

# TORONTO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Mary Antonio

Sub-Convener:

Charmaine Alweyn

New beginnings are an invitation to God's grace, the acceptance of which requires our active participation but depends on our co-operation. "Virtue's Web" wrote St. John Chrysostom, "is woven from divine assistance with human co-operation".



I am honoured to be chosen to serve as your Newsletter Editor for the next two years. After being on the Toronto Diocesan Council Convention Committee for four years preparing the convention booklets and other printed material, I am hoping it will stand me in good stead to do the Newsletter.

Thank you to Charmaine Alweyn for volunteering to assist me with the proof reading of the articles.

The newsletter is a perfect way to communicate to the members of each council the happenings of the Toronto Diocesan Council and to provide guidance to the standing committee chairs, especially those who are new to their positions. Please encourage your members to subscribe to the newsletter. The subscription form is on the [www.cwltoronto.ca](http://www.cwltoronto.ca) website. Be sure to re-subscribe in January 2023.

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*"To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness." St. John Paul II*

## **SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**

**Rev. Liborio Amaral**

Dear members of the Catholic Women's League:

I have been given the privilege and honour to be your next Spiritual Advisor. I succeed the wonderful priest in Monsignor Pat O'Dea. I am sure that those of you who have worked with Msgr. Pat are sad to see him leave as your Spiritual Advisor.

I have known Msgr. Pat since I was a seminarian and he was my Vocations Director. Time has passed quickly and both he and I have tried to do our best to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. I would like to thank Msgr. Pat for all his work with the CWL and for his dedication, faithfulness and witness to the priesthood. Msgr. Pat shows clearly what a joyful priest is all about.

As I now begin my term as your Spiritual Advisor, I ask for your prayers. I hope to support you in the best way I can and to give advice and council when and where needed.

Allow me to share with you a little bit of myself.

I was born in the island of Sao Miguel, Azores (which is one of nine islands in the mid-Atlantic Ocean belonging to Portugal) to Jose and Maria da Gloria Amaral. I was baptized Liborio Manuel Tavares Amaral. In 1969 our family immigrated to Canada and after a few of months in Toronto we landed in Brampton, where we have resided ever since. I have two sisters and a brother. My three siblings have been in the teaching profession and still live in the Brampton area.

I attended St. Augustine's Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 9, 1992. I was blessed to have my uncle (Fr. Liborio Tavares) vest me on the day of my ordination. It was his example and love of the church that helped me greatly to respond to God's call to the priesthood. My uncle passed away in January 2020 and I hope he is now in heaven praying that I can be a worthy Spiritual Advisor to all of you.

After my ordination, I was first assigned from 1992-1995 to St. Peter's Parish in Woodbridge as Associate Pastor. I was then transferred to Cristo Rei Parish in Mississauga from 1995-1998, again as Associate Pastor. In 1998, I was named the Pastor to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Newmarket until 2004. I was then asked by the Archbishop of Toronto to leave parish ministry and take on the role as Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Toronto (2004-2009). After a six-month sabbatical, I was named pastor of



St. Mary's parish here in Brampton, on January 1, 2010 and I have remained its pastor until now.

This is a brief history of myself, but of course, it does not cover who I really am. This is the case for all of us when we are asked to provide a short history of ourselves. We often mention the transitional events in our lives. But it is through our encounters with one another and most importantly our encounters with God that forms who we really are. I hope that you will come to know me more and more through our encounters and I hope to get to know many of you as well.

A word of warning: my memory has never been my strong point and therefore I ask forgiveness at the very start, for all the times I might forget your names and the "stories" that you will share with me. What is most important is that I do not forget the wonderful work and ministry that the CWL does across our Archdiocese and I hope to be of support in whatever way I can in this wonderful endeavour.

Again, please pray for me and be assured that you will be in my prayers.

Blessings,  
Fr. Liborio

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## **PRESIDENT**

**Sue Lubowitz**

It is a privilege and honour to be your president at the diocesan level of the League and to represent you at the provincial level. There is much work to be done after the last two challenging years, but with God's help and yours we can achieve great things in our parishes, communities and country.



## **Annual Convention**

The theme of our 101<sup>st</sup> annual convention was "Catholic and Living It! We Rise Again". Our keynote speaker, Adrienne Sequeira, reflected the theme in her presentation. Provincial President Colleen Perry attended virtually because of COVID exposure at a previous diocesan convention and Mary Capobianco, Life Member, brought greetings on behalf of Colleen at the banquet portion of the convention. Shari Quinta, National President-Elect, also brought greetings at the banquet. Two hundred and eighty attended the two business sessions and there were 330 in attendance at the closing banquet to hear Thomas Cardinal Collins give what may be his last address,

to the CWL, as our Archbishop. As always, he expressed his support for the League and all its work.

Two resolutions were also passed at the convention. Both were accepted by the assembly. Connie Cristinziano, Resolutions chair, will update you on the progression of these resolutions.

The mass collection was for the five Catholic Family Services in the Archdiocese of Toronto and \$1,642.25 was forwarded for their use. Past President, Hilarion Mitchell provides you with a report on the Ukraine Relief Fund further in this issue.

The instructed votes were held and I brought the result to the provincial meeting. The per capita increase was defeated at the provincial meeting as well as the motion to change our patroness. The votes will now go to the August national convention with our new Provincial President, Linda Squarzolo.

A fond memory for me was the opening of the 2001 time capsule and reading the letter from the President-Elect at the time, Mary Ellen Stinson (Life Member). What a dedication to the League these women have.

