

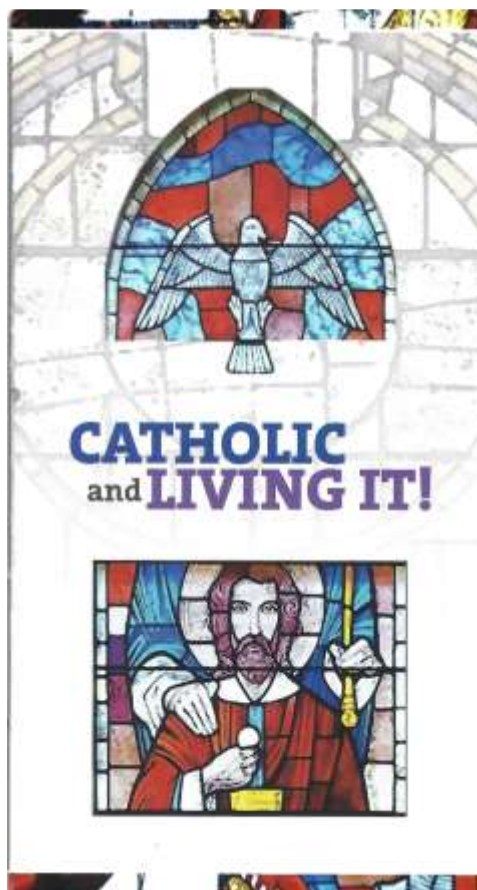


**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

*St. Boniface Diocesan Council*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

*January 1 – December 31, 2022*





St. Mary (Beausejour) Parish Council  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Welcome You  
to the  
*St. Boniface Diocesan Council*  
*74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Members/Convention*  
*April 29, 2023*

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# AGENDA

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

- 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**  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Joy Smith**  
Topic: Human Trafficking
- 12:00 noon **LUNCHEON**
- 1:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Susan Penner**  
Topic: Life Culture  
  
**RESUME BUSINESS SESSION**  
❖ **HEALTH BREAK**  
Invitation to 2043 St. Boniface Diocesan Council  
Annual Meeting of Members/Convention
- 3:30 pm. **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.  
*Amen***



Loving Father, open our hearts to your infinite love for all people, and to your presence with us wherever we go in your name.

Lord Jesus, deepen the spiritual life of the Catholic Women's League.  
Strengthen the faith and good works of our members, building-up live in the world by being Catholic and Living It! May we, imitate you with works of mercy, welcoming the forgotten, suffering or vulnerable wherever we encounter them.

Holy Spirit, strengthen us to live our faith, witnessing to life, peace and social justice daily wherever we are in Canada.

Through the intercession Our Lady of Good Counsel, may we be joyful and responsive to our Christian calling, by truly being Catholic and Living It!

We make this prayer through Jesus, our Teach and Messiah, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

*Amen.*

## ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

2022

### ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	<b>Lacey Bernardin</b>
<b>President-Elect</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Suzanne Moore (acting)</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Suzanne Moore</b>

### STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>Spiritual Development</b>	<b>Sharon Kennedy</b>
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Connie McCorrister-Moravek</b>
<b>Christian Family Life</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Community Life</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Education and Health</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Vacant</b>





St. Boniface Diocesan Council  
Past Presidents

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



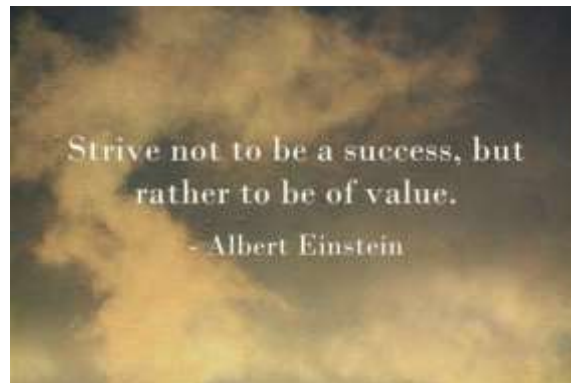
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### Past Presidents

<b>Doreen Howe</b>	<b>2014 - 2016</b>
<b>Mavis McLaren</b>	<b>2016 - 2018</b>
<b>Paulette Chase</b>	<b>2018 – 2021</b>
<b>Lacey Bernardin (Acting)</b>	<b>2021-2023</b>



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# St. Boniface Diocesan Council Spiritual Advisors

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



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
St. Boniface Diocesan Council  
2022 Deceased Members

*Lise Adams*  
*Stella Carson*  
*Margaret Kowalczak*  
*Frances Penonzeh*  
*Veronica Zelenewich*

*Christ the King*  
*Christ the King*  
*Christ the King*  
*Christ the King*  
*Christ the King*

*Rose Ludwick*

*Corpus Christi*

*Renee Alarie*  
*Irene Vermeulen*

*Mary, Mother of the Church*  
*Mary, Mother of the Church*

*Verna Domanski*  
*Marilyn Studhome*  
*Angela Winiarz*

*St. Alphonsus*  
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*Rose Balamatowski*

*St. Bernadette*

*Mildred Dufort*

*St. Mary (Beausejour)*

*Kay Sontag*

*St. Michael (Cook's Creek)*

*Rene Chartiere*  
*Elizebeth Johnston*

*Diane Goltz*  
*Mary Lozinski*

*Theresa Sinkwich*





April 24, 2023

Saint-Boniface Diocesan Council  
of the Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Dear friends,

Spring is upon us. I'm taking a chance, I know, in stating that! However sooner or later the seasons will change. That's a truth for all aspects of our lives whether it be as individuals, in our families, in groups and associations (such as the CWL) and even in countries and cultures at the macroscopic level. The question is not whether things will change, but rather how we navigate these varied changes and how we do so together (or not).

The CWL under its national leadership has been pursuing for the past few years a vast effort to renew, revitalize and reorganize the League, (and this despite the slowdown during the pandemic). I'm sure that you have been informed about all this, and in a continuing way as this nationwide effort progresses and evolves. The CWL as a whole organization has a good track record of communicating with its members.

I'm sure that you have been involved in these efforts in varying ways at the parish level; after all, as for any organization it is at the grassroots level, at the local level, that things really matter, that things really happen (or not).

I am happy to join you at your annual convention. Every year has been an enriching and enjoyable experience for me. Firstly, of course, simply to meet you, spend some time with you and just get to know all of you better. You truly are a most gracious group of ladies! However secondly, it allows me the opportunity to take note of all the ways the Holy Spirit is at work in our diocese, in your CWL parish councils more specifically, but also at large in parish life everywhere. May God continue to bless you abundantly in your friendships and in your works.

I leave you with a question I have recently been sharing with the CWL leaderships at local, diocesan, provincial and national levels, **"How can the CWL foster ministry (service) amongst women, for women, by women and that for all women in the local parish?"**

I will be discussing this at the Spiritual Advisors meeting which is an annual part of your Convention's agenda. I also invite you to discuss and then to act upon this question; especially within each of your own parishes. By the intercessions of your patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, may you all have a wonderful day and a wonderful year ahead. As I assure you of my prayers, I humbly ask also for yours.

Sincerely in Christ.

