

## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## St. Boniface Diocesan Council

## ANNUAL REPORT

January 1 - December 31, 2024



## St. John the Evangelist Parish Council The Catholic Women's League of Canada



## Welcome You

to the

St. Boniface Diocesan Council
76th Annual Meeting of Members/Convention
April 26, 2025



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#### **AGENDA**

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

Morden Activity Centre, Morden, Manitoba

8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND GATHERING TIME** 

9:00 a.m. **OPENING OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS** 

Call to Order and Welcome

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

Archbishop's Address

Spiritual Advisor's Message

Greetings

Welcome by Host Council

Housekeeping Morning Liturgy

**BUSINESS SESSION** 

Standing Rules of Convention

**HEALTH BREAK** 

10:00 a.m. − 12:00 noon **KEYNOTE SPEAKER − Leah Perrault** 

**Topic:** Here I am Lord – Send Me!

12:00 noon **LUNCHEON** 

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Leah Perrault** 

**Topic:** Here I am Lord - Send Me!

**RESUME BUSINESS SESSION** 

**❖ HEALTH BREAK** 

Invitation to 2026 St. Boniface Diocesan Council

Annual Meeting of Members/Convention

**Elections** 

4:00 p.m. (approximately) **ADJOURNMENT** (Retiring of the Canadian Flag)

5:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** 

Presider – Most Reverend Albert LeGatt, D.D.

Archbishop of St. Boniface

6:30 p.m. **BANQUET** 

#### 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 TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel: filled with the Holy Spirit
You were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your son.

Intercede with your Son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism,
fervent in prayer and generous in the service
we give to our sisters and brothers.

May the Spirit of the living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel,
lead us in the way of truth and love.

With the help of your prayers may we come to rejoice forever with you.
and the great company of saints in the kingdom of heaven.

#### 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.

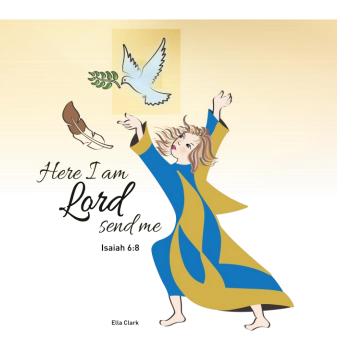
Help us, O Lord to make our reply, "Here I am Lord, Send me" with full and generous hearts,

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.

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger



Amen

## ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN COUNCIL 2024

#### ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OFFICERS

President Lacey Bernardin

Vice President Vacant

Past President Faith Anderson
Secretary Faith Anderson
Treasurer Faith Anderson

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

Faith Sharon Kennedy

Service Vacant Social Justice Vacant

#### 2024 NATIONALA CONVENTION - SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN



Bishop Lobsinger, National Spiritual Advisor and Archbishop LeGatt



Fr Kevin at the convention in Saskatoon.

## St. Boníface Diocesan Council

#### Past Presidents

| Dorothy Muller⊕                                                                               | 1949 - 1951                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Winnifred Alexander                                                                           | 1951 - 1954                                                             |
| Mary Alleyn                                                                                   | 1954 - 1956                                                             |
| Molly Cariou                                                                                  | 1956 - 1957                                                             |
| Marguerite Lanthier                                                                           | 1957 - 1959                                                             |
| Marian Trudell⊕                                                                               | 1959 - 1961                                                             |
| Rose Dion                                                                                     | 1961 - 1963                                                             |
| Diane Boyer                                                                                   | 1963 - 1965                                                             |
| <b>Catherine Bird</b>                                                                         | 1965 - 1967                                                             |
| Shirley Scaletta⊕                                                                             | 1967 - 1969                                                             |
| Vivienne Doyle⊕                                                                               | 1969 - 1971                                                             |
| Barbara Baturin                                                                               | 1971 - 1973                                                             |
| Evelyn Wyrzykowski†                                                                           | 1973 - 1975                                                             |
| Theresa Craig                                                                                 | 1975 - 1977                                                             |
| <b>Doris Fortney</b>                                                                          | 1977 - 1978                                                             |
| Doreen Ferraton <sup>⊕</sup>                                                                  | 1978 - 1980                                                             |
| Monique Zuk⊕                                                                                  | 1980 - 1982                                                             |
| Betty Johnston                                                                                | 1982 - 1984                                                             |
| Marianne Roscoe                                                                               | 1984 - 1986                                                             |
| Nadine Catalano⊕                                                                              | 1986 - 1988                                                             |
| Marie Kachor⊕                                                                                 | 1988 - 1990                                                             |
| Alice Makodanski†                                                                             | 1990 - 1992                                                             |
| Margaret Silverthorne                                                                         | 1992 - 1994                                                             |
| Sandra Byrnes⊕                                                                                | 1994 - 1996                                                             |
| Irene Hudek                                                                                   | 1996 - 1998                                                             |
| Susan Bernier                                                                                 | 1998 - 2000                                                             |
| Claire McKay⊕                                                                                 | 2000 - 2002                                                             |
| Faith Anderson                                                                                | 2002 - 2004                                                             |
| Monica Brechka                                                                                | 2004 - 2006                                                             |
| Colleen Holloway                                                                              | 2006 - 2008                                                             |
| <b>Rolande Chernichan</b>                                                                     | 2008 - 2010                                                             |
| <b>Lorraine Smith</b>                                                                         | 2010 - 2012                                                             |
| Josephine Pettigrew                                                                           | 2012 - 2014                                                             |
| Doreen Howe<br>Mavis McLaren<br>Paulette Chase<br>Lacey Bernardin (Acting)<br>Lacey Bernardin | 2014 - 2016<br>2016 - 2018<br>2018 - 2021<br>2021 - 2023<br>2023 - 2025 |

There could be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others.

President George H.W. Bush

To be great at something, you have to come at it with passion, or not at all.