We bid a fond farewell to Msgr. Patrick O’Dea and thank him for his extended term as well as his support and dedication to the League. Our new spiritual advisor is Rev. Fr. Liborio Amaral and we look forward to the journey with him.

On behalf of the members across the diocese I would like to congratulate Hilarion Mitchell, Past President and the 2022 convention committee (Shirley Christo, Elisabeth Quail and Zenora Mahabal) for a job well done under very challenging times.

### **Executive 2022-2024**

Welcome to our newly elected Diocesan Executive team. Please see the inside cover for names and positions. We thank Nancy Fenech, outgoing Corresponding Secretary, for her service the last three years and wish her all the best as she continues her CWL service in another role. We also thank Lucia Vacca for her service to the League. Lucia held many positions over the years but most recently four years as Newsletter Editor. Her knowledge and experience at the diocesan level are appreciated and recognized.

There are six new regional chairs and they are listed on the inside back cover. We extend heartfelt thanks to the outgoing regional chairs for their assistance in helping things run during difficult times: Angie Baglieri (Durham), Mary Grossi (Humber Valley), Kay Booker (North York), Aurora Chavez (Peel), Nenita MacKenzie (Scarborough) and Araceli Farinas (Toronto). Be sure to welcome the incoming and thank the outgoing chairs at your next regional meeting.

## **Provincial Convention**

Thirty-three members, including TDC executive and Life Members from Toronto attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Provincial Convention in Ottawa. Mary Capobianco (Life Member), Community Life Chair, Ann D'Souza, Communications Chair and me, representing members of Toronto diocese, made our oral reports.

Our new Provincial President, Linda Squarzolo, has chosen "Go Make A Difference" as the theme for her term of office. At the fall regional meetings you will hear how Toronto diocese will roll this out.

The first keynote speaker was Fr. Mark Slatter who presented a two-part talk on "The Different Dances of Loneliness" and "Types of Loneliness". Fr. Daryold Winkler gave his talk on "My Reconciliation Journey" as he is an Indigenous member of the faith. National President Fran Lucas presented a workshop on the national theme.

As Provincial Community Life chair, Mary Capobianco (Life Member) presented to Bishop Thomas Dowd, the new Provincial Spiritual Advisor, a cheque for \$5,000 to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The provincial council has pledged \$5,000 for the next five years for a total of \$25,000.

Another \$5,000 was forwarded to assist in covering costs for the current papal visit by Pope Francis.

## **Planning**

Your executive is busy planning the next few months. We look forward to having the Mass of Reconciliation (Sept. 25 at Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie) to mark the second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Also planned are a "Faith in Action" workshop in October of special interest to resolution, legislation and communications chair but open to anyone who has a passion for resolutions and social justice.

Convention 2023 will be held April 24 and 25 at the Ajax Convention Centre. Keep tuned for more information as the planning progresses.

Continue to share your good works with the diocesan council and watch for my monthly update of happenings in the diocese. I can be reached at [jslubowitz@gmail.com](mailto:jslubowitz@gmail.com) or 905-898-7372

Continue to also pray for the well-being of the League as it transitions through many changes. God bless you and God bless the League.

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*"Consider everything before God; he will inspire you with the knowledge of what to do." Bl. Elisabeth Turgeon*

**Martyrs' Shrine 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Rosary Pilgrimage** will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Mass at the Polish Altar is scheduled for 12 noon followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the rosary at the Papal Altar. Consider car-pooling or arranging a regional bus.



October has traditionally been celebrated as the *Month of the Rosary*. The two feast days specifically associated with the Rosary during this month are the *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary*, celebrated on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the *Feast of Fatima* on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The rosary prayers reflect on the joyful and sorrowful events in the life of Mary and Jesus and are scripturally-based. The rosary dates back to early Christian times. Monks prayed the 150 psalms and counted them on a string with knots. The knots and string could be constructed from animal hair or plant material. The rosary continued to evolve through the centuries. As many people could not read, the *Our Father* was recited in place of the psalms. The *Hail Mary* and the *Glory Be* were eventually added. The addition of the *Fatima* prayer occurred in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Saint Domenic introduced the rosary to the faithful in its current form in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Many Popes had a devotion to the rosary. Pope Pius V instituted it as an official devotion and in 1569 he established the *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary*.

Please make a special effort to include the rosary in your daily prayers during October. Consider planning a ZOOM rosary within your parish to recite this beautiful and powerful prayer.

**Feast of the Canadian Martyrs** is celebrated on September 26. The Canadian martyrs are commemorated in a novena, September 18-26. The novena can be accessed on-line at [www.martyrs-shrine.com/novena](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/novena). Prayers to the martyrs have been traditionally offered for the intentions of all making the novena.

### **Sixth Annual World Day of the Poor, November 13.**

This day was instituted by His Holiness, Pope Francis. This year's theme will be on economic justice. The Holy Father asks us to examine our own lifestyle and how we can support others to attain their basic needs.

Supporting refugees and individuals affected economically by the pandemic are two ways to support economic justice for others. Refer to: [www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-06/world-day-of-poor-pope-francis-solidarity-fraternity.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-06/world-day-of-poor-pope-francis-solidarity-fraternity.html) to read the beautiful reflection on this topic by the Holy Father.

