be upon you". The archbishop told us that he had never participated in such a double blessing before as his face shone with joy!
- Chaired the Policy and Procedure Manual Committee developing a draft Policy and Procedure Manual for the newly amalgamated council and ready to be voted on early 2025
- Attended Diocesan Officers Meetings January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Attended Diocesan Executive Meetings-February 12<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Attended/chaired Convention Planning Meetings- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup> (in person at convention site), June 10<sup>th</sup> (in person)
- Chaired successful inaugural Diocesan Convention May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Chaired Policy and Procedure Manual Committee meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> to review final draft of P & P Manual for presentation to membership in early 2025.
- Participated in virtual Lenten Retreat with Fr Steven Gaudet (March 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Participated in Advent Retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (November 30<sup>th</sup>)

**EACH DAY IS A GIFT TO BE OPENED WITH PRAYER.**

**ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**  
**PAST PRESIDENTS: CLAUDETTE LANGDON & ANGELA GAUDET**

- Served as members of the organizing committee for the Inaugural Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Convention in 2024
- Supported our new President in a consultative capacity with our new diocesan
- Began the collection of information for the new diocesan's history
- Attended Provincial Convention in Sudbury
- Provided support and input in development of a new diocesan Manual of Policy and Procedure
- Assisted in maintaining the League's continuity, promoting the national and provincial themes
- Supported our Parish Councils and provided guidance and information
- Engaged ladies of the parishes to become involved in the League
- Attended Diocesan meetings and supported events
- Participated in Honour Guards for our deceased members
- Volunteered in our Parish Church and continued our service on various Ministries
- Attended Workshops/Webinars hosted by Diocesan, Provincial and National Councils
- Assisted in updating the Book of Life
- Served on the Diocesan Election Committee. Created and sent out elections' packages for the new diocesan executive election.
- Developed the Past President Annual Reports for Diocesan and Provincial

**Claudette Langdon**

- Completed the former Ottawa Diocesan archives review
- At the request of the Diocesan President, visited a parish who needed some guidance and information

**ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**  
**TREASURER: ANGELA GAUDET**

- Prepared detailed report for meetings
- Prepared year-end report
- Prepared budget for review
- Deposited and wrote cheques as requested
- Checked statements to ledger

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Opening Balance as of January 1, 2024 \$12,460.74

**Revenues:**

Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese	\$ 8,000.00	
Per Capita/Dues	6,176.00	
Reimbursement from Provincial (Zoom)	100.00	
Reimbursement from National (Remembrance Day Wreath)	137.86	
Diocesan Convention (Collection & Elimination Draw)	2,117.40	
Diocesan Convention	<u>11,403.00</u>	<u>27,934.26</u>
Sub-total:		\$40,395.00

**Expenditures:**

Bank Charges – January to December	42.06	
Bank Fee – Custom Cheques	199.42	
Provincial CWL – Insurance	329.54	
CWL Canada – Liability Insurance 43 x .85	36.55	
Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat breakdown		
- Msgr. Joseph Muldoon	150.00	
- Jen Bantham – musician	100.00	
- Michele Hundertmark – flowers	<u>50.82</u>	
Total for OLGC Retreat	<b>300.82</b>	
Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Banner – Flying Colours	540.17	
Diocesan Convention breakdown		
- Speakers, Entertainment & Bookmarks	650.00	
- Luncheon – Annunciation of the Lord CWL	1,430.00	
- Banquet Meal – Allen Galachiuk	7,562.50	
- Shalom House Collection	1,422.40	
- Roxborough Bus Lines	750.00	
- Heather Sisk – Printing	503.98	
- Cheryl Bradley – glass, chocolates, flowers	100.50	
- Michele Hundertmark – elimination draw, chips, roses	<u>232.10</u>	
Total for Diocesan Convention	<b>12,651.48</b>	
Provincial Convention – Fr. Steven Gaudet Spiritual Advisor	1,224.77	
Provincial Convention – Claudette Langdon - Accredited	500.00	
National Convention – Melina Nobert – Accredited	2,000.00	
National Convention – Jean Anderson – Accredited	370.00	
Zoom subscription	242.84	
Remembrance Day Wreath	137.86	
Advent Retreat (speakers)	<u>400.00</u>	<u>(18,975.51)</u>

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2024 \$ 21,419.49





## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Council: Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CwL  
Treasurer: Angela Gaudet  
Address: 14059 Cty. Rd. 43 Finch, ON K0C1K0  
Date: March 1, 2025 Email Address: amgaudet12@gmail.com

Donations Received for Past Calendar Year 2024

National Voluntary Fund	
Coady International Institute	175.00
Development and Peace—Caritas Canada	750.00
Catholic Missions In Canada	2,283.50
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	1,001.05
National Voluntary Fund Subtotal	4,209.55
Standing Committees	
Faith	18,181.45
Service	33,116.04
Social Justice	16,532.35
Standing Committees Subtotal	67,829.84
All Donations	
National Voluntary Fund Subtotal	4,209.55
Standing Committees Subtotal	67,829.84
Parish Donations	16,475.18
Other Donations	15,200.00
TOTAL	103,714.57

Name of Treasurer: Angela Gaudet Signature: Angela Gaudet

Submit the completed report according to guidelines in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*, keeping one copy for council records.

## **ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SECRETARY: HEATHER SISK**

- Attended (either by Zoom or in person), recorded and distributed the minutes for the following meetings:
  - Officers Meetings: (January 15 & 23, September 5)  
The September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting included supper and I hosted it at my home.
  - Executive Meetings:  
(February 12, April 8, April 24, May 27, & October 7)
  - Convention Planning Meetings:  
(January 3, February 5, March 4, & June 10)
  - Diocesan Convention at Annunciation of the Lord Parish (May 4)
- Attended the Lenten Reflection with Fr. Steven Gaudet on Zoom (March 13)
- Attended the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass & Reception at St. Ignatius the Martyr Parish (April 26).
- Attended the Provincial Convention in Sudbury (July 6 to 10)
- Attended a Zoom meeting for secretaries with Provincial Secretary Lisa Henry (October 8)
- Served on the Policy and Procedure Manual Committee and attended all meetings pertaining to that.
- Hosted a Life Members gathering at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish to begin plans for League Development Day. (November 25)
- Attended the Advent Retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (November 30).
- Attended a supper/meeting at Melina's house to discuss 2025 budget (December 30)
- Sent sympathy /get well/celebratory cards as requested by the president.
- Reported on any correspondence sent or received at each meeting.
- Served as a signing officer for the council.
- Compiled, typed and arranged for printing of the 2023 Annual Report Book that was distributed at Diocesan Convention on May 4th.

**FRIENDS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU SMILE BRIGHTER, LAUGH LOUDER AND LIVE BETTER.**

## **ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

### **FAITH CHAIR: JEAN ANDERSON**

It has been a rich and rewarding year serving as Diocesan Faith Chair (2024).