PEACHY GARCIA



## St. Boníface Díocesan Councíl Spírítual Advisors

| Rev. K. J. Kennedy ⊕        | 1949-1953 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Rev. Chas. Empson⊕          | 1953-1962 |
| Msg. Charles Empson⊕        | 1962-1970 |
| Rev. Robert Baxter⊕         | 1970-1973 |
| Rev. Gedeon Trudeau⊕        | 1973-1983 |
| Rev. Ron Pasinato⊕          | 1983-1985 |
| Rev. Gedeon Trudeau⊕        | 1985-1988 |
| Rev. Ron Pasinato⊕          | 1988-1990 |
| Rev. Albert Sterzer         | 1990-1993 |
| Rev. Curtis Champagne       | 1993-1995 |
| VACANT                      | 1995-1996 |
| Rev. James Gray⊕            | 1996-2000 |
| Rev. Jerry Talarski⊕        | 2000-2003 |
| Rev. Wenceslao Rebillaco    | 2003-2008 |
| Rev. Mark Drozniak⊕         | 2008-2009 |
| <b>Rev. Charles Fillion</b> | 2009-2014 |
| <b>Rev. Charles Fillion</b> | 2014-2019 |
| Rev. Joshua Gundrum         | 2019-2021 |
| Rev. Kevin Nkengfua Lereh   | 2023-2028 |







## The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Boniface Diocesan Council 2024 Deceased Members

Ellen Corcoran Christ the King Marylou Rourke Christ the King

Judith McGibbon Holy Cross

Zinny Deen Mary, Mother of the Church Mary Evans Mary, Mother of the Church Shirley Maurice Mary, Mother of the Church

Susanne Johannesson Notre Dame de Lorette
Carol Mravinec Notre Dame de Lorette

Patrica Mary Rose HuntSt. AlphonsusLee OpitzSt. AlphonsusSophie Victoria PartykaSt. AlphonsusShirley Marie Joan WardSt. Alphonsus





April 4, 2025

Ms. Lacey Bernardin, President The Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Boniface Diocesan Council Members

Dear friends,

As you gather for your Annual Meeting of Members, I wish to assure you of my heartfelt greetings and of my prayers that your meeting will be blessed by God in innumerable ways.

As you gather this year, you do so within the Jubilee Year wherein Pope Francis calls us all to be Pilgrims of Hope. I invite you to reflect upon what it means to be Pilgrims of Hope both within your own individual spiritual journey, a journey to God, and also as members of the League, bringing hope to many others through your prayer, your example and your works of charity.

Hope is something our world greatly needs these days marked by so many tensions and polarizations, by seemingly unending hostilities and conflicts. Can we dare to hope for peace? To work for peace? To be ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Cor 5.17-21). To be peacemakers (Mt 5,9).

Our families, our parish communities, our Canadian society, indeed our whole world knows so much change. The difficulties, the challenges and the opportunities are many. Which ones will we focus on? A Jubilee year such as this invites us to hope, not despair, for all things are possible through Jesus Christ. Engagement, not indifference or apathy is necessary now more than ever.

Hope, engagement, faith in the power of love, trust in the Lord and in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel have always been the hallmarks of the Catholic Women's League.

As you gather this year to discuss the moral issues of today, to hear testimonies of beauty and strength, to give thanks to God for the many accomplishments of your Councils, large



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or small, as you plan for the future look of the League, as you strengthen once again your ties of friendship and mutual support, may you strive to have hearts of hope and grow together as Pilgrims of Hope. Continue being "salt of the earth and light for the world" by your prayers and by your many deeds that give hope to others, all others.

May God bless your day.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Albert LeGatt

Archbishop of Saint Boniface

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### - The Catholic Women's League of Canada

February 24, 2025

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 St. Boniface 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

# OF GAMADA

## Manitoba Provincial Council



February 18<sup>th</sup>,2025

Dear Members,

Another year has passed and now it's time to reflect on the wonderful things that have been accomplished by all the councils in your diocese.

For these accomplishments to become real, it means that someone had to take the time to go to meetings, prepare agendas, create events, spiritual programs, social gatherings and projects that would benefit someone in your parishes or surrounding communities, dedicating many selflessness hours to the successes of these endeavors.

The members of the Catholic Women's League are known to be doers, not only in bake sales, rummage sales but to bring forth positive changes to our communities by addressing challenges head on by either supporting food banks or creating resolutions to help the quality of life of those who are marginalized or homeless etc. Each council has a priority of what they want to accomplish, your list of donations that was sent to our provincial treasurer shows how much you care and what is important to you as a council. Bravo!

All councils of St. Boniface are to be congratulated on doing good works of mercy for those in need over the many years.

Your dedication to God and Canada is what makes us different from other organizations.

As you come together today for your Diocesan Council's 76<sup>th</sup> AMM, celebrate your accomplishments, be proud and most importantly continue to do so joyfully!

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you and guide you all!

Your sister in the league,

Lucille Rossington

Manitoba Provincial President

## Díocesan Spíritual Advisor Fr. Kevin Nkengfua Lereh



The year 2025 is very remarkable as it marks another Ordinary jubilee. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops gives us a global understanding of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. It is "an opportunity for all people to enter into a pilgrimage of hope. Whether we celebrate locally (in our dioceses, cathedrals or Canada's National Shrines) or make a pilgrimage to Rome, we are called to search for signs of hope and be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbors, the imprisoned, the sick and dying, the young and old."

Pilgrims of hope' is the theme for this Ordinary Jubilee Year. As Catholic Women's League (CWL) in Manitoba, this year is special for the entire Church that we serve and touches on every faithful. It must be reflected in the lives of all those who have chosen to follow Christ, all who recognize that Christ gave Himself for love of them, especially for those who have lost hope, owing to many difficult situations they go through daily. On the Fridays of Lent this year, there was a beautiful initiative by Timothy Duff, an American Board-Certified Chaplain (Ret.) and Guardian/Co-Founder of the Guild of St. Benedict Joseph Labre, and was passed down to Diocesan and parish councils from the National Chairperson of Faith on the need to care for the Spiritual wellbeing of our brothers and sisters struggling with Mental Illness. This was done through the weekly sessions of the Stations of the Cross. This is one huge way of helping them and while we support them concretely by our voices, medication, urging those concerned to take better care of them, we must not forget praying for them. I encourage us all in our various councils to keep praying for them.