*For your sakes Christ became poor. 2Cor: 8-9*

### **Guadalupe Circle**

It was established in 1998 as the *Aboriginal Council* by the Canadian bishops. It was renamed in 2016 to honour *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, the patroness of Indigenous Peoples. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared as an Indigenous woman to St. Juan Diego near Mexico City in 1531. *The Guadalupe Circle* has representatives from the Indigenous community, bishops, clergy, lay movements, individuals from religious orders and the diaconate, Development and Peace, Knights of Columbus, CWL and St. Vincent de Paul. Its goal is to foster a positive relationship and understanding between the Catholic Church and Indigenous people through dialogue and to create an understanding of Indigenous spirituality. Its website has prayers in Indigenous languages and highlights aspects of the Holy Father's pilgrimage to Canada. Website: <https://ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca>

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## **ORGANIZATION**

**Kate O'Quinn**

Sub- Conveners:

On-Line Membership  
Member Development

Philomena Menezes  
Andrea Tjioe

A very warm welcome to all organization chairs! Thank you for saying yes to this awesome role for your parish council. I am so honoured to be the new Toronto Diocesan Organization Chair. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I delve into this new role. Thank you to Andrea Tjioe and Philomena Menezes for agreeing to work with me. As we work together these next two years, please feel free to contact me with any new ideas, issues or concerns. You can contact me at: [kateoquinn@yahoo.ca](mailto:kateoquinn@yahoo.ca).





## **Strategic Plan**

“*Let Your Light Shine*”. Many members have done exactly this as they joined working groups that have kept the Strategic Plan on course as we move into Year 4. Ways we are being asked to keep this momentum moving forward are: being part of a working group; giving feedback to surveys and/or personally staying current on Strategic Plan happenings. Please visit the national website at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) to stay informed. By the time you read this newsletter, the results of the instructed votes at the 2022 National Convention should also be on the national website.

## **Parish Executive Training (PET)**

PET will take place virtually for Councils in each region in the month of September, 2022. The dates are:

Humber Valley:	Tuesday, September 6
Durham:	Thursday, September 8
Peel:	Tuesday, September 13
Toronto:	Monday, September 26
Scarborough:	Wednesday, September 28
North York:	Monday, October 3

Northern had no councils with elections in late winter/early spring, thus opted to wait for January 2023 PET sessions. For all regions, if your council was unable to participate in September, PET will be offered again in January.

## **Membership and Recruitment**

As of June 30, 2022, membership for the Toronto Diocesan Council was 5,665. I wish to commend and thank all parish councils for your terrific work in reaching out to your members and working tirelessly and creatively to collect fees despite all the challenges we have had.

You will soon be starting your membership drive for 2023. Councils are encouraged to use the resources offered by national on their website. These include: *Welcome Program Brochure* (#313) to give to all your new members; *Welcome Program* (#621, 600 series Manuals), an essential tool for membership drives and invitations and *Executive Orientation* (#828, 800 series Workshops), which offers an overview of executive positions. *Welcome Letters for New Members* from three levels of CWL (diocesan, provincial and national), to be inserted as part of your *New Members Kit*, can be found on our TDC website: [www.cwltoronto.ca](http://www.cwltoronto.ca), under Resources, then click on Reference Documents.

I encourage everyone to reach out and personally invite a parishioner to become a League member. Continue to hold membership drives and promote membership all year– we need the numbers! Shari Guinta, National Organization Chair, reminds us: *Numbers are important when promoting the League, and it is crucial to be able to declare that it represents thousands of Catholic women across Canada when meeting government.*

Other resources you may want to check out can be found on the national website, under *To Inspire*. You will find videos and inspirational content you can download and use. Of special note is *What's Your CWL?* Here you will find videos of members sharing where they have found fulfillment by becoming members. Members are invited to share their own story by posting their own video or comment with the hashtag #WhatsYourCWL.

Congratulations and welcome to St. John of the Cross, Peel Region, a new charter council in the Toronto Diocesan Council! Also, in the works of becoming a new council is Blessed Frederic Ozanam, North York Region.

### **Annual Reports**

The 2022 Annual Report Survey will soon be upon us. Councils may want to start preparing now, by referring to and reviewing the 2021 *Annual Report Book*, found on the Toronto Diocesan website, under Resources, then click on Reference Documents. You are encouraged to set time in your agenda at one of your executive and one of your general meetings this fall to get input from your members on what work has been done by your council for the League. Establish guidelines for completing the annual report and encourage your executive members to print a copy of their report for future reference.

### **Development Day**

This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2023 and it will be virtual. Plans are underway, and will be confirmed in the Winter Newsletter. Details will also be posted on the Toronto Diocesan Council website.

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*“Without the burdens of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace.. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases.” St. Rose of Lima*

## PAST PRESIDENT/HISTORIAN

**Hilarion Mitchell**

I am looking forward to the Fall activities after attending the first in-person diocesan, provincial and national conventions this spring/summer since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was a privilege to host our 101<sup>st</sup> Toronto Diocesan Annual Convention on April 28 and 29, 2022. There were 285 members, spiritual advisors, guests, vendors at the business sessions, masses and 330 at the closing banquet including Cardinal Collins. The 2022-2024 diocesan elections were held so I am most honoured to now serve as Past-President/Historian.



### **The Past-President/Historian Duties**

Greetings to my Past-President/Historian council counterparts. Sincerest appreciation to the retiring Past Regional Chairs/Historians. Warm welcome to the new Past Regional Chairs/Historians. Some of our duties can be found in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure (P&P)* (page 75), *Constitution & Bylaws (C&B)* (page 23), *Executive Handbook* (page 23-24) and other League resources.

### **Patricia Beattie Annual Memorial Mentoring Awards**

The Patricia Beattie Mentoring Award honours members for their knowledge and active encouragement and promoting growth in other members in the League. The parish level recognizes members serving at the parish council while the auxiliary level recognizes members serving at the regional, diocesan, provincial and national levels. Warm congratulations to the 2022 recipients awarded at the 101<sup>st</sup> Toronto Diocesan Annual Convention.