Here is an overview of some activities:

- Sent out regular (bi-monthly) emails to parish Faith Chairs bringing to their attention National, Provincial and Diocesan Webinars, Workshops and Activity posters.
- Incorporated classical and fresh styles of prayers and novenas using on-line sources, libraries, videos and cassettes.
- Attended almost all Diocesan officer and executive meetings in person and/or on-line.
- Submitted names of deceased Sisters to National and Provincial Councils and sent cards of condolence as often as possible.
- Arranged a Lenten Retreat on Zoom with our Spiritual Advisor
- With the wonderful team at Our Lady of Fatima, I arranged an in-person Advent Retreat with a guest speaker.
- Attended a Vocations Panel Meeting evening at St. Martin de Porres.
- Spread the use of The Daisy Prayer in councils.
- Incorporated the use of National, Provincial and Diocesan themes in activities.
- Organized the OLGCM Mass with Msgr. Muldoon officiating, with the help of St. Ignatius the Martyr Council in April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Prepared the spiritual content for the Diocesan Convention and worked with council Sisters on the music program.
- Reported on the synodal process to all councils.
- Attended a Diocesan Holy Hour with CCO SUMMIT at Notre Dame Basilica last fall.
- Encouraged all councils to organize a Palliative Care Holy Hour in May.
- I was blessed to attend the Provincial Convention in Sudbury (expenses paid by my parish council) and the National Convention in Saskatoon (partial expenses covered by Diocesan Council).
- I know there is more to say but here you have the bones of it for sure!
- Thank you for a great year of service on the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council. "Here I am Lord, send me, joyfully!"

**FEW PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD WOULD ACCOMPLISH IN THEM IF THEY WERE TO ABANDON THEMSELVES UNRESERVEDLY TO GOD AND IF THEY WERE TO ALLOW GOD'S GRACE TO MOLD THEM ACCORDINGLY.**

**(ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA)**

## **ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SERVICE CHAIR: MICHELE HUNDERTMARK**

### **Notes from the Service Chair**

I know people say, "Well, I can't believe another year has gone by!" But I can't believe another year has gone by. It feels like last month when we celebrated our first year as a Diocesan Council at Annunciation of the Lord Parish in Ottawa and our first Ottawa Cornwall Convention.

Like many of you in the Service Chair, I, too, have found it challenging to find my place in the new structure. Although it seems quite manageable on paper, it can be perplexing at times to execute as time dissolves through your fingers like sand.

This Service Chair, with the assistance of fellow Diocesan Sisters, proposed two food drives throughout the year. Were they a success? I think any food collected for any food bank was more food than they had. So, yes, they were a success.

The position of Service Chair on the diocesan level is slightly different than that of the parish level. I can suggest activities for my sisters to do, but it is up to them to implement them IF they are in line with the goals of the Parish Council for that year.

I would like to thank my sisters on this Council for their friendship and prayers while I served on this First Diocesan Council. It was a privilege to sit at the same table with you all.

### **HEART OF A SERVANT**

**GIVE ME THE HEART OF A SERVANT,**

**TENDER AND FAITHFUL AND TRUE.**

**FILL ME WITH LOVE, THEN USE ME, O LORD,**

**SO THAT THE WORLD CAN SEE YOU.**

## **ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAIR: LINDA LYNCH**

Meetings attended: Throughout the reporting period, I actively participated in various in-person and Zoom meetings at both the parish and diocesan level. These gatherings provided valuable opportunities to discuss upcoming initiatives, and engage in faith-filled discussions that strengthen our commitment to service, social justice and spiritual growth.

Fall Retreat – Advent – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Our Lady of Fatima:

During the Advent season, I attended the CWL Advent Retreat, which offered a time of spiritual renewal and reflection. Through scripture, prayer, and fellowship we deepened our understanding of Advent's themes – hope, joy and mission, while preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. This retreat served as a meaningful reminder of our call to faith and service in our daily life.

One significant project as Social Justice Chair involved the collection of over 4,000 empty milk bags, which were repurposed to create sleeping mats for those struggling with housing insecurities. This initiative not only promotes environmental sustainability but also provides practical assistance to those in need.

#### Events in early 2025:

Spring Retreat -Lent – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Lenten Retreat was another uplifting experience that provided a moment of spiritual rejuvenation as we embraced the new season. Through guided reflection from our guest speaker Nancy Steele, communal prayer, and engaging discussions, we explored ways to live out our faith with renewed energy. The retreat encouraged us to bring the spirit of renewal into our CWL activities and personal lives, reinforcing our dedication to the League's mission.

Additionally, the CWL had a food collection drive during Lent. During the month of February we hosted a "For the Love of Chocolate" event in Cornwall. This event was in support of St. Vincent de Paul and Centre 105 and raised over \$4,000. These efforts ensured that families facing food insecurities had access to essential nourishment, aligning with our League's mission of compassion and service.

Conclusion: The past months have been filled with faith-filled gatherings, meaningful social justice and service projects, and opportunities for personal and communal growth. As we continue our journey, I remain committed to fostering faith, service, and leadership within the CWL and wider community.

**ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**LIFE MEMBER LIAISON:** MARY ELLEN VILLENEUVE

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:** 1

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 20

Jane Munro is my Co-Chairperson.

We lost one Life Member this year: Marion Haramis.

Our members were active in their parishes:

- As readers, lectors, Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, bringing Communion to the sick and shut-ins.
- Leading Prayer Group year-round, leading Stations of the Cross in Lent.
- As helpers, with the Sacrament of Baptism, funeral reception coordinators, ministry schedulers, Library committees, secretaries, treasurers, members of parish councils, members of liturgical councils, board, mentors, Eucharistic Adoration, members on variety of committees.
- Involved with updating Diocesan P&P
- Helped host first Ottawa-Cornwall Life Member lunch.
- Attended Conventions - National, Provincial and Diocesan.
- One member is a screening officer for the Provincial CWL Council.
- Participated in Virtual Divine Mercy for Peace in the Ukraine at 8:00 am daily hosted by Provincial President.
- Attended CWL Friendship Lunches once a month organized to provide for a social atmosphere to exchange ideas with retiring officers, Honorary Life and Life Members from a variety of Councils.
- Involved in "For the Love of Chocolate Night" in February to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul and Center 105.
- Worked on updating and combining the Alexandria-Cornwall and the Ottawa Life Member book together as one Ottawa-Cornwall Life Member Book

**PRAYER FOR LIFE MEMBERS**

**HEAVENLY FATHER, THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF OUR PATRONESS, OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, WE ASK YOU TO HOLD IN YOUR HAND ALL LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA.**

**IN PARTICULAR, WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING ILLNESS OF THE BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT. MAY THEY BE OPEN TO YOUR HEALING LOVE AS THEY STRUGGLE WITH THEIR TRIALS.**

**WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON, JESUS. AMEN.**

## **OTTAWA-CORNWALL LIFE MEMBERS**

### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

**JOAN CHESSER**

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

**SHIRLEY BERNIER**

**JESSIE BOUSQUET**

**JEANNIE COLEMAN**

**KAY DUBREUIL**

**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**

**MARY ELLEN VILLENEUVE**

**ANNE VINCELLI**





## SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL – CWL LIAISON REPORT 2024

ANGELA GAUDET

### Some history about the Service Club.

Since 2005, The Catholic Women's League have been working together with twelve other service clubs in our community. We strive to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society as we commit to our pledge for social justice. The nine councils from the Cornwall area support financially or by their attendance at these Service Club Council events.