Gathered, therefore, at this 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Members/Convention of the St. Boniface Diocesan Council, we remember that we're pilgrims of hope. Reflecting on the meaning of this Jubilee reopens our hearts to the hope that does not confuse, deceive or disappoint. The Jubilee mode invites us to act with compassion, restoring hope to those oppressed by health challenges. Following the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi, our task in this Jubilee Year and in all our activities as CWL members wherever we may be, is to transform doubt to faith, darkness to light, sadness to joy, sickness to health, despair to hope. And since the world in which we find ourselves living in demands a supplement of hope to cling with fidelity to the Lord and in love for our suffering brothers and sisters, we ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the strength of the Lord for the ability to hope again.

Indeed, hope in the Lord never disappoints!

Fr. Kevin N. Lereh, m.ss.cc

## PRESIDENT - Lacey Bernardín

This past year, 2024, has been a good year for St. Boniface Diocesan. Our executive administrative council has remained unchanged this past year with both Faith Anderson and Sharon Kennedy doing amazing work and filling in wherever and whenever needed. Along with our regular Diocesan work, we're all a part of the 2027 National AMM planning committee which has and continues to be an interesting experience. I'd also like to single out Sharon for her



amazing presentation on Forgiveness that she has been presenting to our parish councils upon request. It's a very emotional and educational experience. I'm also happy to say that our very own Father Kevin attended his first ever National AMM in Saskatoon. He did us all proud in his representation of us.

The council reports were down this year, which has made feedback a little harder to gather. Councils seem to be active in many areas again and are starting to really get back into their strides. Many councils have reported the gain of new members last year which is wonderful news. At our Executive Meetings, the ladies have really been getting to discuss ideas for fundraisers as well as sharing what each council has been working on. They are building a nice community of support and friendship.

Last Fall for our Annual Day of Reflection, we made it themed based on Truth and Reconciliation. We started off the day with a short spiritual program, some videos and then our first amazing speaker. We were lucky enough to borrow Doris Reid from the Winnipeg Diocese to come and share an intimate and personal testimony followed by personal smudging's. We then had our second speaker, Dolores Gosselin, a local story teller share stories of her family and culture. We all shared in a drumming circle with everyone getting up and participating. We ended the day with arts and crafts in making a Truth and Reconciliation rosary bracelet. A big thank you to the ladies of

St. Alphonsus for hosting us that day. This years Day of Reflection will take place on October 11, 2025, in Ste. Anne Manitoba. We are looking to have speakers on Catholic Death, from before the point of death/dying all through the steps to funeral and burial. We all feel we're needing some guidance and education with what our faith dictates.

I was very grateful to be able to attend many events last year as your Diocesan Representative. I attended the National AMM in Saskatoon, SK which was another amazing experience. I attended the Day of Celebration, Day of Reflection, our Annual Archbishop's Dinner, several Honour Guards, and many other smaller events.

May the blessings of Our Lady of Good Counsel be upon you always,

Lacey Bernardin, President

## St. Boniface Diocesan Council



Faith Anderson
Susan Bernier
Monica Brechka
Rolande Chernichan
Colleen Holloway
Margaret Silverthorne

#### What is Life Membership?

In The Catholic Women's League of Canada, life membership gives to the recipient, in addition to the honour, a permanent place on the national council, the same voting privileges as accredited delegates at an annual meeting or convention, a voice in its affairs and eligibility for a national appointment. They have accredited delegate voting privileges at diocesan and provincial conventions in the province in which they hold membership.

Life membership is not intended to be a reward for years of service or a retirement gift. Privilege entails responsibility. National council requires support and active service from its members.

(National Manual of Policy and Procedure)

## St. Boniface Diocesan Council

These beloved members are no longer with us but their vision and dedication will be remembered for many years.

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Evelyn Wyrzykowski

# Life Members



Helen Bembenek
Catherine Bird
Sandra Byrnes
Doreen Ferraton
Alice Makodanski
Shirley Scaletta
Marion Trudell

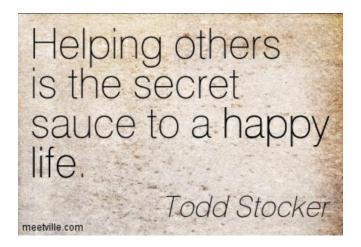
May they rest in peace.

#### St. Boniface Diocesan Council

2024

| Parish Council             | President                                 | Spírítual Advisor                      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Christ The King            | Yvette Turnbull*                          | Fr. Chrysogonus Obinna Agu             |
| Corpus Christi             | Diane Boulet (contact)                    |                                        |
| Holy Cross                 | Sharon Kennedy*/ Nicole Gougeon (Contact) | Sister Eucharia                        |
| Mary, Mother of the Church | Kim Scammell (Ranson)                     | Fr. Jean-Baptiste Nguyen               |
| Notre Dame de Lorette      | Lucille Chay (contact)                    | Fr. Jorge Mario de los Rios<br>Londono |
| Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes     | Colleen Holloway                          | Fr Kevin Lereh                         |
| St. Alphonsus              | Beryl Sellner                             | Br. Greg Mulligan                      |
| St. John the Evangelist    | Marilyn Skubovius                         | Fr. Ramon Oncog                        |
| St. Mary                   | Marielle Bosak/Barb Kiazyk                | Fr. Rajan                              |
| St. Michael                | Carmen Dudek*                             | Fr. Sylvanus Omali                     |

#### \*Acting President





# Highlights of Parish Council's Activities



#### CHRIST THE KING - YVETTE TURNBULL (POLAK)

Many Sours for Many HANDS

In March a Soup Sunday Fundraiser was held in solidarity and support for Development Peace Share Lent Campaign. A sum of \$1300.00 was collected.

In late May the Red Sand Ceremony for human trafficking was held in front of our church and Father Chris Agu took part as well as some

CWL members and a few parishioners. It was held after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. It was a very emotional event and sadly brought home the fact that some of those who are being trafficked do fall into the cracks.