- **Auxiliary Level: Mary Hawkley, Life Member, Holy Cross Council, Durham Region** Mary is a member for over 30 years, held many positions at the parish level, served as Durham Regional Chair and Toronto Diocesan President, 2011-2013. Mary was a member of the 2018 Provincial Convention Committee, Chaired the TDC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and is on Toronto 2025 National Convention Planning Committee. Her nominator wrote *“Mary is recognized as a great source of knowledge and support no matter what circumstances. Her calm, logical approach to all things has been a guiding light to many.”*

- **Parish Level: Sonia DaCosta-Spence, St. Bartholomew Council, Scarborough Region** Sonia is a member for over 17 years, held many positions at her council and Scarborough regional levels including Resolutions and Legislation, Spiritual Development, Organization and President and Past President/Historian, Education and Health. She also served as a sub-convenor for the TDC convention banquet. Her nominator wrote *“She is always looking for opportunities to promote the league and has helped to grow the council over the years. She nurtures and encourages growth and support to the mentees. She has a way of making everyone feel special.”*

To nominate members for the 2023 Patricia Beattie Mentoring Award, visit the TDC website [cwltoronto.ca/index.php/forms](http://cwltoronto.ca/index.php/forms).

### **Policy and Procedure Manuals**

*Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.* Maya Angelou

The *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* is complementary to the *C&B*. The National Manual of *P&P* supersedes policies implemented at other levels of the League. *“This policy is meant to provide a common standard for councils at all levels to follow when performing the work of the League.”* (page 155, lines 8-20). *“Councils at all levels are encouraged to develop and adopt manuals of policy and procedure specifically designed for their own level.”* (page 1, lines 15-16). However, councils should not create policies that contradict the *C&B* and national policies.

The national executive/board provides annual updates to the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* with the April 12, 2022, changes on the national website [cwl.ca/resources/600-series-manuals/](http://cwl.ca/resources/600-series-manuals/) includes.

- Partial-Virtual Meetings (Page 81, lines 20-24): Recognition that they are now permitted under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.
- Email Guidelines (page 178, lines 11-42): Added to the privacy policy the use of Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) field for security and privacy reasons.

### **Strategic Plan Year 4/Instructed Votes**

The 2022 instructed votes outcome on the increase per capita fee and the eight proposed changes in the *C&B* at the 102<sup>nd</sup> National Convention, Kelowna in August, may require updates to the *C&B* and *National Manual of P&P* as well as to our respective policy manual.

As Past Presidents/Historians, we have important work in preserving our council's history, work in a consultative and advisory capacity when called upon. Our current League themes *Catholic and Living It!* (national) and *Go Make a Difference!* (provincial) will center us in faith during the Toronto Diocesan Council 2022-2024 term. Bountiful blessings for a productive term and Thanksgiving!

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**Toronto Diocesan Council Ukraine Initiatives**  
**Слава Україні! God Bless Ukraine!**

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On February 24, 2022 the Russian Federation began a military invasion of Ukraine. Councils, regions and members held or attended prayer services, rosaries and other events, within and outside the League.

**The Toronto Diocesan Council Development Day Guest Speaker Stipend**

Luke Stocking, Deputy Director of Public Awareness and Engagement, Ontario and Atlantic Region Development and Peace, Caritas Canada was the Development Day guest speaker on February 12. The theme was *Living Justice: A CWL Response*. In lieu of his stipend a donation of \$1000 was provided to Development and Peace, Caritas Canada for their humanitarian efforts in Ukraine relief.

**Prayer Service and Rosary for Peace in Ukraine**

There were 345 in attendance at the March 10 Prayer Service and Rosary including Vera Kostecki, President, Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada (UCWLC), Toronto Eparchy, Fran Lucas, National CWL President, members from Alberta, BC, Manitoba, Military Ordinariate, Saskatchewan, Ontario (Hearst-Moosonee, Peterborough, London, North Bay, Ottawa, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Catharine's, Thunder Bay, Timmins.

**Thank You! Temporary Voluntary Fund for Ukraine**

We extend a heartfelt thank you for the overwhelming support to the Temporary Voluntary Fund for Ukraine (March 5 through early May 2022). A total of \$14,655.45 was collected from generous individual members and CWL councils' donations from within and outside our diocese. The Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel (901 Dixon Road, Toronto) reduced the convention contractual attrition credit (penalty) by \$1,500 to allow the Toronto Diocesan Council to provide the equivalent amount towards the Ukraine Relief Fund.

*"I could not believe my eyes when last night I opened my mail. The sight of*

*the CWL cheque for \$14,655.45 brought tears to my eyes. To know that the ladies of your wonderful organization were so generous is beyond words. Also, to hear that the Marriott Hotel was so gracious is also wonderful.”*  
Vera Kosteki, President, The Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada (UCWLC), Toronto Eparchy,

At their Eparchial Executive Meeting on June 11, 2022, the funds were distributed to the following organizations:

- Canada Ukraine Foundation Appeal (\$7,366.45) to help provide humanitarian relief to those in Ukraine and Ukrainians in bordering countries displaced by war.
- Toronto Ukrainian Foundation (\$3,650) to deal with the needs of displaced people arriving in Toronto due to the war in Ukraine.
- Lubov SSMI Foundation (\$3,650) for the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Ukraine, through their Home of Hope ministry, to provide those who need a place of refuge to be fed, comforted and supported.