+Albert LeGatt  
Archbishop of Saint-Boniface



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## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

March 6, 2023

My dear sisters in the League,

A time to gather, a time to build new and stronger relationships are awaiting each of you. This gathering is your opportunity to do that, looking to the future with great hope and the desire to be the light and face of God for all you encounter. As you gather to celebrate your accomplishments, please take time to reflect upon the blessing and privilege of being a part of an organization with 60,000 members. May the League's core values of faith, service and social justice help you live out the theme, *Catholic and Living It!*

Your various activities reflecting our national theme continue to greatly encourage members. You can take pride in knowing others notice and appreciate your actions. You have continued to do valuable work in your community as Catholic women. That work contributes to the mission that you have been called to through your baptism.

As you gather for your meeting, you can do so with great joy hearing reports of wonderful accomplishments. Future plans will be decided, and I look forward to hearing about all of them.

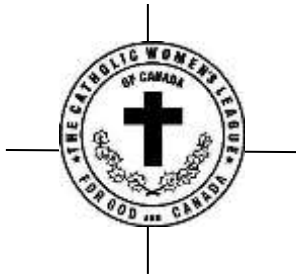
Celebrating your 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a great way to recognize the dedication, work and love of the members before you. On behalf of the national executive/board, composed of the 11 table officers and the 11 provincial presidents, it is my pleasure to bring greetings. I pray for all members in St. Boniface Diocesan Council as you continue to serve "For God and Canada."

Your sister in the League,

Fran Lucas

National President and Chairperson of International Relations

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# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



Greetings from the President!

Thank you for asking me to share with you. I am very excited to be able to attend, in person, your convention! As I write this letter it is International Women's Day. I am very happy to belong to this group of women. We are truly a wonderful and powerful group! I am also very excited to have heard the provincial budget this week to include a response to one of our resolutions! 2016.01 *Extending Coverage of Insulin Pumps and Supplies to Manitobans of All Ages* was addressed in the budget presentation! I am sure our visit to the government had something to do with this! Hurray!

As I strive to live the National Theme "Catholic and Living It" I feel drawn to Micah 6:8 "... do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." To do justice is to not be silent or complacent when others are abused, mistreated, in need, scorned or exploited. We need to examine how we treat the people of God. As I listen to and read about all that members of the Catholic Women's League in St. Boniface Diocese have done, I know that we are embracing actions of justice.

Loving mercy is possible only because of the great mercy God has shown us. Mercy and justice are so united that they only work when together. When we see pain, need and loss we respond with mercy, just as that shown to us by God.

It is not within our power to do justice and love mercy as God does without Jesus and his ultimate example of humility, never easy but it is the road God has called us to walk. May God give us the strength to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with him! I have quoted and used information found on a website for Westmont College on a page dedicated to Intercultural and Global Engagement.

I look forward to another year of Sisterhood, Spirituality, and Socialization as we work and serve together!

Yours in Christ,  
Crystal Reiter

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Welcome to Fr. Kevin Nkengfua Lereh



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ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE

Nomination  
03/23

## ALBERT LeGATT

by the grace of God and favour of the Apostolic See  
**ARCHBISHOP OF SAINT BONIFACE**

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To Our beloved son in Christ Father Kevin Nkengfua Lereh,  
Greetings in the Lord.

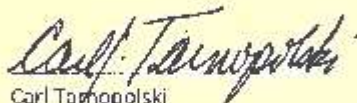
"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace."

By virtue of our pastoral office, we appoint you Diocesan Spiritual Advisor of the Catholic Women's League.

This appointment is effective as of March 1, 2023 for a duration of five years or until the mandate is revoked by myself or my legitimate.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Given at St. Boniface at the Metropolitan Curia, under our sign and seal and the countersign of our Chancellor, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 2023.

  
Carl Tamopolski  
Chancellor

  
+ Albert LeGatt  
Archbishop

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## PRESIDENT - Lacey Bernardin

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This past year, we have seen an improvement in council meetings, in person events and socialization in general. For many, it continues to be a struggle to return to how it was before and attending CWL meetings and events remain out of reach for many. These past three years have left a permanent scar on our society as a whole as well as our mental health. I am thankful to all of you for continuing to be members in this great sisterhood no matter what part you take in it.



I am sad to have had to say goodbye to other one of our councils who decided to disband last year. St. Joseph the Worker council had many amazing ladies who did great things within their parish and community. I wish you all well in the future.

Our councils continue to great works. They've managed to do great acts of charity with food bank collections, baby items, winter clothing and financial donations. One issue in particular that received much attention was the war in Ukraine and sending financial aid as well as helping families locally. One council took the initiative to go as a group to see the Passion Play and another had a member address the council about living with a brain injury. I'd like to commend Mary, Mother of the Church in particular for hosting a remembrance service in recognition of the 2nd National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Their guest speaker was Father Francois Paradis, who may recognize as the speaker we used for our Day of Reflection. Of course, there's so many more deeds that need to be celebrated, so please read each councils highlights.

In our last year's ARB, we had made a mistake in announcing that St. John the Evangelist would be celebrating their 70th anniversary in 2022. After some discovery, it was revealed that they will be celebrating this honorable milestone this year, in 2023. Congratulations, and apologies for the misprint last year. Another very notable anniversary that will be celebrated this year will be Holy Cross at a very impressive 75 years. Congratulations to both councils and a wish for many more to come.



I was very grateful to be able to attend many events last year as your diocesan representative. I traveled north in order to attend the Keewatin-The Pas AMM in Flin Flon. It was my first time visiting and I fell in love! I then attended the National Convention in Kelowna, B.C. which



was another amazing experience. I was a part of several of our Honour Guard Masses at the Cathedral, attended the Day of Reflection, our Annual Archbishop's Dinner, and several councils to help with recruitment. As your Acting President, I've become a member of the Provincial Executive Council and attended several meetings with them and it has been an eye-opening experience as it opens up a whole new level of the League that I had never imagined before.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, I would like to offer a great big welcome to our new Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Father Kevin Nkengfua Lereh who will be with us for the next five years!



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

**Lacey Bernardin, Acting President**



*Chrism Mass Honour Guard April 4, 2023*

## 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.

## **Honourary Life Member**



**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 Executive***

***Front Row*** – Lacey Bernardin (Acting President), Sharon Kennedy (Spiritual Development) and Suzanne Moore (Treasurer and Acting Secretary) and Yvette Polak (Holy Cross)

***Second Row*** – Carmen Dueck St. Michael (Cook's Creek)

***Third Row*** – Connie McCorrister-Moraavek (Organization), Beryl Sellner (St. Alphonsus), Sheila Lenton (Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes), Michele Baril (St. Bernadette)

***Back Row*** – Nicole Gougeon (Holy Cross rep.), Denise Pasieczka (Mary, Mother the Church), Lucille Chay (Notre Dame de Lorette), Marielle Bosak (St. Mary, Beausjour)

***Missing:*** Corpus Christi, St. Emile, St. John the Evangelist (Morden),

# St. Boniface Diocesan Council

2022

Parish Council	President	Spiritual Advisor
Christ The King	Yvette Polak*	Fr. Chrysogonus Obinna Agu
Corpus Christi	Diane Boulet	Fr. Joshua Gundrum
Holy Cross	Sharon Kennedy*	Sister Bibianne Akpana-Ikwan
Mary, Mother of the Church	Kim Scammell (Ranson)*	Fr. Jean-Baptiste Nguyen
Notre Dame de Lorette	Lucille Chay	Fr. Jorge Mario de los Rios Londono
Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes	Sheila Lenton*	Vacant
St. Alphonsus	Beryl Sellner	Br. Greg Mulligan
St. Bernadette	Michele Baril (contact)	Vacant
St. Emile	Margaret Kustra (contact)	Vacant
St. John the Evangelist	Marilyn Skubovius	Fr. Ramon Oncog
St. Joseph the Worker	Lindsay Jennings*	Sr. Charlotte Leake
St. Mary	Marielle Bosak	Fr. René Chartier
St. Michael	Carmen Dudek*	Fr. Sylvanus Omali

**\*Acting President**



## COUNCIL ANNIVERSARIES

2023

Holy Cross

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





# Highlights of Parish Council's Activities



## CHRIST THE KING - YVETTE POLAK

1. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, we held a Mother's Day fundraiser. We sold China tea cups and saucers. The tea cups were filled with chocolates and cookies. Our parishioners purchased the teacups and saucers as Mother's Day Gifts for their moms. We raised over \$300.00!