In December, once again, hampers were provided for families for the Christmas Cheer Board. Parishioners and CWL members were very generous by giving food, money, gifts for the children as well as their time and energy for packing and delivering the hampers. Many knitted items were donated. It is a rewarding experience to see everyone come together to lend a hand.

One of our members, Florence Friesen, continues to collect Tabs for Wheelchairs as well as collecting membership fees. We now have 41 members!

Yvette Turnbull, Acting President

#### CORPUS CHRISTI - DIANE BOULET - No report

#### HOLY CROSS - SHARON KENNEDY

September we installed our new Spiritual Advisor, Sister Eucharia, a Handmaid of the Holy Child Jesus. She is providing a spiritual program/reflection at every meeting. She is a student earning a teaching degree at the University of Winnipeg. She has been presented with her Spiritual Advisor's handbook from national and also received her Spiritual Advisor pin



October we did the Red Sand human trafficking awareness ceremony which was moderately attended after a mass. Many present felt more educated on the issue. We will do it again for the next 3 years as we have 3 bags of sand remaining.



<u>November</u> we donated \$1000 toward our Elevator Project fund, proceeds were from our Grey Cup Pool Fundraising ticket sales. We took advantage of doing this



by the end of November in order to be exempt from the 20% diocesan tax levy being applied, as suggested by the Archdiocese. This was done at this time so that the project can benefit our full donation.

<u>December</u> we held a bake sale with a 50/50 draw and also some crafts for sale. Our portion of the 50/50 draw is used for our Bible Fund which provides bibles to First Communion candidates. We asked our parishioners to donate baking and 50% of the proceeds will go back to the church earmarked for the Elevator Project.

#### Report prepared by Nicole Gougeon



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#### MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH - KIM SCAMMELL

#### 1) Purse Project.



The council put on a very successful purse project where purses were donated by parishioners and gleaned from the CWL rummage sales.

Parishioners were invited to donate toiletry

items to fill the purses for victims of intimate partner violence staying at Willow Place, an

inclusive, no-cost family violence prevention service provider open 24-hours, every day of the year. A purse stuffing bee was arganized in the shundh hall on March 20th and piggs was served.

organized in the church hall on March 20th and pizza was served to the volunteers. Pam Hadder of Willow Place gratefully received delivery of the filled purses. Due to the success of the event, it is being organized again for 2025.



#### 2) Red Sand Project.



The council held its second parish-wide Red Sand event when, in the context of a prayer service, red sand was placed by parishioners and our pastor in the cracks in the pavement near the church entrance. The event is symbolic of the victims of human trafficking falling through the cracks of society. Attending the service was MLA for Fort Richmond Jennifer Chen and City Councillor for Waverley



West Janice Lukes.

#### 3) Community Building.



Through the offering of three service projects, members and parishioners came together as community. With a smaller, more senior council membership, the council relies on the support of parishioners, and they never

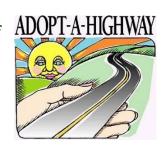


fund-raise and friend-raise in the parish. This year, the council raised \$9,933.45 for charity.

### Kim Scammell, President

#### NOTRE DAME DE LORETTE - LUCILLE CHAY

1) For many years, NDL CWL Council has done highway clean-up along an 8 kilometer stretch of Provincial Road #207 as part of the provincial "Adopt a Highway" program. As in previous years, this clean up was completed again spring and fall in 2024. It is becoming more difficult to recruit enough volunteers to get the task done but, we always hope for the best on clean-up day and so far, our prayers have been answered and so, we persevere!



2)



The RM of Tache has hosted a pre-Christmas, December Parade of Lights for a few years. Local businesses and organizations decorate floats to showcase along the parade route. This past year, our council decided that we should participate in this event. A sub-committee of 5 members (and a couple of husbands) met several times during the months of October and November to decide on a theme and

to decorate our CWL float. The float was proudly unveiled on the evening of December 7, 2024. It featured a nativity scene, a CWL banner, Christmas lights, decorative fringe, Christmas trees and the Canadian and Papal flags. Members walked along the parade route handing out candy while Christmas hymns were broadcasted. It was a very successful undertaking and we plan on entering the float in the parade again this year.

3) NDL CWL Council took the recommendation from national council of focusing energies on mental health for the next 2 years to heart. In May, 2024, our council, in collaboration with 2 other local churches, offered a Teen Depression workshop for the

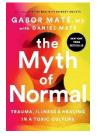


general public. Speakers from Mood Disorders of Manitoba and Teen Challenge spoke about the topic.

Challenges that youth face

were addressed then several teens and family members gave testimonials on the difficulties of living with mental health issues. Resources for support were offered to attendees.





In November, the theme of our general meeting was again on mental health. We listened to a video presentation by Dr. Gabor Mate called *The Myth of Normal*. An animated discussion followed.

Plans are now being formalized to offer an evening on Mental Health in the Elderly in April, 2025.

#### Lucille Chay, Acting President

#### ST. ALPHONSUS - BERYLE SELLNER

- **May** -mock baby shower -beneficiary was the Family Support center, began the Grey Cup fundraiser
- Celebrated our Councils 75 Anniversary
- June -Red Sand Service
- October hosted Diocesan Day of Reflection
- **November** donated \$200.00 to the Rotary International Club for their work. The President is Rita Chigbo.
- December donated warm clothing and toiletries for men and women to Our Relatives Place. Led the Parish Christmas hamper project.



N'Dinawemak — **Our Relatives' Place** at 190 Disraeli Freeway. The Indigenous-led resource will provide an immediate, 24/7 winter warming space for up to 150 people.

• Charitable Donations totalling approximately \$2000.

#### Beryle Sellner, President

## SAINTE-ANNE-des-CHÊNES - Colleen Holloway

Our Council held a Swing into Spring!
MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE
1ST Prize "Custom Made Quilt" (sz " x ")
2nd Prize "Spa Basket"
3rd Prize "Wine & Dinner" Basket
4th Prize "Baby" Basket



Our Council presented both the French and the English classes of 1st. Communicants with a gift of a cross in conjunction with the gift from the Parish.