In January 2024, two teams from the Catholic Women's League participated in the Annual Bowl-Off which was held in Cornwall.

In February 2024, members attended the Annual Banquet in Cornwall. As the Service Club CWL Liaison, there is a rotation list and the Catholic Women's League was installed as Treasurer. Being on the Service Club executive, means that we are automatically on the Children's Christmas Fund board.

In August 2024, some members helped out at the Blood Donor Clinic at the Best Western in Cornwall.

In September 2024, some members attended the Ham Supper which was a fundraiser for the Children's Christmas Fund.

The Santa Claus Parade was held on November 16, 2024.

Our commitment of JELLO to the food baskets saw the councils collect 1,984 boxes.

Through the Children's Christmas Fund Appeal, food baskets were provided to 1600 families.

CWL members are encouraged to support the different activities throughout the year sponsored by member organizations. By our support, with the different fundraising initiatives of the member Clubs, we can work together to help our community.

With your involvement, I am proud to represent the CWL on the Service Club Council of Cornwall and District.

**BY SERVING OTHERS, WE SERVE GOD!**

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

#### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** BEV COSSETTE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. KEVIN DARWENT CC

**MEMBERS:** 60

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 1

**The following are the events and activities which gave Annunciation of the Lord CWL the most joy in 2024.**

May 04, 2024 we were very much honoured to **host the 1<sup>st</sup> Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Convention**. The lunch menu was set by our sister, Michele Hundertmark, she and other Council members prepared and served attendees and ensured all were taken care of.

October 19, 2024 our parish held a **Mass of Hope** for children lost during miscarriage or early infancy. The sisters of the Queenship of Mary, 351 Lake George Road, Plantagenet, ON hosted a reception following the mass. Our CWL council donated to a newly created **Memorial Garden of Hope** which extends into other established gardens at our parish. This particular garden was created by a new Garden Ministry which now maintains our gardens where the community can enjoy the beauty of nature while praying.

Our main annual fund raiser, which involves most council members is **Our Christmas Bazaar** held Saturday on November 16, 2024. Our tourtieres have proven to be very popular in our local community. This year we increased our volume and added more tourtiere pie making days. The days we come together to assemble the pies are days of many laughs and great fellowship of council members. This year we added an exclusive preorder opportunity for CWL to our regular pie making schedule which proved to be very popular and profitable

#### **HOW TO GAIN SPIRITUAL WEIGHT:**

**F – BE FAITHFUL TO DO ALL THAT GOD TELLS YOU TO DO.**

**A – BE AVAILABLE FOR HIS USE.**

**T – BE TEACHABLE.**

**GO AHEAD – GET FAT WITH GOD!**

<b>DIVINE INFANT</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENTS:</b> MARGARET CHAN-HEUTHORST & CINDY KEARNS-O'HARA	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. WALDEMAR PODLASZ, SDS	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 46	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<p><b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b></p> <p>With the blessing and approval of the Pastoral Council, the CWL began work on leading our <b>18-month parish-wide mission entitled "LIVING THE BEATITUDES, LOVE IN ACTION."</b> This mission has been an exceptional opportunity for spiritual growth where every parish ministry and every parishioner are invited to consciously learn, live and love in accordance with each of the eight Beatitudes. As we journey through each Beatitude; a decal is placed on the church wall and a booklet is prepared. For two months everyone is invited to learn and live the Beatitude. The booklets for each Beatitude are permanently placed on the CWL page of our parish website for parishioners to revisit. So far, our parish has journeyed through 3 of the 8 Beatitudes. By next January (2026) our parish will have learned about and lived all 8 Beatitudes.</p> <p>Another event the CWL particularly enjoyed in 2024 was our <b>"Spring Tea"</b> event. This was a beautiful social event, bringing the parish community together to enjoy High tea with all the fixings. St. Matthew students helped by serving sandwiches, baked goods and tea to each table. It was a huge success with much joy and celebration.</p> <p>Then there were <b>collaborative events with the Knights of Columbus.</b> We always enjoy helping them out with their "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper", the parish BBQ in June and the fall drive for items to St. Vincent de Paul.</p> <p>Finally, our CWL enjoys the <b>spiritual exercises at our parish:</b> Leading Stations of the Cross in Lent, Adoration in thanksgiving for all the blessings and support twice a year, and spiritual talks at CWL meetings.</p>	

**FAITH GIVES WINGS TO PRAYER, AND WITHOUT IT  
NO ONE CAN FLY UPWARD TO HEAVEN.**

(ST. JOHN CLIMACUS)

<b>HOLY REDEEMER</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> LILLIAN DELMAS	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. PAUL NWAEZE	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 28	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b>	
<p>We are thankful that with God's grace we were able to provide monetary and concrete support to: Birthright Ottawa, Cornerstone Housing for homeless women, St. Mary's Home for mothers and children, St. Joe's Women's Centre and Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem.</p> <p>We were also able to support our Parish Refugee Committee and provide two Bursaries to Holy Trinity High School.</p> <p>We are also gratified that our CWL "Prayer Box", filled monthly with parishioners intention requests, allows us to offer support and comfort through our intercessory prayers.</p> <p>The support and fellowship we give each other is also a great source of joy and we are thankful for our membership in the Catholic Women's League.</p>	

<b>HOLY SPIRIT</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> CLAIRE MOORE	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> MSGR. JOSEPH MULDOON (UNTIL JULY) FR. GEOFFREY KERSLAKE (AFTER JULY)	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 64	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 2
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b>	
<p>Our focus this past year was on youth and youth mental health. Together we learned more about this topic and supported good works for youth.</p> <p>Our Council was pleased to have several guest speakers attend our General Meetings and all parishioners were invited. Guest speakers included Father Connor O'Hara, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese; Dr. Richard Bolduc, Ottawa</p>	

Catholic School Board; Melanie Robishaw, Project Rachel; Psychologist Risa Mallory on women's heart health; and Cindy Manor from the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre. Parishioners appreciated the opportunity to hear all our speakers.

We held several fundraisers including our Annual Bazaar in November. Our Bazaar is a great deal of work for everyone involved but our members worked together in a spirit of joy and cooperation, and we had a very successful event. Two other fundraisers that we held were a Euchre party and Paint Night which were more about joy than work and were full of laughter and fun. The funds we raised from our events enabled us to provide much needed donations to a number of charities including the Stittsville Food Bank, Shepherds of Good Hope, The Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, Youville Centre, Dave Smith Centre, Holy Spirit Parish and its Youth Ministry, Stittsville Youth Centre and Chrysallis House.