2. November 6<sup>th</sup>, we had our Soup Sunday fundraiser. Our ladies made a variety of homemade soups which were served to our parishioners and friends who came down for a cup of soup and conversation with their fellow parishioners. It was a great social event. We had great success in raising over \$600.00 for our council.

3. This year, Christ the King CWL organized a Christmas Hamper project for the Christmas Cheer Board. We succeeded in collecting food, packing and delivering eleven hampers with the help of our parishioners, as well as the "African Group" of our parish. There was a great amount of knitted items donated, as well as toys and gift cards for the children of the families in need. This was truly a community effort. This year of 2023, Christ the King parish is focusing on "Hospitality."



***Yvette Polak, Acting President***

## CORPUS CHRISTI - DIANE BOULET

We started the year by having an Easter brunch for the parish, but because of poor weather that day, the turnout wasn't as many as we would have liked. It was still nice to have fellowship between the parishioners.



In June, we had a wind-up for all of our members and extended the invitation to other ladies of our parish. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed each other's company.



In the fall, we decided to help a young family with a baby from Ukraine. We give them a gift card quarterly and they are so grateful for this gesture. We are hoping one day they will come to our parish so that we can all meet them.

At Christmas time, we collected socks, hats, mitts, scarves, etc. and dropped them off at Nova House in Selkirk, along with a donation. We also donated to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes, as well as Abundant Life.



Our CWL members had a potluck dinner at Christmas time and extended the invitation to all ladies from our parish and from St. Stanislaus Parish. We had a wonderful time with great food,

games, prizes and Christmas carolling.

***Diane Boulet, President***

"Nature has given us all the pieces required to achieve exceptional wellness and health but has left it to us to put these pieces together."

Diane McLaren

## HOLY CROSS - SHARON KENNEDY

1. It was great to return to being with people again and fundraising. We had our very first Grey Cup Pool ticket selling which was extremely successful. We will do it again. We also had a very successful bake sale and raffle. As we no longer have enough bakers in our council to accommodate a decent bake sale, we asked Holy Cross parishioners to donate some baking and 50% of the proceeds went to the Church.

2. We collected warm hats, scarves, mitts and socks for our Advent Tree, which are donated to IKWEE and Rossbrook House. A personal collection of money was used to buy toiletry items and small gifts for the young ladies of Villa Rosa.



3. Due to being apart during the pandemic, for the anniversary of our charter we had 14 members who celebrated various years of service anniversaries. In lieu of recognizing them with service pins, we chose to acknowledge them by making a donation to Mary's Meals on their behalf to honour them. We announced their names, years of service and our chosen donation in the parish bulletin. We gathered for a group photo to mark the occasion

***Submitted by Nicole Gougeon, Secretary***

### ***WORDS TO INSPIRE!***

*"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." - Michael Jordan*

*"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do." - Dr. Seuss*

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."- Jane Goodall*

## MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH - KIM SCAMMELL

### **1. National Food Bank Project:**

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Council participated in the National Food Bank Project. Appealing to local members and parishioners, the council collected 504 pounds of food, which was donated to Manitoba Harvest. A "COVID safe" project to undertake, the council appreciated the many contributions made at a time when parishioners were cautiously returning to church. (See council spotlight on the national website at <https://cwl.ca/mary-mother-of-the-church-winnipeg/> Pictured are president Denise Pasciezka, corresponding secretary Zinny Deen, recording secretary Faith Anderson and treasurer Josephine Pettigrew. The council is pleased to have been part of this cross-country effort where 38,557 pounds of food was collected, as well as \$43,319 in monetary donations to alleviate hunger in Canada.



### **2. Fall Rummage Sale:**



As churches and CWL councils began to resume their regular activities, the MMOC council courageously resumed its semi-annual rummage sale in September 2022. With the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, parish youth ministry and many non-CWL members of the parish, the CWL was able to get back to some regular activities. Aside from raising funds for charity, the following groups were also provided with items: Chez Nous, Missionaries of Charity Sister, and St. Norbert Personal Care Home. An immigrant family from Peru were able to shop for needy items prior to the sale. The leftover items were donated to Centre Flavie-Laurent.

### **3. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:**

In recognition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, on September 30, 2022, MMOC CWL hosted a service of remembrance. CWL members and parishioners were invited to wear orange shirts, to spend an hour in prayer to remember the children who never returned home from residential schools, and to listen to guest speaker Fr. Francois Paradis, facilitator for the Returning to Spirit program, an indigenous-led non-profit that provides reconciliation workshops.



***Kim Scammell, Acting President***



# NOTRE DAME DE LORETTE – LUCILLE CHAY

## **1. Fundraiser for Ukrainian immigrants**

In September, our council hosted a Gourmet Poutine & Bevy night and silent auction at the Dawson Trail Motor Inn; some of the proceeds of the fundraiser were designated to assist Ukrainian newcomers to Manitoba. Many members donated items for the silent auction and other donations were solicited from local merchants. Over 25 silent auctions prompted large sales of tickets, and some donors also offered financial donations. The evening was a huge success and we were able to donate \$2500.00 to the Canadian Ukrainian Congress.



## **2. Adopt a Highway**



Several years ago, our council “adopted a highway.” Our stretch of highway runs along PTH 207 from McDougall Rd until the junction of Highways 206 & 207 – a stretch of eight kilometres. Twice a year, in spring and fall, we advertise to the community to help out and spend a Saturday morning cleaning the ditches along our adopted route.

## **3. Support for Vocations**

Our council has actively supported vocations by making yearly donations of \$500.00 to the Archdiocese of St. Boniface’s Good Shepherd Campaign. This year, we have also officially adopted two religious Sisters and pay for their memberships in our council. One ‘sister’ has made her final profession of vows with the Queenship of Mary in Ottawa, and the other has made her first profession of vows with the Sisters of Holy Cross in Peru. Both assure us that they join us in prayer.



***Lucille Chay, President***

## ST. ALPHONSUS - BERYL SELLNER

This was a year to catch up on many of the things that were missed because of the Pandemic.

1. We once again were able to continue with almost all our regular monthly meetings. We changed our meeting times for the winter months from Tuesday evening to Saturday afternoon and that worked well for our ladies.
2. We continued with our fundraising efforts and giving to the many charitable organizations that we annually give to.
3. We continued reaching out to our ladies by newsletters and with phone calls and visiting many of our shut-ins when circumstances allowed.



### ***Beryle Sellner, Acting President***

## SAINTE-ANNE-des-CHÊNES - Sheila Lenton

1. At our meeting in May, one of our members who lives with a brain injury made a presentation on what that is like and why. She was assisted with that presentation by another member of ours who is a rehab nurse.
2. With the help of our parishioners, our council collected 18 backpacks filled with school supplies for the "Backpacks 4 Hope Initiative" to support Ukrainian refugees in Winnipeg. One of our members delivered them to the Ukrainian Centre on Main Street.