In keeping with a call to action following the adoption of National Resolution #2024:01 Increase Supported Housing for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness with Mental Health and Mental Illness Issues, we invited parishioners to donate heavy socks and mitts at Masses on two weekends in



November for donation to Steinbach Community Outreach in support of the homeless. Steinbach Community Outreach has an already well-established day program for the homeless and this worthy cause will hopefully keep people warmer while outside.



We also made a donation to a project called INN (Initiative for Neighbourly Nights), run out of Steinbach. Their goal is to build an overnight warming shelter for homeless individuals. The project has been well supported by the community, and we are pleased to participate in making this worthy project a reality.

We held our annual angel sales in November/December in support of the CKJS nightly Rosary Recitation. We were pleased to sell 134 angels. In keeping with their request \$3.50 of each \$5.00 sale went to support the programming and \$1.50 was kept as our portion of the fundraiser. Further to the National Convention Committee's request for proceeds of a fundraiser to go towards costs, these funds were donated to the committee for the 2027 National Convention to be held in Winnipeg.

We also supported the following by way of donations:

- Ste-Anne Church Fall Fundraiser
- Catholic Missions
- Ste-Anne Foodbank

#### Report submitted by Sheila Lenton





#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - MARILYN SKUBOVIUS

- Members start every meeting with the Rosary, Mass and a reflection.
- Our membership is 36.
- Supplied cake and refreshments to our first communicants and confirmation children and their guests.
- Guest speaker, Pat Gibson, speaking about the development of health care in this part of the province.
- Hosted coffee Mass and fellowship at Assisted Living for parishioners.
- Were able to help with the Corn and Apple fundraisers with the help of the new international parishioners.
- Were able to host Christmas Tea and Bake Sale with the help of the Couples for Christ.



 Collected food and clothing from parish to donate to the Sisters of Charity mission in Wpg.

#### Marilyn Skubovius, President



#### ST. MARY (Beausejour) - Marielle Bosak/Barb Kiazk

#### Sisterhood



In 2024 we held our June windup get together and our Christmas luncheon in the common room of Burgoyne Station a retirement complex in Beausejour. Several of our members live in the complex so it provides easy access for them

and every one else. In February we hosted a Valentine's gathering rather than a meeting. In August, on a beautiful sunny day, we met at a member's house to have lunch and catch up on everyone's news. Our fundraising events such as perogy making or the Parish garage sale have a strong fellowship component where we enjoy each other's company as we work. We are endeavouring to engage all members. We have much to offer as a safe gathering place for women with a shared past and common interests.

#### Changes to how we organize our year and our meetings

In the past, our treasurer created the budget early in the new year. In 2024 the treasurer presented the budget for 2025 in November and we voted on it at the December meeting. We saw several advantages to this change. In a year when there is a new executive elected in January, the new treasurer will not be faced with creating a budget as her first task. The December meeting is always well attended so a good number of members are informed about the budget and participate in the vote. Many of our members (including the treasurer) go away in the period from January to March so presenting a budget then was always a challenge. We see many advantages going ahead.

In the past our meetings followed the format: Faith event (usually a Mass) followed by the meeting, followed by fellowship. We are trying a different format: Faith event, followed by fellowship, followed by the meeting. We hope to encourage more ladies in the parish to attend the Faith event and the fellowship even if they do not want to be part of the CWL. This is still a work in progress.

#### Fewer fundraising events, fewer donations

We have reorganized our donations to fit into the categories of Faith, Service and Social Justice. As well, we have had to cut back on some donations in view of more limited fundraising ability. Amongst numerous smaller donations, we continue to give locally to organizations such as the Food Bank and Christmas Hampers and offer world relief through Development and Peace. We made a donation to the Sisters of Charity after they visited the Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette and had a very pleasant visit with us. We have discontinued our bursary to a local student and have instead set aside funds to further Catholic education needs as they arise in our parish. Many of our members are very involved in various Ministries in our church and so we offer our service.

#### Marielle Bosak, Acting President

#### ST. MICHAEL (Cook's Creek) - Carmen Dudek



**February** – After a Sunday mass, members asked parishioners to sign petition for Bill S-210 (age verification for porn sites). We gathered 87 signatures. A member had ladies at her home to make Alzheimer's quilts.

**April** – Our council hosted the St Boniface Diocese AMM. Alzheimer's quilts were made for the second time.

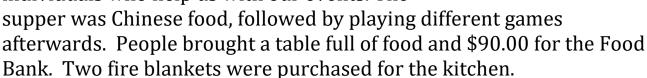
**May** – After a lengthy pause, our council started CWL Sundays once again. Members greet parishioners and bring up gifts once a month.



**August** – The museum on the church grounds hosted Heritage Day. CWL served up polish food in the basement.

**September** – We put together a lunch for a funeral. Members helped with our annual St Michael's Day Dinner, to commemorate our patron saint St Michael (Sept 29)

**December** – A big bag of bras were given to Christine Nnadi. She will take them to Nigeria to distribute. Our council had our Christmas party. We invited ladies of the parish, as well as individuals who help us with our events. The supper was Chinese food, followed by playing difference of the parish our events.



Our council gave a card and a gift for 3 babies that were baptized. We gathered four times to make perogies. Yearly donations were **\$9,036.00** including \$5,000. to the parish.

#### Carmen Dudek, Acting President



# OFFICER'S REPORTS

#### SECRETARY - Faith Anderson

#### 4/10 councils reported

Councils mainly communicated with members at meetings; however, some councils have used email to communicate.

The website is used by a few members who go regularly for information. Changes to the website have been embraced by members and some are still familiarizing themselves with the website. For those who are not tech savvy, the website can be overwhelming, and some feel it is not user friendly. It was noted that the search engine did not generate the information requested. There was an indication that the spiritual activities suggested are too intellectual/theological to use at meetings. There is never enough time at the meetings to use the many excellent resources/videos.