We also wish The Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada (UCWLC), Toronto Eparchy, Вітаємо з нагодиВашого 75 Ювілею!  
Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their Convention on October 22, 2022.

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## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Greetings to you all once again but in a different role as a Corresponding Secretary. In this position, we collaborate closely with the president to ensure that key correspondence is sent out and those received are communicated to members.

### **Correspondence**

The corresponding secretary sends correspondence on behalf of the president or Spiritual Advisor to members, clergy, family, organizations, and others. This may include letters, emails, and cards (i.e., sympathy, get well, birthday, holidays, congratulatory). Other executives and members are to inform the corresponding secretary when others may need to be acknowledged for life events. Sometimes

**Shaila D’Souza**



correspondence can be sent by email but encourage the traditional approach of cards for the personal touch. These simple touches of acknowledging members foster a sense of goodwill for their sisters in the League.

To save the council on purchasing special occasion cards, encourage members to donate cards that they receive from other organizations such as Heart and Stroke Foundation, Sick Kids, Rose of Sharon etc. During council meetings read and summarize as appropriate correspondence received since the last meeting.

Provide the secretary and president with a correspondence list so that they are summarized in the minutes.

Place the correspondence received in a binder for circulation to members.

### **Parish Information Form**

The *Parish Information Form* must be kept updated following elections and other changes brought on for other reasons. For councils holding elections at the end of the year end, it crucial to do this promptly once the new executive is formed. Circulate the *Parish Information Form* to your regional corresponding secretary and regional chair which they will forward to me for distribution to the diocesan executive. This allows them to communicate directly with their council counterparts. This form is also the basis for the diocesan election register as the council presidents are eligible to be nominated following their term. Hence, if information is inaccurate, past-presidents may not get the opportunity to serve on the diocesan council. The form is available on the TDC website [cwltoronto.ca/resources/forms](http://cwltoronto.ca/resources/forms).

*Catholic and Living It!* Looking forward to the next two years on our collective League journey for God and Canada. Stay Blessed, have an enjoyable fall and Thanksgiving.

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" *Your God is ever beside you-- indeed he is even within you.*" St. Alphonsus Liguori

## RECORDING SECRETARY

Zenora Mahabal

Welcome back! Hope you had a wonderful summer! A recording device, a pen and paper, laptop if possible, attendance sheet, motion book, blank motion sheets, and you're good to go. These items are our "friends" at meetings, whether in person or virtually.

The more you can do and save online, makes the task easier. Use a USB stick, if possible and information will always be at your fingertips and easily retrievable. Use the agenda as a guide. As the meeting progresses, make notes under each agenda item. This will help when completing the minutes. A recurring comment gathered from annual reports is that agenda, items are not followed during meetings, making it difficult to follow along. A gentle nudge to the president and executives to stay on topic for the agenda, will help to cover each item and will assist you with taking the minutes. Some councils advised that they do not have a motion book. This is important for record keeping.



Here's an example of how a motion should be worded:

### ***MOTION #:***

I **ENTER NAME** move a motion that CWL St. Everyone, purchase TDC Newsletter subscriptions for all members every year.

I **ENTER NAME** second the motion.

Then let the discussions begin.

Remember motions go by year, so if a new recording secretary is elected, the motion numbers continue to follow according to the year and number. Record it in the motion book according to date and year.

### **Example:**

01 Jan, 2023	2023.01	Approve the Agenda Moved: <b><i>Name of person moving the motion</i></b> Seconded: <b><i>Name of seconder</i></b> Tally: <b><i>For-20, Against - 0</i></b>	Adopted
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The *Handbook for Secretaries* is a great reference for all duties, and can be downloaded from: [www.cwl.ca/resources/600-series-manuals](http://www.cwl.ca/resources/600-series-manuals)



Don't forget to send the minutes to the president for review before general distribution. We are in charge of providing an accurate record of proceedings to keep our members well informed. If we are well equipped, it should be an easy task. You can always seek advice from the previous recording secretary.

Don't forget to keep a record of helpful hints to pass on to your successor. ***"Do all that you do with love."*** St. Theresa of Lisieux. Looking forward to seeing you at our regional meetings.

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## **TREASURER**

**Lolita Perry**

As we reconvene this September, I would like to welcome all of my fellow treasurers at the parish and regional levels. Autumn seems rather hectic for treasurers. This is when we prepare the budget for the new year and the list of the annual donations to be made, as well as the year-end financial statements for your council.



### **Instructed Votes Per Capita Fee Increase**

The national proposed increase in the per capita fee from \$13 to \$25 was adopted at the Toronto Diocesan Council Convention in April but was defeated at the Ontario Provincial Council 75<sup>th</sup> AMM/Convention in July. The outcome of the vote at the national convention in August will be conveyed to you in the fall.

### **Fall Elections and Council Signing Officers**

The Catholic Women's League *Constitution & Bylaws* (C&B) under Section 9, page 24 and *National Manual of Policy and Procedure* (P&P) speaks about the President, Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary as the signing officers. Also:

- Signing officers shall be the President, the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary
- All cheques must be signed by two of the signing officers
- On the duly recorded decision of the council concerned an alternate signing officer may be designated annually from among the elected officers

## **Budgets**

During your council's budget preparations, consider allocating funds to cover the operating costs for the council and members' development and training. If feasible, subsidize attendance for members to our TDC annual convention and Development Day so that they have the opportunity to see the League from parish to diocesan perspectives. For the 2023 TDC Convention in April 2023 set aside funds for members to participate and attend this event. Budget and donations are to be reviewed by the executive, and then presented to the members at the general meeting to be voted on. Have a look at present and previous expenses and revenue generated and use that as a benchmark or guide for the coming calendar year. This will ensure that the operating expenses are covered to the best of your council's abilities, and monies are set aside for any planned special projects.