### ***Sheila Lenton, Acting President***

"If you can't yet do great things, do small things in a great way." - Napoleon Hill



## ST. BERNADETTE

1. In July, one of our members planned and organized a bus trip to the Passion Play in Manitoba. It turned out to be a successful challenge, as 45 people went on the day trip on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Passion Play was beautifully presented, the bus ride was fun and relaxing, and the meal, which was included in the day trip, was most enjoyable.



2. The Knights of Columbus invited our CWL prayer group to join them in the parish BBQ and Gathering in September to welcome Fr. Chukwuemeka to the parish. The Knights provided the hot dogs, chips and drink and the CWL provided the desserts and coffee. Our members generously donated the baking. We had two long tables of goodies to choose from. Five of our ladies served the food and one served the coffee. At the end, plates were made up and sold for a donation. The remainder of the desserts were packed up and delivered to the Holy Cross Soup Kitchen. The event was well attended and enjoyed by the parishioners.



3. For two weekends in December, before and after all masses, Christmas Angels were sold. "Mary's Angels" as they are known, is a fundraising project for the Marian Hour Centre which sponsors the Daily Rosary Program on CKJS Radio 810 every evening at 10:30 pm. The Marian Hour (Rosary) has been around for over 50 years and the Angels for the past 20 years.



***Report prepared by Yvonne Roy***

**"I have not failed. I've just found  
10,000 ways that won't work."  
- Thomas A. Edison**

## ST. EMILE

1. St. Emile Council started in-person meetings in the spring. In the fall, we hosted the Diocesan Day of Reflection at the parish Centre.
2. Angel decorations were sold before and after masses to raise money for the Marian Hour Rosary Radio Program.
3. Lacey Bernardin and Suzanne Moore from the St. Boniface Diocesan Council were invited to make CWL presentations at four masses at St. Emile over two weekends. As a result, a few ladies expressed an interest and two of them attended a January gathering with a brief meeting. It is hoped that they will become members.



***Report prepared by Margaret Kustra***

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - MARILYN SKUBOVIOUS

1. Our council began to meet in June 2022 and presented service pins for 2020, 2021, and 2022
2. We provided support and direction to the new people running the hamburger booth at the Corn and Apple Festival and received a portion of the profits.
3. We invited Lacey Bernardin and Suzanne Moore to a Sunday mass and coffee to address the parish about the CWL; there was some interest
4. We presented an evening for the parish with a local lawyer to explain the importance of a will and estate planning.
5. At Christmas, we advertised for people to donate to a Christmas hamper for the Missionaries of Charity in Winnipeg. It was delivered December 14.
6. We advertised that we are collecting bras for Africa.
7. A tea was held for members at the assisted living facility to connect with members.
8. Members did not feel comfortable planning and hosting our Christmas tea and bake sale but offered to help our new Ukrainian community by holding a fundraising bake sale.
9. Members sponsored a Saint Nicholas visit.



***Marilyn Skubovius, Acting President***

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - LINDSY JENNINGS

1. Due to COVID, sharing space with an elementary school and wanting to protect our children as best we can, not to mention our senior members, we have not met as a council since the spring of 2020. We have managed to meet our financial commitments, thankfully, including a donation to The Good Shepherd Campaign without the ability to do any fundraising. The executive has met via ZOOM and over email to discuss items, and the members have been updated monthly by email or by phone. Because of the general age of our members, a ZOOM meeting including the general membership was a flop, so we have continued keeping in contact with them via email or phone.
2. We conducted the instructed vote in March at a special meeting in the church hall with 24 of our 40 members in attendance. I summarized the motions and members were given the opportunity to discuss each one prior to submitting their votes. For those who were not able to attend, I emailed the summary and gave them the option of sending in their votes via email. I tried contacting other members by phone, but found it was a rather onerous task as there were so many members to call, and each call took quite some time to complete. Sadly, our council was not in agreement with the direction the League was doing and felt that it was not longer a good fit for us. We initiated action to disband and held a vote on this in November. As of December 2022, we no longer belong to The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
3. We have a connection through a local department store who calls us when they have large quantities of clothing that they are not able to sell. To date, I and two other members have made several trips to their warehouse and have picked up an excess of 300 large boxes of clothing. We sorted through the clothing and were able to make donations to the UpStore, You Can't Spoil a Baby, Siloam Mission, Gospel Mission, Centre Flavie, the Bear Clan, Community Resource Centre in Transcona, Socktober and Koats for Kids. Several items have been put aside and were used as gifts for the 20 families receiving hampers from our parish.



**youcantspoilababy.org**

***Lindsay Jennings, Acting President***

## ST. MARY (Beausejour) – Marielle Bosak

### **The ties that bind.**

1. We had ample opportunity to remember those who had left us. We formed an Honour Guard for the prayer vigil for our Spiritual Advisor and Pastor, Fr. Rene Chartier at the time of his sudden passing. We mourned the loss of long-time CWL member, Millie Dufort. We participated in the memorial service for our former pastor and spiritual advisor, Fr. Owen Steeves who passed away in 2020. We formed an Honour Guard for the Mass of Remembrance which was held November 13, 2022 to honour all victims of war.



*Mildred Dufort dancing into her 80's!*

2. We connected with our community and the world through our donations. Fundraisers such as perogy-making and a raffle, as well as the parish garage sale, permit us to support our church and many local charities focused on feeding the hungry and providing services to the elderly. Through our international donations to our foster child in Kenya (Chalice), Open Doorways Orphanage in Haiti, and Development and Peace, we focus our attention on the realities of life in the greater world.



*Open Doorways Orphanage*



3. After years of living apart, we were ready for our council to be a gathering place for members to develop their faith, be of service and enjoy being with one another. We initiated Households of Faith discussions at our meetings. Members took advantage of opportunities to be together, whether at meetings, at garage sale, at our June windup dinner, while making perogies, or at our Christmas lunch. We were ready to reconnect.

***Marielle Bosak, President***



## ***St. Mary (Beausejour) Celebrate 55 years!***

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Thank you to the 20 who could join us in June 14 at Amore at the Rivers Edge Golf Course. Behind almost each chair was a member who could not attend, and we remember those that



could not attend. Happy 55th, CWL. So proud of one of our original members, Sylvia Mroz.

Sylvia Mroz cutting anniversary cake.



*15 year pin recipients*

The rosary by Glenda, the pinning ceremony, deceased members tribute, assisted by president Marielle Bosak, Cindy Wadelius and Barbara Kiazzyk assisting was meaningful and a tribute to so many special women! Father Rene Chartier (Feb 1955-May 29, 2022) was dearly missed and his CWL pin sat on the alter as a tribute.



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

1. March, our council bought a dough roller. This will make our dough rolling for perogies much easier.
2. March and April, we participated in 'Perogy Fest' in the Springfield area. Proceeds to this event went to Ukraine. We were happy to have donated \$3,455.00.
3. August, the museum at our church brought back Heritage Days, after three years of shutdown. We served Polish meals, borscht and pies in the basement. It was a very busy and successful day.