Seventy-five percent reported not viewing the national League postings on social media. This same number indicated that pictures with a short description of a council event was not submitted to share on social media.



There was a split of 50% of Yes and No of councils having someone assist the secretary with communications activities.

A final comment was "This survey does not reflect all the good works our council has done over the past year."

#### Faith Anderson, Secretary



#### TREASURER - Faith Anderson

All councils reporting indicated that the treasurer prepared an annual budget. The treasurer also always presents financial reports at each meeting. Seventy-five percent of councils indicated they have someone review the council's financial statements each year.

Locally councils donated approximately \$12,389; nationally \$1,970; and internationally \$2,351.

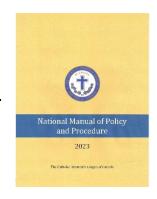
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#### PAST PRESIDENT

4/10 councils reported

Twenty-five percent of councils reported that the past president has been consulted on policy and procedure matters including elections. Seventy-five percent of councils have this position vacant. All councils reported that the past president has not been or will be part of the elections committee. The past president has been approached by the president for advice/assistant by all councils.

None of the councils reported updating the members at council meetings on the numerous revisions to the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*.





Twenty-five percent of councils reported that the past president updated the council history/archives and the other councils were without a past president. The past president involved members in capturing historical event in all councils. A member other than the past president has updated council archives, however, wondered who would

look at the information. Another council initiated an update of the *Book of Life* which had been neglected.

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#### Report submitted by Faith Anderson

## FAITH - Sharon Kennedy

We have started a new journey – A jubilee year in 2025 called "Pilgrims of Hope". A jubilee year for many is a year of spiritual growth. We try to grow in faith. Some people decide to go on a pilgrimage. Some people decide to spend more time reading the Bible or attend Bible Study. Some decide to go to confession more often or to go for the first time in a long time. People who want to grow in faith seek a renewal in a relationship with God. We also want our relationship with God to flourish and grow in strength.

In her communique of November 30, 2024, our National Chairperson of Faith, Roland Chernichan, suggested reading Pope Francis' Encyclical "Delexit Nos" (He Loved Us). This was released October 24, 2024. The Holy Father Speaks about the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus. It is the fourth encyclical of Pope Francis and it coincides with the 350th anniversary of the first apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Members are encouraged to prayerfully read the encyclical.

In her communique of March, 2025, Roland has additional suggestions on Jubilee activities...a couple of them are:

**Pray for the Pope's intentions**. One of the conditions necessary to gain the jubilee plenary indulgence is to pray for the intentions of the supreme pontiff. Councils and members are urged to source the <u>Click to Pray App</u> or the <u>The Pope Video</u> for the specific intentions. In a spirit of penance, Pope Francis has <u>decreed</u> an indulgence for fasting from digital distractions.

**Canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis** (April 27<sup>th</sup>) – Councils are encouraged to promote the canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis—colloquially dubbed as the patron saint of the Internet and the first saint from Generation Y (millennials)—to young people in their parish and to use the occasion to invite young women 16 years and older to learn more about becoming a member.

In addition to this, I encourage you to look into some Catholic apps for your phone or tablet. There is Hallow and there is now Ascension. These apps are a fantastic treasure trove of everything Catholic and can definitely help you get into the habit of developing a healthy prayer life.

Our Diocese of St. Boniface also has a special "book" on their website regarding Jubilee activities and sacred sites around Winnipeg and Manitoba for pilgrimages. Please take the time to go through the book and decide what you would like to do as a member, as a council.

https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/main.php?p=1258#gsc.tab=0



#### Sharon Kennedy, Chairperson of Faith

#### SERVICE - Vacant

Joline Belliveau, National Chairperson of Service, mentions the Jubilee Year in her Communique of March 31, 2025. The Jubilee year proclaimed by Pope Francis emphasizes Hope, Renewal, and Works of Mercy.



The "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" kit is available on the National Website. The kit has examples of palliative care prayers, reflections on how to lead the Luminous Mysteries, prayers and reflections for care givers, healthcare workers and the

sick. The kit also includes facts about palliative care and information about what it is not. The focus is on palliative care – not medical assistance in dying.

National Hospice Palliative Care Week is May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Website for more information.

#### Report prepared by Sharon Kennedy

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE - Vacant

In her communique of March 31, 2025, Glenda Carson, our National Chairperson of Social Justice invites us to celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day is not only a time of

reflection but it is a call to action – reaffirming members commitment to nurture and protect the gift of creation bestowed upon them.

She mentions the publication Laudatio Si by Pope Francis, where he emphasizes that caring for the environment is a fundamental part of the Catholic Faith and Social Justice. ENCYCLICAL LETTER

LAUDATO SI'
OF THE HOLY FATHER

FRANCIS

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME <a href="https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco">https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco</a> 20150524 enciclica-laudato-si.html

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22. Nancy Boucher, a member of the National Social Justice Subcommittee, has prepared a toolkit to offer Earth Day activities focused on environmental care and social justice. It is as yet to be offered on the National Website.

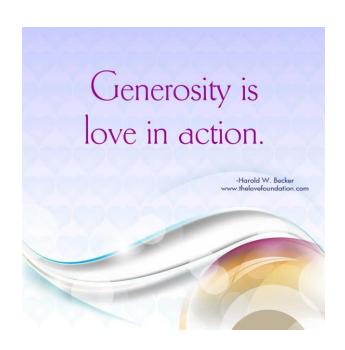
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EARTH DAY 2024 REPORT https://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Earth-Day-2024-Report V4-1.pdf The Budget information has been removed. Please contact the Diocesan President if you require additional information.

The 2024 Financial Statement for St. Boniface Diocesan Council has been removed. Please contact the Diocesan President if you require additional information.

# St. Boniface Diocesan Council DONATIONS 2024

The 2024 Donations for St. Boniface Diocesan Council has been removed. Please contact the Diocesan President if you require additional information.