We also offered our Secret Sister program again, which helped us care about each other in our Council and live the joy of our sisterhood in Christ.

## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** FRANCES MURPHY PIKE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** REV. FR. FRANK BREWER

**MEMBERS:** 26

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 2

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

1. Attended Diocesan Convention and all Zoom meetings.
2. Presented Years of Service pins to 17 members.
3. Awarded 3 bursaries to 3 Grade 12 students from Catholic High Schools in our area.
4. (a) Raised money for bursaries from book sales held alongside with Knights of Columbus breakfasts.  
(b) Raised money from Bridge Club games held twice a month, a very successful endeavour.
5. For 3 weeks before Christmas we arranged a donation drive, and asked the parish to help us raise money for the Youville Centre.
6. Donated money to Heron Rd. Food Bank.
7. Attended Pastoral Council meetings.
8. During Lent, we lead a Friday evening's Stations of the Cross.
9. (a) An IHM CWL member arranged 2 'Come and See' events after 2 Masses on one Sunday to inform women about our CWL Council and encourage them to become members.

(b) Before Christmas the same member led a successful donation drive in the parish to raise donations of toques, mitts and scarves for local charities to distribute to children in need.

10. Another member, a psychiatrist, blessed us with a lecture on MAiD. At another of our meetings she discussed the cancellation of daily Mass at local hospitals.

11. And much more!

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** DARLENE MACGREGOR

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. ALBERT KAMBA

**MEMBERS:** 23

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

We hosted an **Easter Brunch**. It was amazing and we shared the story of Jesus by handing out booklets.

For our **First Communion** participants we handed out water fonts with holy water.

For **Mother and Father's Day** Sundays one of our members shared a poem to honour them.

We also started **sharing Bible quotes** at each meeting or sometimes sharing information on upcoming events.

We planned a **Pilgrimage to Rigaud** for the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year.

We continued to **donate to our two local high schools**.

We always **support and provide for our parish supper** in the fall.

We had a **guest speaker** in November. A lawyer gave a presentation on estate planning and Powers of Attorney and wills.

Organized our yearly **Christmas activity for the kids**. The theme this year focussed on the three wise men story.

At our **Christmas supper** this year we invited 5 women in our parish as guests and gained one new member.

**PRAYER – THE WORLD'S GREATEST WIRELESS CONNECTION. (ANONYMOUS)**

<b>OUR LADY OF GRACE/ST. PIUS X</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> MARGARET MCALLISTER <b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. AUGUSTINE OBAGO CHIKE <b>MEMBERS:</b> 31 <b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 1	
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b>  <p>One of the best joys for our members is the support of the youth in our community. To assist with this, we gave a gift to all Communion and confirmation candidates. We also hosted a reception for both events.</p> <p>Each year we offer a bursary to any member of our parish moving on to post-secondary education.</p> <p>Another joy for us is the support of the unborn and their mothers. To do this we have an ongoing project where we provide layette baskets for any mother needing support. We run a baby bottle campaign each year from Mother's Day to Father's Day with the proceeds given to the local Pro-life group to help them in their work.</p> <p>Lastly, we are joyful that we can assist our parish with some of the challenges facing them. A portion of our funds raised each year is assigned for any unusual expenditure. The last contribution was to the fund for replacing/repairing the handrails at the St. Pius X church.</p>	

<b>OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> LORRAINE BARKER <b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. ANTHONY NWAOHIRI (UNTIL JULY) FR. GERARD PLANT (AFTER JULY) <b>MEMBERS:</b> 58 <b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 2 <b>HONORARY LIFE MEMBER:</b> 1	
<p>Yes, OLMM CWL Council found joy in 2024: the joy of sisterhood discovered in our <b>Secret Sister Program</b>. Our Secret Sister Program started in January 2024. The response of the membership was very positive. The primary outcome is action for every single member of our Council. We placed every single member's name in a container at each monthly meeting. The 12 to 18 members in attendance drew the names of other sisters and prayed daily for those sisters until the next meeting. So that created the action. There was action by those</p>	



members saying the prayers and there was action of those members receiving the gift of those prayers. That is 100% membership participation! There is great enthusiasm for this program providing joy in the giving and joy in the receiving. Several members have shared words, cards and emails of hope and encouragement with their sisters, letting them know they and their intentions are being kept in daily prayer. At our meetings, several members shared their gratitude for the prayers and notes they have received at exactly a time of need. We continue to pray, joyfully.

Our Council also experienced a joyful collaboration with our sisters from the United Church Women's Group and the Anglican Church Women's Group of Russell when OLMW CWL hosted the **2024 World Day of Prayer** event on March 1, 2024. The WDP Program for 2024 was prepared by the WDP Committee of Palestine. In view of the current events in the Middle East the prayers and stories of the women of Palestine were lifted right off the pages of the program into our hearts and souls. We became enriched by the faith experiences of other Christian women, and we became acutely aware of the burdens many women have to carry. It was an invitation to pray for peace in the current situation in the Middle East. Our Intercessory Prayers for Peace were profound, offered for those suffering illness, loss, grief, homelessness, violence and hunger. Sharing the Peace of Christ by passing an olive branch to each one in the congregation brought peace, love, hope and joy. We felt solidarity with women and communities in need of peace,

It was more than just a **Bake Sale and Bazaar**. It was a great success! Our Committee Chairperson, took the lead on our CWL Bazaar in November 2024 and many responded with a lot of work, sharing joy and excitement as donations for Craft Tables, Silent Auction, Bake Tables, and our now famous Lunch poured in from our members. We tend to measure our success by our financial earnings, which in this case were outstanding. However, our real success with the Bazaar was our joy of sisterhood, working together with enthusiasm, sharing our individual gifts and talents, joyfully.

## **OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** SANDRA BLAIS

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** DEACON PAT MCNULTY

**MEMBERS:** 23

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 1

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

Many things have brought joy to our council and to me as a new president this year. I feel so happy watching members arrive for our meetings each month. We are growing in the number of women who are attending. Last night I was amazed that we had 18 women in attendance! With so many participating, we will have

many volunteers for such things as CWL Sundays, Stations of the Cross, fundraising and supporting our standing committees.

I felt joyous this year for Sandra Blais, our past president, who received the Belle Guerin Award. She is such a deserving recipient and it made me so happy to see her hard work and years of service acknowledged.

I was delighted by our gift card wreath fundraiser that we did at Christmas which allowed us to support some deserving charities as well as our church and a new bursary for a student from our parish attending higher education.

We are trying to work with the Parish, Parish Council, and the Knights of Columbus this Lenten time to collect cans and non perishable foods for our food cupboard. The generosity we are seeing with only two weeks in (725 items and cash already!) warms my heart with all the goodwill around us.