### ***Carmen Dudek, Acting President***



### ***MORE WORDS TO INSPIRE!***

*"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." – Steve Jobs*

*"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." – Thomas Edison*

*"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity." – Amelia Earhart*



# OFFICER'S REPORTS

ACTING PRESIDENT - Lacey Bernardin

Many councils continue to struggle in returning to their pre-pandemic activity with only 25% of the councils back at 100% as well as at 75%. The majority of the councils (38%) are only back at 50%. A small amount remains at 25% activity.

In relation to the changes to the League's structure, many councils feel that it will be easier to fill the vacancies within the executive as there are now fewer chairs to worry about. Many councils feel that this will be a great way to reflect on what they do already within those chairs and it will also be a new learning experience. Unfortunately, the changes did were the deciding factor in one of the councils deciding to disband. Most councils have used the presentation created by St. Boniface Diocesan Council to help understand the changes as well as guiding their members through the transition. The majority (38%) of councils who have asked for guidance have found it helpful while a smaller portion (25%) only found it somewhat helpful. As Many councils did not ask for any guidance on this issue.

**CATHOLIC**  
and **LIVING IT!**

In regards to how the councils are working with the theme of Catholic and Living, while a small number of councils have not been able to work with it, the majority have done so much with this

theme. The councils have: adopted the Catholic and Living Prayer as their closing prayer, handed out all the theme brochures, hosted guest speakers, studying the virtues at the meetings, novenas, retreats, monthly masses, Living Rosary, votive candles in Mary's Corner, inspirational thoughts and prayers through Flocknotes, enhancing the lives of those in need with monetary donations, educate members on pertinent issues, helping refugees, donations of clothing, Christmas Hampers, helping in various roles during mass, and many more! So proud of you ladies!



Almost all councils have an active Spiritual Advisor for their councils. They will say masses before the meetings, attend meetings, says prayers and blessings, gives messages, attends CWL events and installs officers at mass. These Spiritual Advisors are greatly appreciated.

***Lacey Bernardin, Acting President***

## RECORDING SECRETARY - Suzanne Moore

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Three of the councils, or 37.5%, have a newsletter and five, or 62.5%, do not have a newsletter. The primary method of communication for all of the councils who participated in the survey is email. One council also uses phone calls in addition to emails. Half of the councils use Facebook or other social media platforms in addition to emails, parish bulletins, community newspapers and community message boards.

Five of the councils in the survey use the national website. Each council uses the national website to get different information. Some use it sparingly and others use it more often. Councils reported that they use the national website resources for downloading forms, prayers, workshops, videos, and exploring what is new in the CWL.



### ***Report submitted by Sharon Kennedy***

## TREASURER - Suzanne Moore

There are 6 national voluntary funds that councils donate to. Donation amounts are as follows: Catholic Missions in Canada - 5 councils donated a total of \$325 with the average per council being \$65, Catholic Near East Welfare Association - 4 councils donated a total of \$75 with the average per council being \$19, CCCB Palliative Care Kit - 3 councils donated a total of \$50 with the average per council being \$17, COADY International Institute - 6 councils donated a total of \$245 with the average per council being \$41, Development and Peace Caritas Canada - 6 councils donated a total of \$423 with the average per council being \$71 and, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition - \$0 were donated. In total, the councils donated \$16, 081 to various charities in the year 2022.



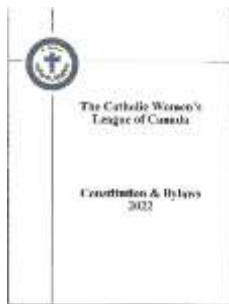
Most councils prepare yearly and monthly financial statements as well as having their books audited every year along with all other duties assigned to Treasurer.

### ***Report submitted by Lacey Bernardin***

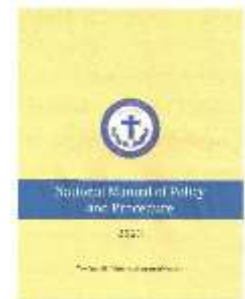
## PAST PRESIDENT

The councils have all reported very different roles that the Past President has performed this past year. Several Past Presidents are continuing to act as President and running the council as they have no current President. Some have acted as a mentor in providing information as well as planning Conventions as well as archiving.

Much of the archives are kept in a church storage area or in personal homes. Some items that are kept in the archives are the past minutes, memberships, newsletters, awards, photos, financial statements, mass cards and obituaries. One council has some photo books as well as an anniversary book, but no other council has one. These books have not been sent to National Office.



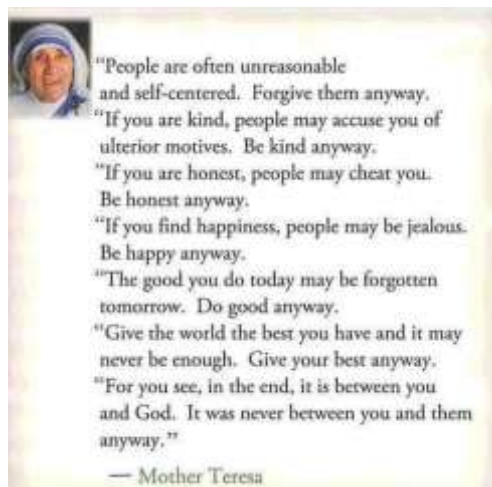
Most councils (63%) have not been able to present information on the Constitution & Bylaws at any of their meetings, whereas, three (3) councils have been able to do this. All councils except for one (1) have a Parish Policy Manual and most find it helpful. One council's manual is used as an example by National



Office.

Other duties performed by the Past President include: membership, service pins, deceased members, organization, leading meetings, assisting in conventions, performing as Acting Diocesan President and some councils do not have a Past President.

## ***Report submitted by Lacey Bernardin***



## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT - Sharon Kennedy

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All of the councils except for one have found a way to work with the theme Catholic and Living it. Many chose to re-establish pre-Covid activities such as charity work and other such activities that promote social justice as well as participating in saying the Rosary and other prayerful activities. Councils prayed for things like

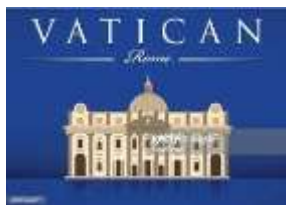
Palliative Care, Seminarians, Truth and Reconciliation, and Indigenous People of Canada.

All of the councils in this survey, except for two, have a Spiritual Advisor. Of the two councils without, one had lost their Spiritual Advisor because he had suddenly passed away. They were very happy and appreciative of how he participated in their council before his passing. All of the councils who had Spiritual Advisors were happy with them. All of the Spiritual Advisors mentioned were supportive of members and participated in council activities including meetings.

The majority of councils, 67%, used a variety of prayer styles to assist members in their communal and personal prayer life. Half of the councils, 50%, used other methods such as resources and spiritual programs from the National website's strategic plan, retreats, online webinars, spiritual reading and book clubs.



A large majority, 83%, of councils assisted members in their growth in the Catholic Faith by sharing information from Catholic Sources. Half, 50%, of the councils also used courses, programs, workshops and guest speakers in their growth in the



Catholic Faith. Half of the councils assisted members in keeping up to date on the role of women in the Church, such as canon law allowing female altar servers and readers, and the appointment of women to positions in the Vatican. Those councils that kept their members up to date used websites, guest speakers and various Catholic documents such as

bishops' conferences and news from the Vatican.

Two councils have supported the St. Boniface Diocese Good Shepard Campaign financially and other councils have found alternative ways of support which include prayer and offering seminarians encouragement and affirmation on their spiritual journey.