## **SERVICE PIN AWARDS 2024**

65 Year Pin

Els Tessier St. John the Evangelist

**60 Year Pins** 

Joanne Gerard Christ the King

**45 Year Pins** 

Bonnie Makodanski Christ the King

Lorraine Smith Mary, Mother of the Church

Carla Kibiuk St. Alphonsus

**40 Year Pins** 

Connie Lautenschlager St. John the Evangelist

35 Year Pins

Helena Grandmont Mary, Mother of the Church

Irene Bialek Notre Dame de Lorette

Betty Bahr St. Alphonsus

Marielle Rigaux St. John the Evangelist

Bernice Kula St. Mary's (Beausejour)

<u>30 Year Pins</u>

Shirley Ward St. Alphonsus

25 Year Pins

Carole Schofield St. John the Evangelist

Esther Thiessen St. John the Evangelist

20 Year Pins

Shirley MacKinnon Mary, Mother of the Church

Val Bonnefoy Notre Dame de Lorette

Rosemary Haverstock St. Alphonsus

Carol Bender St. Mary's (Beausejour)

15 Year Pins

Heather Tanner Christ the King

Rita Chigbo St. Alphonsus

#### **10 Year Pins**

Dorothy Weldon Christ the King

Lorraine King Mary, Mother of the Church

Lucille Chay Notre Dame de Lorette

Monique Johnson Notre Dame de Lorette

Maria Luisa Hintay St. John the Evangelist

Irene Lazarko St. Mary's (Beausejour)

## **5 Year Pins**

Vicky Dyck Christ the King

Lorraine Bremault Mary, Mother of the Church

Marie-Ange Sabourin Mary, Mother of the Church

Deborah Woodbeck Mary, Mother of the Church

Gilda DeLeon St. Alphonsus

Maggie Franczuk St. Alphonsus

Beverley Payne St. Alphonsus

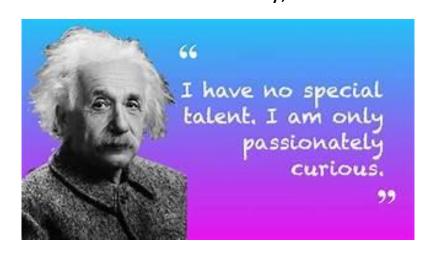
### MAPLE LEAF SERVICE PIN

Sharon Dugard St. Mary's (Beausejour)



### **CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

Lorraine King Mary, Mother of the Church Marie-Ange Sabourin Mary, Mother of the Church Janice Wood Mary, Mother of the Church



# DAY OF REFLECTION October 5, 2024 Hosted by St. Alphonsus Parish Council



**Doris Reid**, Residential School Survivor shared her story of healing. She gifted those attending with smudging.



Doris & Jaclyn Suttorp



Doris & diocesan president, Lacey Bernardin



Doris & Janice Taplin

**Dolores Gosselin**, Metis elder and storyteller. She shared the process on making her drums while infusing various stories in her presentation.









# St. Boniface Diocesan Council Service on Manitoba Provincial and National Councils

| 1951-1952 | Dorothy Muller       | MB Provincial President                 |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1955-1957 | Winnifred Alexander  | · MB Provincial President               |
| 1958-1960 | Winnifred Alexander  | National 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice-President |
|           |                      | & Spiritual & Lay Retreat Convener      |
| 1959-1961 | Marguerite Lanthier  | MB Provincial President                 |
| 1963-1965 | Marion Trudell       | MB Provincial President                 |
| 1967-1968 | Marion Trudell       | National Resolutions Convener           |
| 1968-1972 | Marion Trudell       | National Laws Convener                  |
| 1965-1967 | Rose Dion            | MB Provincial President                 |
| 1967-1969 | Catherine Bird       | MB Provincial President                 |
| 1971-1972 | Catherine Bird       | National Secretary-Treasurer            |
| 1977-1979 | Shirley Scaletta     | MB Provincial President                 |
| 1979-1980 | Shirley Scaletta     | National Education Convener             |
| 1981-1982 | Shirley Scaletta     | National Spiritual Development Convener |
| 1984-1986 | Shirley Scaletta     | National Legislation Convener           |
| 1985-1987 | Doreen Ferraton      | MB Provincial President                 |
| 1988-1990 | Doreen Ferraton      | National Legislation Convener           |
| 1984-1986 | Evelyn Wyrzykowski   | National Resolutions Convener           |
| 1986-1988 | Evelyn Wyrzykowski   | National President-Elect                |
| 1988-1990 | Evelyn Wyrzykowski   | NATIONAL PRESIDENT                      |
| 1999-2001 | Alice Makodanski     | MB Provincial President                 |
| 2003-2005 | Sandra Byrnes        | MB Provincial President                 |
| 20092011  | Susan Bernier        | MB Provincial President                 |
| 2013-2015 | Monica Brechka       | MB Provincial President                 |
| 2015-2017 | Faith Anderson       | MB Provincial President                 |
| 2018-2021 | Faith Anderson       | National Chairperson of                 |
|           |                      | Education and Health                    |
| 2017-2019 | Rolande Chernichan   | MB Provincial President                 |
| 2021-2023 | Faith Anderson       | National Chairperson of Community Life  |
| 2021-2023 | Rolande Chernichan   | National Chairperson of Resolutions     |
| 2023-2025 | Rolande Chernichan - | - National Chairperson of Faith         |

## St. Boniface Diocesan Parish Councils

|                                    |                   | 2025         |
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|                                    |                   | <b>YEARS</b> |
| Holy Cross                         | November 5, 1948  | <b>77</b>    |
| St. Alphonsus                      | March 6, 1949     | 76           |
| Corpus Christi (Narol)             | June 1, 1949      | 76           |
| St. John the Evangelist (Morden)   | April 14, 1953    | 72           |
| Christ the King                    | October 5, 1955   | 70           |
| Mary, Mother of the Church         | December 11, 1961 | 64           |
| St. Mary (Beausejour)              | April 9, 1967     | 58           |
| Notre Dame de Lorette (Lorette)    | April 4, 1989     | 36           |
| St. Michael (Cook's Creek)         | February 6, 1996  | 29           |
| Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes (Ste. Anne) | October 30, 2014  | 11           |

Thank you for living your faith through your service to God and Canada. Councils from ten (10) years to 75 years of service, congratulations on your contributions over the years, adding your voice to Catholic women across Canada through The Catholic Women's League of Canada.