Submitted by D'Arcine Thompson

## **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** VIOLA TOBIN

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. ROBERT MASTERNAK, SDS

**MEMBERS:** 26

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2024:**

- Donated a total of 1,968 lbs of food to the Ottawa Food Bank.
- Had Fr. Paul Tennyson give a talk about "Faith in times of adversity". 58 people attended and a free lasagna lunch was served afterwards.
- Had a successful garage & bake sale in the spring, raising \$1,000. Leftover baked goods went out to the neighbourhood, shared with a single mother with 2 children, a man with mental health issues and those begging at Elmvale Plaza. Many items from our garage sale made their way to Africa.
- Donated \$900 to a youth going to World Youth Day in 2025 and donated money to our parish.
- Had a very successful Christmas bake and rummage sale, raised \$1,462.
- Donated \$500 to Chalice, Ukraine Christmas fund. Donated \$200 to Development & Peace.
- Donated bedding, clothing and towels to Salvation Army. Donated leftovers from our sales went to charity.
- Members brought Communion to shut ins; brought seniors to Mass.
- Assisted a senior who was experiencing memory issues with appointments, getting groceries, attending Mass and friendly visits. Her family lives out west.

- Helped a senior who was moving into a senior residence with the distribution of her unwanted household items to charity.
- Distributed furniture (free to newcomers to Ottawa, worked as a go-between for parishioners who were downsizing and people who were in need.
- Planted flowers in church garden.
- Had a Christmas lunch with prizes for seniors who cannot attend Mass (paid for with funds raised from Christmas bake & rummage sale.
- Brought flowers to our members who were ill, visited our members who have dementia and live in residences and kept in touch with senior parishioners who no longer go to church.
- Gave religious material, rosary beads, medals and prayer cards to our youth making Confirmation. Provided free rosary kits, religious books, pictures, pamphlets, prayer cards and medals to parishioners.
- Lead daily rosary half an hour before Mass.
- Worked as a liaison for parishioners who needed assistance for different reasons.
- Purchased a new CWL banner with stand.
- Donated \$500 to Shalom House.

In January 2025 the council voted to disband.

## **ST. ANDREW (ST. ANDREWS WEST)**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** MARY JOYCE-SMITH

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. LOUIS GROETELAARS

**MEMBERS:** 67

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following events and activities brought our CWL council the greatest joy this year.**

In April, our meeting focused on selecting a theme and we chose the **Seven Acts of Mercy**. To encourage participation, members received ribbons as a reminder to engage in meaningful activities such as visiting with patients in retirement homes, sitting with those in hospice care and working at food banks.

In May, we continued the long-standing tradition of crafting paper roses, a cherished practice here, to be sold before Masses in honor of Mother's Day. The proceeds from this were donated to **PRO LIFE**.

We also conducted a **Pinning Service** to recognize members who have dedicated 60, 50 and 40 years of service to the CWL.

June marked our participation in the **Diocesan-wide Food Drive**, with a special focus on supporting children who rely on school meal programs during the academic year. The collected food was donated to **Center 105** and **St. Vincent de Paul**.

In the Fall of 2024, **St. Andrew's CWL** proudly hosted the long-awaited **Fall Bazaar**, an event that had not taken place in over five years. The overwhelming support from parishioners made it a tremendous success!

In November, we gathered for a **Remembrance Service** to honor and pray for our three beloved members who passed away in 2024.

## **ST. ANDREW (NEPEAN)**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** LINDA LOVELACE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. PIERRE CHAMPOUX

**MEMBERS:** 17

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

We as a Council accomplished the regular projects like food drives, raffles, bake sales, Christmas charities, poppy drives and parish socials.

We distributed a spiritual letter to our sister's members each month. We participated in many rosaries, like Canada needs our rosary, month of October, prayer for palliative care, CWL sister's birthday and our prayer for our sister Council.

We focused on our theme; "Here I am Lord...send me" and enjoyed ½ day reflection on aging gracefully. We had over forty ladies of St. Andrew and St. Monica parish who attended.

Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life: One of our CWL sisters took the lead and organized a monthly project on the subject. January, is the month our council chose to participate in an evening of prayer, Benediction, Holy Hour, confessions, Mass and closing with Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayer.

<b>ST. BASIL</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> ELIZABETH LARMOND ELLIOT	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. DARYOLD WINKLER	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 54	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b>	
<p>The solidarity and support shared by faith and actions with my sister members in good times and not so good times.</p> <p>The joyful reciprocation of welcoming parishioners at weekend masses on behalf of the CWL. The immediate smile and acknowledgement of a simple greeting is so gratifying.</p> <p>The most joy for me was bringing our CWL Sisters together in fellowship at our Christmas gathering, which was for many, the first real, in-person meeting in a while.</p> <p>We have been blessed also to be able to direct our work in service to others in our community through our faith events (ie. Mary's Way of the Cross) and supporting our various social justice and community charities through our fundraising initiatives (Momentum Single Catholic Mothers Group, St. Joe's Women's Centre, Dovercourt Last-Minute Club, Kateri Native Ministry, Caldwell Family Centre, Multifaith Housing Initiative).</p> <p>The grateful appreciation of families for whom the CWL organized funeral receptions.</p>	

<b>ST. BERNARD</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> MONIQUE LABELLE-MONTGOMERY	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. AUGUSTINE CHIKE OBAGO	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 49	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b>	
<p>The activity that gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024 were our <b>monthly pie-making fundraising</b>. This activity allowed our sisterhood to grow and flourish. We socialized and enjoyed each other's company. We shared our skills and talents, which benefited everyone. We laughed and even had some mishaps.</p>	

Each experience brought us closer together, reminding us of the importance of community. One must remember that each effort contributes to a larger goal, fostering a sense of unity and connection among us all. As we look ahead, we continue to enrich our council and further our mission of service, faith and justice. This simple and enjoyable activity has brought us together to do God's works. The money raised has allowed us to help many worthy causes in the community, such as "Save the Family Plan", Madonna House, Shalom House, Christmas Food Baskets, Christmas gifts to our shut-ins, bursaries, and so much more. We will continue to aim at fulfilling Proverbs 31:25, "And she laughs at the days to come," in the joy of sisterhood of the Catholic Women's League.

## **ST. COLUMBAN**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** VALERIE ROWE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. TOM RIOPELLE

**MEMBERS:** 65

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 2

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

Our **St Patrick's Day and Christmas Tea and Bake sales** are an activity that we all enjoy. We make the sandwiches and baked goods; we donate and make gift baskets. We present the baskets at the masses two weeks before our event and our parishioners are excited to see them. It took some time to locate one of our winners of the baskets because we were reading the phone number wrong. We invited her to our next meeting to pick up her prize. She was elated, and brought smiles to all of our faces.

Another project we were involved in was to give **monetary support to students to view the movie "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"**, with popcorn and drink at the Port Theatre. The plot of the movie centered on a school Christmas pageant about the birth of Jesus. Money was joyfully donated by our council and individual members. The thank you note we received was signed by all the students and gave us heartfelt joy.