***Sharon Kennedy, Chairperson of Spiritual Development***



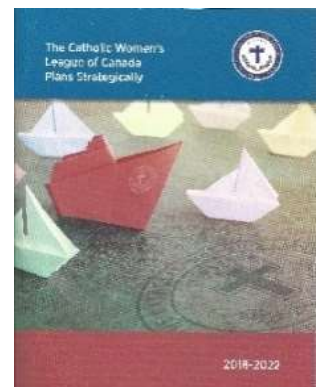
## ORGANIZATION – Connie McCorrister-Moravek

Growing pains have occurred in all Parish Councils over the past 20 or so years – for example, I became a member in January 2004 when there were over 100,000 members across Canada. The CWL has definitely shrunk. Has this been a sign of the times or the way things work as the world progresses? Are we leaving a better place for our children and grandchildren to share our values? Do our children want our organization or many other organizations that are struggling to stay alive? These questions are not new and I am glad that measures have been taken to ensure the likeliness that The Catholic Women's League of Canada will survive.



Yes, some Councils within our Diocese seem to have had little or no support from their own members or other levels. This seems to have been translated into three councils disbanding, two councils as prayer councils, and several councils struggling to a major degree. Were the disgruntled members asked how this organization could be made better? Is this due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic? The answers to these two questions are yes and no. The Strategic Plan came into being earlier than the Pandemic so we can't blame it for our membership dropping so drastically. The Pandemic didn't help but it wasn't the cause of the loss of membership in our Diocese.

A concentrated look at the results of the 2022 Parish Council Annual Report Survey has affected my view of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in a positive way. Most councils have continued in specific ways to keep up our Sisterhood throughout the many *changes* brought about by the Strategic Plan. Members are willing to learn to do things within three committees rather than eight. Seventeen programs have been developed and made available to all councils on the National website. As we enter the final year of the implementation of the Plan, we Catholic Women are still interested in current and past topics of discussion which are being presented to us in a different format. This is a chance for all councils to explore the new technology available to attract younger members. This is a way to help the League grow in today's teachings of Gospel values!



***Connie McCorrister-Moravek, Chairperson of Organization***

## CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

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All of the councils in the survey engaged in some way in helping Ukrainian refugees transition to their new life in Canada. Some gave donations or raised money for the Canadian Ukrainian Congress to aid refugees. In addition to financial a donation one council also donated winter clothing to the Ukrainian Federation and one council has a member who helps children with their English language skills.



All of the councils participated in the Food Bank Project. Most collected food to donate to a local food bank or the Holy Cross Food Bank or Siloam Mission. One council participated in the webinar on human trafficking presented by Joy Smith.

A majority of councils, 63%, used the Development and Peace – Caritas brochure to promote projects supported by the League. A large majority, 88%, used the Catholic Near East Welfare Association brochure to promote projects supported by the League.

Many councils provided a scholarship or a bursary to promote or assist Catholic education in their parish or community. One donated to the CWL National Bursary Fund and one donated money for a Grad Gift.

A large majority, 88%, participated in the Palliative care postcard campaign; 63% participated in a Webinar on palliative care on May 7, 2022 and 63% also participated in 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.

Three quarters, or 75%, of the councils in the survey educated their members on the League's partnership with Blood Services. And all, 100%, of councils in the survey planned some kind of action for World Water Day on March 22, 2022, Earth Day on April 22, 2022, and Earth Action Initiative, September 2022.

***Report submitted by Sharon Kennedy***

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Within the 2022 Parish Council Report Survey, the old way of doing God's work is slowly becoming the new way. Of the six councils that responded to the question regarding the Food Bank Project, three answered 'yes' we did and three 'not' specifically. The three answering not specifically are still helpful in building community in their own ways – examples included local food bank, Holy Cross food bank, Siloam Mission, and Missionary of Charity Sisters. Other donations included preparing and serving a meal for the Immaculate Conception soup kitchen; collecting pill bottles to be filled with shampoo and soap; during the Winter, collecting socks, hats, mitts and scarves and during the summer water bottles and individually packaged snacks; things



collected at a baby shower were given to *You Can't Spoil a Baby*; collected food and gifts for 20 Christmas hampers. Members of one council invited parish members to participate in making their local community grow stronger.

For the question relating to Joy Smith's webinar, most did not attend but are aware of Joy Smith's work on Human Trafficking. Those who attended the webinar learned how widely prevalent human trafficking is in Canada and what to do if they suspect trafficking in their community.

Yes, our councils helped Ukrainian refugees transition to their new life in Canada by financial donations, winter clothing, and working with three children to increase their English Language skills.



Three of the eight councils said "yes" to using the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada brochures to promote projects supported by the League. Remember these brochures are still available for using in the new committees Faith, Social Justice and Service. So hopefully after we are all secure in this post-pandemic time, we can take a look at other projects further out from our country's communities and support them too!

Regarding the brochure for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, we can do better than one council making use of it. We will see what happens in our hearts.

***Report prepared by Connie McCorrister-Moravek***

## EDUCATION & HEALTH

Educating our loved ones is an important practise for most Canadians. Educating to be Catholic is another thing parents want for their loved ones. Many parishes within the St Boniface Diocese have a school on the grounds of the Church building or nearby. Ways our CWL members assist Catholic Education is mostly monetary with scholarships, bursaries, and gifts for baptisms, First Communion, Sacrament of Confirmation to the students themselves, but other assistance occurs. CWL members teach catechism, attend monthly meetings and provide information to other members, invite staff and parents to participate in meetings and include them in CWL activities and prayed for students and staff returning to school.

The monetary scholarships/bursaries/gifts are given to a graduating parishioner, a local student who is pursuing higher education, a graduate of the local Catholic High School, or to students who are continuing with their Catholic Education. One council supported the CWL National Bursary Fund in 2022.



CWL Health projects participation slowed to a great degree and in some cases by 100%: Mental Health Postcard and Palliative Care Postcard Campaigns; webinar on Palliative Care; 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care; League's partnership with Blood Services Canada; World Water Day (100%); Earth Day (100%); or Earth Action Initiative (100%) (WUCWO). Remember we are still returning to CWL activities after the COVID – 19 Pandemic.

***Report prepared by Connie McCorrister-Moravek***

## COMMUNICATIONS



The primary form of communications by all councils is through email. Some additional forms that are used are: Newsletters, minutes, church bulletins, church websites, local newspaper as well as making phone calls. No council has their own social media page, however, many members will post to their personal pages about upcoming events and activities. Councils also submit to Spotlight, use Flocknotes and submit to local newspapers. Five councils report having a council newsletter with three not having one.

All reporting councils have reported using the National website. They use it for upcoming events, what the CWL is currently focusing on, resource usage, forms, videos, workshops and prayers. Councils report that they are all using it more and trying to explore more of the videos.

***Report prepared by Lacey Bernardin***



## RESOLUTIONS

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Two councils, (25%) reported that they distribute the League's "Pornography Hurts" postcards, and six (75%) reported that they did not distribute the postcards.

One council out of the eight (13%) reported as having the position of resolutions standing committee filled, and seven councils (88%) did not. Those councils without a Resolutions standing committee reported a lack of interest in members, little time or generally a lack of active members in the council.

With the phasing out of the resolutions standing committee to fully implement the strategic plan in 2023, three councils reported that they will try to commit to educating members of the resolutions taken and actions taken. Four councils reported that they do not know how the phasing out of the resolutions standing committee will affect their council. One council did not give an answer as it had decided to disband.