# STANDING RULES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Each Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) sets its own standing rules in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. They are applicable only for the duration of the AMM in session only. Even though the standard rules may be the same from one year to the next, the rules must be adopted by each new AMM.

At the beginning of the business session of an AMM, a motion is proposed, debated and voted on to adopt the standing rules of the AMM. This motion requires a two-thirds vote. To rescind or amend the rules once they have been adopted requires a two-thirds vote. To suspend a rule requires a majority vote. (National Manual of Policy & Procedure)

Standing Rules for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of Members of the St. Boniface Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

#### Registration

- 1. Each person attending the AMM shall register at the AMM registration desk and shall be required to wear the official AMM badge for admission to all meetings.
- Registrants shall be classified as voting delegates (parish council presidents), or accredited delegates (diocesan accredited, parish accredited, honorary life members, life members).
- 3. The diocesan treasurer (substitute), at the beginning of the business session, shall provide a credentials report summarizing the number of voting members present at the AMM and shall submit a list of the names of voting members. When adopted, the credentials report shall be the official roll of voting members. If additional voting members are admitted after the report has been adopted, a supplementary report shall be given and adopted when no business is pending. Due notice having been given, ten percent (10%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

#### **Seating Arrangements**

4. The business sessions of the AMM 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.

#### **Motions and Debate**

- 5. The chair shall: (a) state all questions and motions to the meeting before they are open to discussion; and (b) put all questions and motions to the meeting before the vote is taken thereon.
- 6. Every motion shall have a seconder. The mover or her designate, of a motion shall be privileged to speak first to a motion (no longer than three (3) minutes).
- 7. The mover of a motion or her designate, may speak to open and close debate. No other member shall speak more than once on the same motion or longer than three (3) minutes without permission of the assembly granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.
- 8. Those wishing to speak shall use the microphone(s) and upon being recognized by the chair, state name, status and council.
- 9. When time is of the essence, voting members shall be given priority to speak over non-voting members.

#### Voting

- 10. Voting members attending the AMM must have submitted a signed credential form and shall submit it to the AMM registration desk.
- 11. As voting delegates, parish council presidents shall have the power to vote on all questions.
- 12. Accredited delegates may vote on any question except the election of officers, amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws* and increases in per capita fees.
- 13. Non-voting members and spiritual advisors may speak at business sessions when recognized by the chair; but shall not introduce motions or vote.
- 14. Voting cards shall be issued to the voting members and these cards shall be exhibited when a member votes.
- 15. The chair shall ask for affirmative and negative votes only and shall declare the outcome of the vote.

#### **Financial**

16. The diocesan executive shall adopt the 2025 compilation report (financial statements) at its winter meeting. The adopted compilation report (financial statements) will be presented to the assembly by the diocesan treasurer at the 2026 AMM.

#### Resolutions

- 17. Only resolutions submitted to the resolutions committee by parish councils or diocesan chairpersons by the deadline date set by the diocesan chairperson of social justice shall be considered for presentation to this AMM.
- 18. The procedure for presenting resolutions to the business session shall be:

- (a) the chairperson of social justice shall read the resolutions after the appropriate chairperson's report
- (b) the president or designate of the parish/diocesan council submitting the resolution shall move its adoption
- (c) the president or designate of the parish/diocesan council submitting the resolution, shall speak first to the resolution.
- 20. Final wording of titles, briefs and action plans shall be the responsibility of the resolutions committee.

#### Miscellaneous

- 21. No materials shall be distributed, displayed or sold at this AMM without the prior approval of the diocesan executive.
- 22. No appeals for support or collections of any kind or circulation of petitions shall be made unless a written request is presented in advance to the diocesan president and approved by the diocesan executive.
- 23. Any motion adopted at this Annual Meeting of Members shall become effective at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of Members unless an alternate time for the action to become effective has been stipulated in the motion.

#### 24. Minutes

- (a) The diocesan president shall appoint a Minutes Review Committee to verify the minutes of all meetings of the AMM (includes minutes of elections).
- (b) The diocesan executive shall approve the minutes of this AMM at its post-AMM meeting.
- (c) The approved minutes of AMM shall be circulated to all voting members of that AMM. If corrections are necessary after approval, they may be made by motion at the next AMM.

What you do is your history. What you set in motion is your legacy.

Leonard Sweet

# Thank you everyone!

- Sincere thanks to the ladies from the St. John the Evangelist council, especially those on the AMM committee. You did a wonderful job!
  Without them, this process would have been impossible.
- Special thanks to Archbishop Albert LeGatt for making time in his busy schedule to celebrate Mass with us.
- \* Thank you, Father Kevin for your continued attendance/participation as the St. Boniface Diocesan Spiritual Advisor.
- Thanks to Chairperson of Faith, Sharon Kennedy for the inspiring Spiritual Program today.
- Thank you to Faith Anderson and Sharon Kennedy in all their hard work with creating many reports for the ARB and being a part of the Diocesan Council.
- \* Thank you to Keynote Speaker, Leah Perrault. Having heard you speak and be a part of your workshop/retreat is truly a blessing in of itself.
- Thank you Faith Anderson for once again taking on the task of putting together the ARB and getting it printed for us.

Thank you to each and every one of you who is here in attendance.
It's always lovely to see you all.

Many blessings to you all.

Lacey Bernardin, President

St. Boniface Diocesan Council

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

# IN MEMORIAM



# POPETRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025 Born - Jorge Mario Bergoglio

"His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

- Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church

We join together with members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada to pray for Pope Francis as he is heralded by the angels on his heavenly journey.

Lord Jesus, grant eternal rest to Pope Francis, who faithfully shepherded Your Church. May his service be pleasing in Your sight, and may Your boundless mercy shield him from any judgment for his faults. Grant him peace alongside Saint Peter, his predecessor, and all the saints. Amen.



# NOTES

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