**THE THINGS YOU TAKE FOR GRANTED,  
SOMEONE ELSE MAY BE PRAYING FOR.**

## ST. FAUSTINA

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** BETTY FEHR

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** DEACON TOM DONOHUE

**MEMBERS:** 34

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

We organized many events and activities in 2024 which gave our CWL council joy, here are some of the highlights.

We organized an **All Souls Day Mass** for all parishioners. CWL members were ushers, lectors, Eucharistic minister, and handed out lit candles to participants in memory of their deceased. Parishioners brought up their candles to a table in front of the altar during mass.

We also hosted a **strawberry social event** for all the women of the parish. Over shortcake, tea and lemonade, we discussed what the CWL was all about, and we were able to secure new members for 2025!

In our local community we hosted a **Bingo at the Cumberland Lodge** where we assisted residents to play bingo and supplied prizes and baked goods. The joy on the residents' faces is so rewarding.

We also ran our yearly **baby bottle drive for Miriam Centre** in Orleans. We hand out baby bottles after every weekend mass one weekend and ask parishioners to fill it with a donation and return it the following week. It is a yearly favorite event at St Faustina.

The sisters have also been **busy cooking, baking and serving meals**. Some of the CWL members assisted with **preparing and serving meals for the Alpha courses** being held at St Faustina. We gather and makes meals and then go to the meetings to help serve. We also **served lunch at our annual St Faustina outdoor mass and Parish picnic**. For **Thanksgiving** we had lots of fun and laughs **making apple pies**. So much fun and fellowship while peeling apples, rolling dough, creating a sugar/spice mix, assembling pies and boxing them up in pretty packaging. Parishioners pre-purchased the pies and picked them up after mass prior to Thanksgiving.

Members were also busy in the kitchen and in their craft rooms preparing for our **bake and craft sale**. Our pre-Christmas sale was a great fundraiser and allowed parishioners to purchase lovely Christmas treats and presents.

Prior to our summer break we hosted a **potluck for our clergy** to thank them for their support to our parish and to our CWL endeavors. 2024 was a wonderful CWL year. We are looking forward to seeing where God will call us in 2025.



## ST. FINNAN

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** INEZ FRANKLIN

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** REV. JONATHAN BLAKE, PP

**MEMBERS:** 67

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

St. Finnan's members always come together, in faith, for service & social justice activities. They find **spiritual nourishment at Masses** for deceased sisters, for vocations, in prayer at meetings, and in League prayer opportunities.

Service is a deep source of joy. Service activities are financed with proceeds from **two bake sales** and **meal service with the Knights at an annual Curling Bonspiel**.

Members love the **"work bee mornings"** to hand-write 225 greeting cards and stuff them with chocolate for the annual Easter & Christmas outreach to 4 local seniors' homes & the hospital's chronic care patients.

New, deeply gratifying initiatives included **sitting with palliative patients** & a **weekly Liturgy of the Word communion service at the seniors' homes**.

Also new: an **in-need parish school "Christmas Family"** was showered so fulsomely with gifts, food, clothing & gift cards that there was extra for other families.

A sister council was ready to welcome St. Finnan's members should the latter collapse due to a dearth of leadership candidates. A joint meeting was convened to discuss logistics; however, in heartfelt, candid discussion, **St. Finnan members crafted a plan to tackle the issues in the coming year. (We live!)**

Attending Ottawa-Cornwall's first Convention; hearing news from Provincial & National; welcoming 5 new members; awarding service pins & celebrating a 60-year anniversary; supporting outreach to the homeless & local food bank; a festive Christmas dinner with a sister council; donations to parish needs, to the youth group, to Shalom, to the local and wider communities; these highs and lows of life are met with deep and abiding trust and hope. **We find and share joy in our faith, our League sisterhood, and in service "for God and Canada"**.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** MARIA TERRENCE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** MSGR. KEVIN MALONEY

**MEMBERS:** 73

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 1

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

In some ways, our League continues its annual feasts and giving traditions each year: **Mother's Day carnations** and **Christmas potluck**. These yearly events allow our faith community to feel the joy of sharing and giving. Our members offered their services and volunteered during the **Family Day event organized by our Parish** in February. The Anointing of the Sick on February 11 filled our Church to capacity. On March 12, the **presentation on Human Trafficking**, which our Chair of Social Justice organized, was also well attended.

In May, our Faith Chair, organized a **spring retreat** entitled "Christ Our Light" based on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

September saw our sisters volunteer in the annual **Parish parking lot picnic** - a joyous occasion. The purpose of the event was to open our Church to the local neighbourhood. "So many of the residents in our immediate vicinity sit on their front porches, and they don't even know what we do or who we are," Fr. Kevin said. He was the inspiration behind the (now) annual picnic.

In many ways, 2024 was a milestone year for our League. In May, we saw the joining of the two parishes, St. Francis de Sales and St. Columban's. At the same time, we welcomed St. Columban's CWL to our Parish hall since they had to move from their former facility.

On September 26, our dear pastor, **Fr. Kevin Maloney, was laid to rest**. Our mourning evolved into the **celebration of thanksgiving for his consecrated life and service**. CWL members participated in the formal funeral mass at St. Columban's. Our parishioners, as well as our League, enjoyed the CWL newsletter commemorating his life.

**EVERY ACTION OF OUR DAILY LIFE SHOULD BE INFLUENCED  
BY GENTLENESS, TEMPERANCE, HUMILITY AND PURITY.**

(ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)

## **ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** MARIE SEGUIN

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FRIAR MAURICE RICHARD

**MEMBERS:** 32

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 1

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

We **hosted** the Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass and reception.**

It was a rather quiet year for us but **we did collect warm winter outer wear** (socks, gloves, scarves, toques) making **several delivery trips to the shelters in downtown Ottawa.**

We seem to have the most joy when we gather and enjoy each other's company.

Our meetings are on a Friday at 11:00 am and we have lunch after, and visit which can be shared friendship.

Some of our meetings begin with an ice breaker which is fun and a good way to get to know our other members from another parish.

## **ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** ROSEMARY FIKIS

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. EMEKA ONYEOGUBALU

**MEMBERS:** 47

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

The event that gave our Council the most joy was our **Christmas Bazaar.** So many of our members participated in this event. It was a lot of work particularly for the organizing committee, but on the day there was plenty of laughter and enjoyment.

Two events shared with the Knights of Columbus were the **Annual Memorial Mass** and **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.** During Lent, the **CWL led** the parish in **Mary's Way of the Cross.**

We also hosted **2 Bake Sales** and **2 Purdy's Chocolate fundraisers** (Easter and Christmas) which enabled us to generously **donate to local food banks** at Christmas.

Other things our Council did during 2024 were: **Sponsored clothing and toiletry collection** throughout the year and all items were donated to local homeless shelters; **Collection of eyeglasses** that are sent to third world countries: **collection of aluminum tabs** which are donated to a local school for disabled children. We **collect milk bags** and donate them to a sister council for making milk bag mats.