Four councils (50%) described their level of knowledge and awareness of issues being discussed by government as "not aware", three councils (38%) as "some knowledge" and one (13%) as "very aware" for the Federal level. The same percentages of knowledge were reported for the Provincial level. Five councils (63%) described their level of knowledge and awareness of issues for the Local level as "some knowledge", two councils (25%) were "not aware" and one council (13%) was "very aware".



Councils reported as not having monitored or acted upon any other federal or provincial bills.

***Report Prepared by Sharon Kennedy***

## LEGISLATION

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With the phasing out of the legislation standing committee to fully implement the strategic plan in 2023, five councils indicated that they will still try to keep informed and three councils expressed doubt that legislation will be a priority in their council.

Four of the councils (50%) reported that they only have some knowledge on Bill C-230: Protection of Freedom of Conscience). Three councils (38%) are not aware of Bill C-230 and one council (13%) is very aware.



Five councils (63%) reported that they only have some knowledge on Bill C-7: Medical Assistance in Dying). Two councils (25%) are very aware of Bill C-7 and one council (13%) is not aware.



Just some added information from the Communique of National Chairperson of Legislation Glenda Carson, October 27, 2022 regarding Bill C-230: “On October 5<sup>th</sup>, this bill was defeated at its second reading. The bill aimed to make it a federal offence to intimidate or coerce a medical professional to participate in any action related to medical assistance in dying (MAiD). As a point of information, while this bill dealt specifically with euthanasia, the concern over protecting healthcare workers’ conscience rights also extends to abortion services.”

Councils reported as not having monitored or acted upon any other federal or provincial bills.

***Report prepared by Sharon Kennedy***



To: The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
The St. Boniface Diocesan Council

Date: Feb. 1, 2023

Re: Review of 2022 fiscal year

I reviewed the attached 2021 statement of Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet of The St. Boniface Diocesan Council, which comprise the financial position as at December 31, 2022.

The review involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

I believe the review evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to conclude on the statements.

In common with many charitable organizations, The St. Boniface Diocesan Council derives revenue from memberships, fundraising, and donations completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory verification. Accordingly, verification of this revenue was limited to amounts recorded in the records of The St. Boniface Diocesan Council

Except for the effect on the financial statements of the matter described in the previous paragraph, the financial statements in my personal judgement present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of The St. Boniface Diocesan Council as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations for that year.

Elwood Haas

*Elwood Haas*  
*Feb 1 2023*

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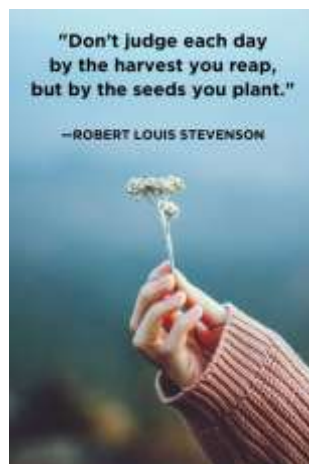


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## **St. Boniface Diocesan Council DONATIONS 2022**

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The budget information has been removed as it is only pertinent to St. Boniface Diocesan Council. Should you personally wish to receive this statement, please contact the St. Boniface Diocesan Council President.

# **SERVICE PIN AWARDS 2022**

## **70 Year Pin**

Mildred Dufort

St. Mary (Beausejour)

## **60 Year Pin**

Isaëlle Bossuyt (2020)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Josie Van Ginkel (2020)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Irene Ell

St. Bernadette

Aileen Robinson

St. Bernadette

## **55 Year Pins**

Odile Phillips

Christ the King

Lillian Burkart (2020)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Jean Campbell (2021)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Rose Dobson (2020)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Denise Steedsman

St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

Sylvia Mroz

St. Mary (Beausejour)

## **50 Year Pins**

Adeline Carbotte

Holy Cross

Margaret Lanoie (2021)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Anita Chapman

St. Bernadette

Linda Kirk

St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

Monica Loewen

St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

## **45 Year Pins**

Jane Kolodka (2021)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Rose Mitchell (2022)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Monica Brechka

St. Alphonsus

Iris Trager

St. Alphonsus

Florence Tokar

St. Bernadette

Christine Hoeschen

St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

Vickie Lavery

St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

Virginia Kubish

St. Mary (Beausejour)



### **40 Year Pins**

Cecile Myslicki  
Faith Anderson (2021)  
Louise Moore (2021)  
Ursula Schmidt (2020)  
Mary Stepic  
Monique Ahle  
Cheryl Crossman (2021)  
Mel Zabrocki

Holy Cross  
Mary, Mother of the Church  
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St. Bernadette  
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)  
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)  
St. Mary (Beausejour)

### **35 Year Pins**

Eveline Caners (2022)  
Doreen Connors (2022)  
Marcia Poirier  
Maryanne Robinson  
Therese LeChasseur  
Connie Lautenschlager (2020)  
Emily Kozera

Mary, Mother of the Church  
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Notre Dame de Lorette  
St. Alphonsus  
St. Bernadette  
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)  
St. Mary (Beausejour)

### **30 Year Pins**

Merilda Belanger  
Joselyn Burvill  
Isobel Mourant  
Liz Van de Keere  
Jeanette Caners  
Hazel Lemieux  
Betty Delaquis  
Audrey Fraser  
Pat Burak (2021)  
Marielle Rigaux (2020)

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St. Alphonsus  
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St. Bernadette  
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St. John the Evangelist (Morden)  
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)

### **25 Year Pins**

Lucille Beaudoin  
Anne LaFrance  
Frances Chinchilla (2021)  
Emma LeSann (2021)  
Joan Potter  
Monique Rampton (2021)  
Pat Crumb  
Henia Niemczyk

Holy Cross  
Holy Cross  
Mary, Mother of the Church  
Mary, Mother of the Church  
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)  
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)  
St. Mary (Beausejour)  
St. Mary (Beausejour)

## **20 Year Pins**

Toni Jesick	Christ the King
Jan Taplin	Holy Cross
Kim Scammell (2020)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Karen Agar	St. Alphonsus
Janice Knysh	St. Alphonsus
Raffaelina Loschiavo	St. Alphonsus
Diana Tardi	St. Alphonsus
Marilyn Kazina	St. Bernadette
Christine Wanlin	St. Bernadette
Lydia Ewasko	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Diane Kruk	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Cecilia Szajewski	St. Mary (Beausejour)

## **15 Year Pins**

Caroline Bremault	Holy Cross
Denise Welfley	Holy Cross
Joanna Lei (2022)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Lacey Bernardin	Notre Dame de Lorette
Rosemarie Eyjolfson	St. Alphonsus
Virginia Mushumanski	St. Alphonsus
Claudette Moquin	St. Bernadette
Lori Baker	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Sharon Dugard	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Sylvia Groinus	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Ruth Kula	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Jan Law	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Pat Nevistiuk	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Joyce Weselak	St. Mary (Beausejour)

## **10 Year Pins**

Paulette Anguish	Holy Cross
Elcira Cordova	Holy Cross
Sharon Kennedy	Holy Cross
Shirley Sutherland	Holy Cross
Bonnie Bonneville (2020)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Shirley Maurice (2021)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Denise Pasieczka (2020)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Charlotte Pirch (2020)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Sara Pirch (2020)	Mary, Mother of the Church