## **Toronto Diocesan Council Voluntary Fund**

The TDC Voluntary Fund provides the diocesan council with the annual donations councils contribute to the St. Michael's College Scholarship and the Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Foundation Scholarship Fund (formerly Hope for Children's Foundation Fund).

This is a good way to support our young women and men in broadening their education and horizons. All donations can be made any time of the year. However, funds must be received and deposited prior to December 31st of the current year in order to be included in the 2022 Annual Report.

Please note all cheques should be made payable to "The Catholic Women's League of Canada". The *Diocesan Voluntary Funds* form is available under the Resources/Forms tab on the diocesan website [www.cwltoronto.ca](http://www.cwltoronto.ca)

## **Provincial Voluntary Fund**

*Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund* form can be found at [www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca). Kindly reach out to me for contact address.

## **National Voluntary Funds**

The national voluntary funds are the Coady International Institute, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, Catholic Mission in Canada, Catholic Near East Welfare Association and National Bursary Fund. Form can be found at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 11	Rosary Sunday 39 <sup>th</sup> Living Rosary
September 25	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Mass & Education Workshop
October 2	Life Chain
October 31	Resolution 2023 topics submission deadline
November 6	World Day of the Poor
February 11	Development Day

## **FALL REGIONAL MEETING DATES – 2022**

September 19	Toronto Region
September 21	Northern Region
September 22	Humber Valley Region
September 27	Durham Region
September 29	Peel Region
October 4	Scarborough Region
October 5	North York Region

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

- St. Gregory the Great, Durham Region - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*Our Lady of the Annunciation, North York Region – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*St. Patrick, North York Region – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*St. John Vianney, Northern Region – 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*St. Patrick Phelpston, Northern Region – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*Guardian Angels, Peel Region – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*St. Anthony of Padua, Peel Region – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*St. Mary Star of the Sea, Peel Region – 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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## **SERVICE AWARDS**

### **Maple Leaf Service Pin**

#### **Scarborough Region**

St. Bartholomew      Anne Wylie

### **65 Year Membership Pins**

#### **Northern Region**

Holy Spirit

Jeanne Kosiek-Armstrong

### **60 Year Membership Pins**

#### **Scarborough Region**

St. Bartholomew

Desiree DeAbreu

#### **Peel Region**

St. Joseph Streetsville

Jovita Nagy

### **50 Year Membership Pins**

#### **Northern Region**

Holy Spirit

Willy Vanderpost

### **45 Year Membership Pins**

#### **Durham Region**

Holy Family

Anna Mary Cybulskie, Anne Gallas

#### **Scarborough Region**

Precious Blood

Ann MacEachen

### **40-Year Membership Pins**

#### **Durham Region**

Holy Family

Janis Corcoran, Maria Mikula

#### **Scarborough Region**

Precious Blood

Gloria Wilson

#### **Peel Region**

St. Joseph Streetsville

Jenny Jessome

### **35-Year Membership Pins**

#### **Durham Region**

Holy Family

Mildred Connelly Devayani DeCroos

#### **Northern Region**

Holy Spirit

Rose Coulson

### **30-Year Membership Pins**

#### **Durham Region**

Holy Family

Joanne Stycuk Jean Turgeon Mary Vanberkum

#### **Scarborough Region**

Precious Blood

Julia Ahee

**Peel Region**

St. Joseph Streetsville Maria Franchetto

**25-Year Membership Pins**

**Durham Region**

Holy Family Barbara Minaret

**Scarborough Region**

Precious Blood Amelia Bayaton Josephine McNeil  
St. Bartholomew Benny Cadawas Marcelle Glean  
Annette MacDonald Dagma St. John

**Northern Region**

Holy Spirit Elisabeth Duggan

**20-Year Membership Pins**

**Durham Region**

Holy Family Laura Hancock

**Scarborough Region**

Precious Blood Teresita Largo Flavia Sequeira  
St. Bartholomew Sheilah D’Souza Michelle Glean Maria Lim

**Northern Region**

Holy Spirit Mary Lou Linkhert Paulette Sasco

**Peel Region**

St. Joseph Streetsville Theresa Fernandes, Elaine Fernandes  
Antonetta Pereira, Valerie Scrubb



St. Francis de Sales members at provincial convention with Colleen Perry, Provincial Preside



## **In Celebration of Dorothy Anne McGuigan (July 27, 1937- July 13, 2022)**

### **Toronto Diocesan President 1995-1997**

Peacefully in her 85th year at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto. Loving wife of Leo McGuigan (deceased 2010). Survived by her children Joanna (Dave), Maureen (Daryl) and Paul (Rhonda) and her grandchildren Brian and Colin, as well as by her brother Johnny (Dolly) and brother-in-law Bob (sister Edith, deceased 2018)

Dorothy was a tireless volunteer member of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for many years and held the position of council president at the Parish, Regional, Archdiocesan and Provincial levels, ultimately becoming an Honorary Life Member. During this time, Dorothy taught various CWL Leadership courses and attended a great number of conventions. She researched and wrote numerous CWL resolutions on issues of concern to the membership and met with elected officials at all levels to present and advocate for those issues. After serving as Provincial Past President, she took 'early retirement' from her CWL career to take care of Leo whose health was then failing. Dorothy truly enjoyed her work with the CWL and appreciated the camaraderie and good humour of her CWL friends.