Some of our members regularly **visit the sick or shut-ins** and bring the Holy Eucharist to those parishioners.

## ST. LEONARD

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** ANNA MENCARINI

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. GERARD PLANT (UNTIL JULY)  
FR. JOHN ORBAN (AFTER JULY)

**MEMBERS:** 36

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are events which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

Nov 30, 2024, the day was cloudy and cold but **not** at St Leonard's Parish. In the basement of St Leonard's Parish, people were sitting in warmth, love and fellowship. Tables were set up with menus and CWL servers were standing by waiting to fill orders to pass on to the CWL kitchen staff. People were filled with great pleasure, as they sat with family and friends, including children and teenagers {who were **not** glued to their cell phones}. They were all enjoying the **CWL Victorian Tea** and sandwiches with one another. To watch the young and the old together filling the basement of St. Leonard Parish with laughter, their faces shining with jubilation. Then came the squeals of delight with the prizes that they won at the CWL joint **Penny Sale** held after the Victorian Tea. People had really stepped up to the plate to help us make this event a triumph with the wonderful donations for the Penny Sale. It was truly a day filled with joyfulness for the attendees and our CWL members. Jesus was with us as His children gathered to enjoy His many blessings that day. Sometimes all it takes to find happiness is a shared sense of community. God made us for

fellowship with Him and our brothers and sisters. We can not wait for the next one.

Another event, this one was not so much of a visual event as the Victorian Tea and Penny Sale but was just as heart warming - all of our members made **donations to a family of six from the Manotick Food Cupboard Christmas Hamper**. We supplied the entire family of six with matching Christmas pjs as well as hats, gloves, scarves, diapers, gifts, Christmas dinner, etc. to help this family celebrate the birth of Jesus and enjoy Christmas together as a family.

## **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** ROSANNE NADON

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. TITUS EGBUEH

**MEMBERS:** 73

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

In 2024, our council **celebrated 35 years as a council**. Our council had disbanded during the 1970's. In 1989, Vi Dobson was approached by our pastor at the time, Father Michael Gillissie, to see if she would consider restarting our council at St. Martin de Porres. On September 27<sup>th</sup> 1989, the council was reborn. It was with joy and celebration that we marked this special occasion with a luncheon on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We invited members, past presidents and parishioners to join us. A lunch of sandwiches, salads, fruit cups and anniversary cake, was served and enjoyed by all. We read messages of congratulations from the national office, provincial president Colleen Martin and we were blessed with Melina Nobert attending bringing congratulations from the diocese. Past spiritual advisors also sent messages of congratulations. We had so many things to celebrate and remember from 35 years as a council. It was a wonderful day catching up with members who we do not see often which filled us with much joy.

**LOVE IS A MYSTERY THAT TRANSFORMS EVERYTHING IT  
TOUCHES INTO THINGS BEAUTIFUL AND PLEASING TO GOD.**

**(ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA)**

<b>ST. MARY (ALMONTE)</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> CINDY ZORGE	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. CYPRIAN ADIBE	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 83	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b>	
<p>Over half our members participate in our <b>annual bazaar</b> in October rising over \$5000.00 and all the membership sell raffle tickets netting another \$3000.00. Almost all is donated to charities, bursaries and parish activities.</p> <p>Every Christmas we hold a <b>home baked Christmas cookie sale</b>, sold by the dozen in tins, raising \$1300.00 for the food bank.</p> <p>Our council organized an <b>Advent retreat</b> with readings, music and meditation followed by hot chocolate and fellowship.</p> <p>At the end of the year we enjoyed a <b>catered Christmas dinner</b>, sang carols and completed a Christmas quiz.</p> <p>We participate in all ministries in our parish.</p> <p>A Parish photo directory was produced with the help of some of our members. Check it out.</p>	

<b>ST. MAURICE</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> ANGELA DARWIN	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. BEN ST. CROIX	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> 108	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 1
<b>Our CWL hosted or participated in many events and activities in 2024 but three gave our council the most joy.</b>	
<p>(1) Our annual spring <b>Ladies' Tea and Fashion Show</b> provided a perfect opportunity to grow, to serve and to support one another. We had fun while getting to know each other better and strengthening our sisterhood, both through all the preparations (making centerpieces, preparing food, setting tables, and</p>	

decorating) and the fun-filled afternoon itself, which is open to all ladies of the parish and their guests. Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, many items were donated, enabling us to use the proceeds to sponsor some parish activities, support Catholic education, and donate to charities.

(2) We facilitated the **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care** for our parish. This program was designed by the CCCB to help us to find support and concrete assistance in end-of-life planning by explaining illness trajectories and palliative care and the Catholic church teaching on end-of-life ethics, allowing us to understand the nature and importance of accompaniment as we journey with loved ones who are ill and dying.

(3) We collected feminine hygiene products as well as other toiletry and small gift items for women for the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers** for our community, and along with other parish ministries, helped with packing the hampers.

## **ST. PATRICK (FALLOWFIELD)**

### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** ANNE LAMONT

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. PAUL SHEPHERD

**MEMBERS:** 70

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 1

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

Firstly, we **prayed together** at each meeting, remembering especially the members who could not be with us, and our sister Council, St. Faustina. Each of those members was contacted about every 6 weeks, just to let them know we were thinking about them. Birthday cards were sent to older members of our council as well.

At St. Patrick's, we started out January 2024 with a **Membership drive**, whereby we recruited 4 new members.

We led the **Stations of the Cross** on two Fridays during Lent.

Following that, we enjoyed **celebrating St. Patrick's Day** with a tea, especially since our parish is named St. Patrick.

In April, we enjoyed a **Fashion Show and Luncheon** with 124 guests and 2 Fashion shows, one of which had some Executive members act as models.

In May we celebrated the **Crowning of Mary** with an **outdoor mass**.

June always means a **meeting and potluck lunch** with lots of fun and conversation.

Summer is quiet until we begin **collecting and distributing school supplies** to our area schools.

September found us collectively making 75 pies for our **Pie Sale** and hosting the sale the weekend before Thanksgiving.

We enjoyed **co-hosting a Harvest Dinner** with the Knights of Columbus.

We then had a **Card Party** in October, a **Teen Night** in November and a very successful **Bazaar** in November.

December saw us having a **Christmas Bake sale** and a **collection of Gift Cards** for various charities/missions, with delivery before Christmas.

Our **Christmas meeting** was followed by a **Potluck** and again, lively conversation.

We hosted many **Coffee Sundays** during this time and will continue to do so during the next year.

I would like to say a special THANK YOU to all the ladies who helped make these events a success

## ST. PETER

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** DIANE SCOTT

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. THEO NNOROM

**MEMBERS:** 74

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

In January, we had the **installation of our new Executive.**

On Shrove Tuesday, we made and **served pancakes to students and staff at St. Peter's School.** We showed support and participated in **Black History month.**

We had our **Fundraising before Easter** with (3) baskets raffled.