### **10 Year Pins** (continued)

Rebekah Sass (2021)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Teresa Borges	St. Alphonsus
Gina Dallas	St. Alphonsus
Diane Koenigbaur	St. Alphonsus
Gertrude Kostiuk	St. Alphonsus
Giselle Rainville	St. Bernadette
Marille Bosak	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Dorothy Leppelman	St. Mary (Beausejour)
Anne Wolkenstein	St. Mary (Beausejour)

### **5 Year Pins**

Charlene De Lucas	Christ the King
Catherine Chira	Holy Cross
Fran Davis	Holy Cross
Carla Gervais	Holy Cross
Yvonne Labossiere	Holy Cross
Coralee Muller	Holy Cross
Pam Murphy	Holy Cross
Christine Ross	Holy Cross
Mary Watson	Holy Cross
Marion Chaput (2021)	Mary, Mother of the Church
Crystal Chernichan	Notre Dame de Lorette
Janine Durand-Rondeau	Notre Dame de Lorette
Delaney Kolowca	Notre Dame de Lorette

### **MAPLE LEAF SERVICE PIN**

Julie Brodie	Christ the King
Arlette Schamber	Christ the King
Marille Bosak	St. Mary (Beausejour)

### **CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

Frances Chinchilla	Mary, Mother of the Church
Blanche Comeau	Mary, Mother of the Church
Rose Dobson	Mary, Mother of the Church
Knights of Columbus	Mary, Mother of the Church

### **MEMBERSHIP SCROLL**

Irene Vermeulen (posthumous award)	Mary, Mother of the Church
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# St. Boniface Day of Reflection

The St. Boniface Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada hosted its Day of Reflection, "Catholic and Living It!" on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The half-day presentation featured three different ways that people are or have been "Catholic and Living It!"



The first presentation featured Fr. John Sianchuk from St. Joseph's Ukrainian Church in Winnipeg, accompanied by Lesia Sianchuk, Shrine Administrator of the *Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine*, who kept us enthralled with the life story of this future saint. On June 27, 2001, Pope St. John Paul II beatified a number of Ukrainian martyrs who

gave up their lives for Christ under the Soviet Union's atheistic regime during the 20<sup>th</sup> century rather than deny Jesus Christ and His Church. One of those priests was a Redemptorist Bishop, Vasyl Velychkovsky, who was exiled to Winnipeg. Bishop Velychkovsky died a martyr's death on June 30, 1973 and was buried in All Saints Cemetery in Winnipeg. After being beatified, his body and holy relics were enshrined at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Many pilgrims come and pray before Blessed Vasyl, seeking his powerful intercession. Fr. John completed his presentation by blessing us all with holy oil.



The second presentation came to us from Fr. Francois Paradis, a Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate since August 15, 1967. He was ordained in July 1972 and his entire priestly ministry has been with the Ojibwa First Nations communities of Southern Manitoba. In 2007, Returning to Spirit became his full-time ministry. Fr. Francois Spoke about his experiences while ministering to the indigenous people of Manitoba, as well as his work in promoting

reconciliation in Manitoba.

The morning was rounded off with beautiful music from the Youth Choir from the parish of Mary, Mother of the Church, headed by Jason Cegayle. The choir plans to travel to Portugal in August 2023 for World Youth Day and is currently raising funds for that pilgrimage.



St. Emile CWL Members

Special thanks to the St. Emile Catholic Women's League Council for hosting us in their parish hall and for providing delicious refreshments. Also special thanks to members from the Winnipeg Diocesan Council, the Provincial Council and the Kee-Pas Diocesan Council who made a special effort to attend.



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

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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
2009--2011	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

## St. Boniface Diocesan Parish Councils

Holy Cross	November 5, 1948
St. Alphonsus	March 6, 1949
Corpus Christi (Narol)	June 1, 1949
St. Stanislaus (East Selkirk)	June 1, 1949
St. John the Evangelist (Morden)	April 14, 1953
Christ the King	October 5, 1955
St. Joseph the Worker	April 29, 1958
St. Emile	May 1, 1960
Mary, Mother of the Church	December 11, 1961
St. Bernadette	April 26, 1960
St. Mary (Beausejour)	April 9, 1967
Notre Dame de Lorette (Lorette)	April 4, 1989
St. Michael (Cook's Creek)	February 6, 1996
Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes (Ste. Anne)	October 30, 2014

Thank for living your faith through your service to God and Canada.  
Councils from nine (9) 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*. 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 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of Members of the St. Boniface Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.**

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### **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.
2. Registrants shall be classified as voting delegates (parish council presidents), or accredited delegates (diocesan accredited, parish accredited, honorary life members, life members).
4. The diocesan treasurer, 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 of a motion shall have the privilege of speaking 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 microphones 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 auditor's/reviewer's report regarding the annual financial statement shall be adopted by the diocesan executive and presented to the assembly at the Annual Meeting of Members for information

## **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.



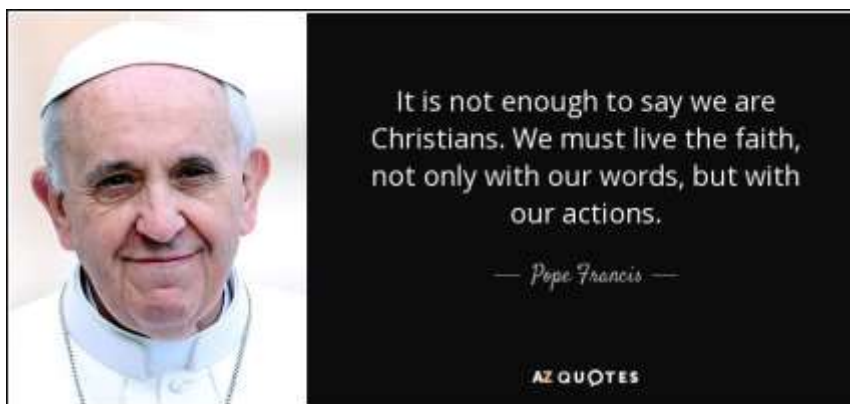
18. The procedure for presenting resolutions to the business session shall be:
  - (a) the chairperson of social justice shall read the resolutions after the appropriate chairperson's report
  - (b) the president of the parish/diocesan council submitting the resolution shall move its adoption
  - (c)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

### **Miscellaneous**

20. No materials shall be distributed, displayed or sold at this AMM without the prior approval of the diocesan executive.
21. 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.
22. 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.

### **23. 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.



# Thank you everyone!

- ✿ Sincere thanks to the ladies from the St. Mary's 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 attend the AMM and to celebrate Mass with us.
- ✿ Thanks to Spiritual Development Chairperson Sharon Kennedy for the inspiring Spiritual Program today.
- ✿ Thank you to Organization Chairperson Connie McCorrister-Moravek and to Secretary/Treasurer Chairperson Suzanne Moore for all their diligence and hard work in organizing the Annual Report Booklet. Also, to Sharon Kennedy in helping with the Annual Reports.
- ✿ Thank you to Keynote Speaker, Joy Smith for sharing with us about human trafficking and how it's still a major crisis to this day.
- ✿ Thank you to Keynote Speaker, Susan Penner for sharing with us about Life's Culture and what it stands for in this day and age.
- ✿ Thank you to our Life Member, Susan Bernier of taking on the difficult task of elections.
- ✿ Thank you to each and every one of you who is here in attendance. I know it's still hard to get back to how we were pre-Covid and it's left a permanent scar on all of us. I appreciate that you took the time and effort to attend this, our 74th AMM.
- ✿ Finally, many thanks to Faith Anderson for creating this beautiful AMM booklet!

Many blessing to you all.



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



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