There were presentations on Development & Peace, & Medical Assistance in Dying.

In May, we did the **12-hour of Prayer for Palliative Care** and we held our in-house **Marian Retreat** with our Parish Priest & Spiritual Director Fr. Theo Nnorom as our guest speaker.

May & October we **recite Rosary with the Grade 7 & 8 at Holy Trinity CSS.**

We are **present at every Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation** at our Parish where we presented each candidate with a gift.

We also held **Literacy & Art Contest with the Grade 5 & 6 students of St. Peter's.**

Members attended the **Diocesan Convention** in Ottawa.



In June, members **attended the Mass of the Unborn** hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

September, we resumed with a **Pizza Meeting**. We invited Inez Franklin & presented her a \$ 500 **donation to the Shalom House**. We also presented a **cheque to a Representative of Pro-Life**.

We hosted a **Rosary Rally** in October, **Riverview Manor Christmas Gift Giving** in November and gave **\$200 cheque for the NET Ministry** at Holy Trinity CSS. In December, we were invited to **drop the puck at the Sister's Cup**. Members participated in filling the **Children's Christmas Baskets**.

We ended the year with our usual **Christmas Supper** where we acknowledge our members' support & hard work to accomplish all these with so much joy.

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**PRESIDENT:** BARBARA (BARB) PAQUETTE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. VIRGIL AMIRTHAKUMAR

**MEMBERS:** 65

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

We **purchased Bibles and Mass booklets** for children receiving First Eucharist and Confirmation, **Catechism books** for 12 RCIA candidates at Easter!

In May we held a **Bake Sale and Garage Sale** with the K of C, **distributed 300 roses on Mother's Day** to our moms.

In June, we held **elections** and had a **Pot Luck dinner**. We donated two (2) \$500 **Bursaries to graduates** at Lester B Pearson High School and **\$100 to Hike for Life**. In May and June we **had masses said** for our CWL and K of C moms and dads.

On Sept 10<sup>th</sup> we **celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Council** at our meeting by sharing a delicious cake. We also held a **Family Fun Day** on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, it was open to parishioners and the public free of charge. We had a bouncy castle, mini golf, face painting, different games and treats for all.

In order to include all members in our meetings we **acquired a Zoom account** and **purchased an OWL labs** which allows our shut-in members to actively

participate in our Zoom meetings. It has been well received and we are sharing this OWL with other groups such as RCIA and Parish Council.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> we held our annual **Craft Fair and Bake Sale**. With the proceeds of the Fair we were able to **donate \$1000 to a parishioner studying at St. Paul's University, \$1500 to help with the purchase of electronic equipment** for the Parish and along with the K of C purchased a **new computer for Fr. Virgil**.

In December we went **out for dinner**, a great time was had by all. We also celebrated **Fr. Virgil's birthday** by giving him a **Spiritual Bouquet**.

We also were able to **donate \$500** to our local **Life Centre Food Cupboard**.

### **COUNCILS WHO DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS**

#### **NIGERIAN IGBO**

##### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** BERNADETTE OJIAKU

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. PAUL NWAEZE

**MEMBERS:** ?

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

NO REPORT RECEIVED.

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

##### **PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

**PRESIDENT:** JENNIFER JONES

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:** FR. LINDSAY HARRISON

**MEMBERS:** 32

**LIFE MEMBERS:** 0

**The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.**

NO REPORT RECEIVED.

<b>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> BEV ROWAN	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. HEZUK SHROFF (UNTIL JULY)	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> ?	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b> NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

<b>ST. CLARE</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> ADA GORRIE & TILLEY O'CONNOR	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> ?	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> ?	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b> NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

<b>ST. ISIDORE</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> LISA ZANNESE	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. GEOFFREY KERSLAKE (UNTIL JULY)	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> ?	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b> 0
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b> NO REPORT RECEIVED	

<b>ST. JAMES</b>	
<b>PARISH PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024</b>	
<b>PRESIDENT:</b> ANN MALLOY	
<b>SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:</b> FR. JONATHAN BLAKE	
<b>MEMBERS:</b> ?	<b>LIFE MEMBERS:</b>
<b>The following are the events and activities which gave our CWL council the most joy in 2024.</b> NO REPORT RECEIVED.	

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO DIED IN 2024

PARISH	DECEASED MEMBERS	
<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	ELLEN LITTLE LOUISE WOOD DUREEN COADE	PIERRETTE WIECZOREK AUDREY MACTAVISH
<b>DIVINE INFANT</b>	PAULINE MOHR	
<b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b>	DARLENE JANEGA	
<b>HOLY REDEEMER</b>	HEDY STOQUA	
<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	GRACE HARGRAVE	
<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b>	SUSAN LEONHARDT ELEANOR TAYLOR	CATHERINE SWIMMINGS MARY LACROIX
<b>OUR LADY OF GRACE/ST. PIUS X</b>	LOUISE HARTWELL	MAUREEN SWIFT
<b>ST. ANDREW (ST. ANDREW WEST)</b>	THERESA TRUMAN	
<b>ST. BASIL</b>	KATHARINA CZERNY	
<b>ST. BERNARD (FINCH)</b>	OLIVE HEASLY	
<b>ST. COLUMBAN</b>	RITA PARETTE CAROL-ANN VILLEMAIRE HELEN SAMSON	PAULINE PRIMEAU MAUREEN TOBIN SHEILA CASHION
<b>ST. FINNAN</b>	GERALDINE TIBBALS EMELDA REID	EVELYN MCDONNELL
<b>ST. FRANCIS DE SALES</b>	MSGR. KEVIN MALONEY (SPIRITUAL ADVISOR) MARION HARAMIS (LIFE MEMBER) PIERRETTE BAZINET	PAT MACRAE MARIE LABOSSIÈRE
<b>ST. ISIDORE</b>	CAROLINE PIDGEON	
<b>ST. JAMES</b>	ELSIE BOURBONNAIS THERESA RYAN	STELLA METCALFE CLAIRE BESNER
<b>ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE</b>	HELEN WALLACE	
<b>ST. MARTIN DE PORRES</b>	CATHY HAMMOND	VI DOBSON
<b>ST. MARY (ALMONTE)</b>	KATHLEEN CARROLL	
<b>ST. MAURICE</b>	MARION RODRIGUEZ (2023)	KAYE JOHNSON
<b>ST. PATRICK (FALLOWFIELD)</b>	NORA BURNETT	
<b>ST. PETER</b>	PAULINE GROULX BESSIE WILSON	HILDA SEGUIN
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>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.</b></p>		

## **STANDING RULES FOR THE OTTAWA-CORNWALL DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2025**

### **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), provincial representative, 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, 2025 shall be considered for presentation to this convention.
14. Resolutions concerning urgent matters may be accepted after the deadline of March 15, 2025 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)]