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## **CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

Sub-Convener:

**Ciscily Winkler**

Kellie Hilliard

Fall greetings everyone and welcome to all new and returning CFL chairs, and Kellie Hilliard, CFL sub-convener, an active and devoted St. Patrick's, Markham, CWL member.



### **Marriage and Family**

The year "*Amoris Laetitia Family*"; the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families (WMF) in Rome with the theme, *Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness*; virtual Rosary for the Family;

the second Annual Day for Grandparents and Elderly were great faith endeavours for the entire family. (OPC Directive #11). Laudato Si' Week 2022 enveloped global events on reflection and celebration of the seven Laudato Si' goals including Faith-Consistent Investing-Living Laudato Si', and Prayer Gathering-Community resilience and empowerment as part of our Synodal Journey: Walking the "Synodal" Path, through Listening and Journeying Together. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is October 22-24.

### **Sanctity of Life**

Throughout the League's history, pro-life has been an emphatic issue in many CWL resolutions. Resolution 2019.01: *Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* calls upon the federal government to honour its legal commitment by providing protection to children before birth as was signed and ratified. Canada has no law limiting abortion at any time or place or by any method. (Communique #5: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)). The recent overturn of Roe v Wade in the US Supreme Court has caused controversy, leading to street demonstrations. For some, it is the removal of a woman's right to choose, and for others, it is the protection of the unborn. Life Chain is October 2, 2022.

### **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC)**

EPC supports Bill C-230, previously Bill C-268, a private member bill in the previous parliament that never went to a vote due to the election. Bill C-230 protects conscience rights for medical professionals by preventing coercion and intimidation to force their participation in Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). Amendments to Bill C-230: Sections 241.5 (1) and 241.5 (2) state reasons for criminal offences. (OPC Directives # 8 & 10).

### **Vocations**

The Catholic Church in Canada now faces declining attendance and an ever-changing national demographic. (Jessica Mundie, [nationalpost.com](http://nationalpost.com) 16/7/2022). This pre-COVID-19 trend has been further exacerbated during the pandemic. There are now fewer vocation candidates, so prayers, encouragement and support are needed. The 59<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for vocations was held on May 8, 2022. (Visit: <https://worlddayofprayer.com/>). Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary Fund established by the Ontario Provincial Council (OPC) is for assisting diocesan seminarians in need of personal financial support. (Visit: <https://cwl.on.ca/forms/>, and read OPC Directive #11 for more details). Members are also encouraged to support Serra Club associated ministries.

## Ministry to Youth

Technology has created some detrimental consequences unknowing to previous generations. Youth inundated by constant on-line use exhibit depression, anxiety, bullying, social isolation/loneliness, etc.

## World Youth Day 2023 (WYD)

WYD 2023 takes place in Lisbon, Portugal August 01-06. WYD is a gathering of young people from across the globe, offering pilgrimage, celebration, expression of the universal church, and evangelization for youth worldwide. Everyone is welcome to participate. WYD emerged from Pope Paul II in 1985 and was welcomed by his successors. It has travelled through every continent attracting multiple thousands of pilgrims. Canada hosted the 2002 WYD. Please share this information with your families, friends, and Spiritual Advisors to find ways to support this initiative in future years.

## Ministry to Seniors

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, isolation and loneliness have heightened among seniors increasing the rate of anxiety and mood disorder to the second highest after young adults. Refer to *TDC Resolution 2022.02: Canada Needs a National Strategy to Address Loneliness*. ([www.cwltoronto.ca](http://www.cwltoronto.ca))

## Ministry to Widowed

There are approximately 258 million widows globally with increases due to the COVID-19 pandemic and world conflicts. Widows have historically been left unseen, unsupported and unmeasured in our societies. Include widows in your daily activities. ([un.org/en/observances/widows-day](http://un.org/en/observances/widows-day))

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Members from St. Maria Goretti and St. Boniface at Provincial convention



## COMMUNICATIONS

**Nenita MacKenzie**

Sub-Convener

Lucia Vacca

Greetings everyone and welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I am very excited to start my journey with you as your new Communications Chair for 2022-2024. I look forward to meeting you in person at your upcoming fall regional meetings.



What is your council doing to foster better communication with your members? Staying connected is good for our mental and emotional well-being. Use emails, phone calls, zoom, in-person meetings, to communicate with your members. When sending bulk emails, use the blind copy, unless you have to take a vote and need approval, to start discussions pertaining to your council needs.

### **Newsletters, League Magazines and Websites of Interest**

Keep yourself updated on League activities by continuously checking the websites from all three levels of the League. Toronto [www.cwltoronto.ca](http://www.cwltoronto.ca); Provincial [www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca); National [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca), in order to be informed. Practice Web Wednesday.

Councils are encouraged to create their own newsletters, even just a one-page bulletin to share their stories with members and the Parish. This is the best way to reach out and keep everyone informed on the work of the League and of upcoming events. If your council is planning to create a newsletter, a template and editing instructions to assist you, can be found at the National website [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) under To Organize, Resources, 100 Series, #145a and #145b.

The Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, Office for Family and Life has created a new initiative *All Things New*. Council members can subscribe to this quarterly e-newsletter which provides pastoral resources for families. Go to: [All things new | Subscribe | CCCB Office for Family & Life \(mailchi.mp\)](http://Allthingsnew|Subscribe|CCCBOfficeforFamily&Life(mailchi.mp))

In commemoration of the Indigenous Peoples Day, Canada Post launched their latest stamp issue recognizing the outstanding achievements and

contributions of three Indigenous leaders, Harry Daniels, Jose Kusugak and Chief Marie-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier. Learn more about their stories: <https://t.co/S6gNq589WZ> #NIPD2022 #NIHM2022  
New stamp celebrates long-standing and devoted First Nations leader, Chief Marie-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier - Magazine | Canada Post (canadapost-postescanada.ca)

### **The Engagement Hub powered by The Catholic Women’s League of Canada**

Members can access this new website [catholicwomenunite.ca](http://catholicwomenunite.ca). The theme is *Catholic Women Unite, Where Women Come Together To Live Their Faith*. The hub is a communication tool to engage and promote national sisterhood and mentorship. To understand more regarding this Engagement Hub please go to <https://cwl.ca/communique-7-communications/>

### **New at National**

Previously, pictures and activities were posted on the national website under “*On the Spot*”. This heading has been renamed “*Spotlight*”. Please encourage members to submit pictures of activities taking place at your respective parishes to national at [communications@cwl.ca](mailto:communications@cwl.ca) with a picture and a description of the activity. Councils from across Canada look forward to seeing the events and activities at the council levels.

### **Catholic Register**

Council members are encouraged to subscribe to The Catholic Register at <https://www.catholicregister.org/> to receive this circulation weekly online directly to your email.

There is a very interesting book that you might consider reading “*Walking on the Journey of Faith*” by Fr. Yaw Acheampong, a spirit-filled walk on the journey of faith. He has served in parishes and hospitals, seen the power of the gospel at work, offering inspiration, comfort and healing. This book is a collection of his columns that teach and reflect on the sacraments, the seasons of the church, and our responsibility to each other and the world.

Go to the following link to order under The Catholic Register:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/crbooks>

### **Pornography Hurts Campaign**

The Pornography Hurts postcard can be found on the national website under Resources: 100 Series, item #178. Please continue to write letters and send postcards to your members of parliament and the federal government,

expressing your concern for the proliferation of pornography and its harmful effects on society. It's time to stop this indecency and exploitation of children and adults. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Pornography Hurts Campaign. Below is the link for the postcards from the National website.

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Pornography-Hurts-Everyone-Postcard.pdf>  
<file:///C:/Users/User/Downloads/Mandatory-Age-Verification-Post-Card.pdf>

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**COMMUNITY LIFE**  
Sub-Convener:

**Elizabeth Joseph**  
Yvonne LeGall

Congratulations and welcome back! To all newly elected and returning Community Life Chairs. I look forward to our journey sharing issues of community life.



**Homelessness:**

An interim report issued by Ombudsman Kwame Addo, on July 14, 2022, revealed a 2005 document, the *Interdepartmental Service Protocol for Homeless People Camping in Public Spaces (IDP)* that guided protocol of interactions and treatments of people living in encampments is outdated. The report highlighted that there are 121 tent encampments in the City of Toronto, and provided recommendations for the city.

The report can be found at [www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-228779.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-228779.pdf)

**Action:** Petition MPPs to fulfil the provincial commitment and partnership with the city on the 24-month Housing and Homelessness Recovery Plan.

**Housing**

Some Afghan refugees have fallen victims to overpriced temporary homes and misallocation of taxpayers' funds assigned to affordable rental homes. Families report still living in a refugee hotel, without access to amenities; and not having their refugee claim forms approved by the Federal Government, ten months after arriving from Afghanistan.

Homelessness and lack of affordable housing are community life issues. They emphasize the lack of dignity for persons and defy economic and social justice. The 2022 Canada Ontario Housing Benefit is for Rent Geared to Income subsidized housing and homeless persons and refugees are ineligible.

**Action:** Write to local MPPs and the Federal Minister of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Sean Fraser and ask for financial monitoring of resettlement agencies, to ensure taxpayers' dollars are spent efficiently and judiciously.

### **Indigenous Peoples**

The Northern Ontario Shoal Lake #40 First Nation that had a boiling water advisory for 24 years has been awarded for building the province's best small drinking water system. The new water treatment plant provides water for 100 buildings in the First Nation; and its network allows for new homes to be built as members are returning to the community. (May 2022, CBC News). This fulfils Resolution ON11.01 Safe Potable Water for First Nations Communities.

### **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**

In a July 18 release from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund's board of directors announced that the fund is officially accepting proposals and distributing funds for projects supporting healing and reconciliation. The fund "has already collected \$4.6 million from Catholic dioceses" as part of its \$30 million five-year commitment.

**How can councils/members participate?** There is still a long road to raising the \$30 million committed by the church. Councils and members are challenged to donate \$2.00 each for the next five years to support the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Include the information in the 2022 annual report survey.

**Resources:** Read the Launch of Life and Dignity of the Human Person Resource- (cwl.ca).

**Save the date:** September 25 Toronto Diocesan Council - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation-Mass and Education Workshop at Holy Spirit Parish, Barrie.

## **EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

**Andrea Smart**

Sub-Convener:

Carolyn Meaney

Welcome back after the summer break! There is a lot happening with this standing committee. I look forward to working with you over the next two years. Also, congratulations to our TDC Past President Hilarion Mitchell on her election to the Executive of the Ontario Provincial Council. Hilarion is the new OPC Education and Health Standing Committee Chair.



### **Youth Awards**

Toronto Diocesan Council congratulates all the students who participated in the Youth Awards and all the teachers and parents who supported their efforts. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parishes and regions for their dedication and hard work allowing these contests to continue each year.

### **Mary Dobell Pro-Life Awareness Essay and Poetry Literacy Award:**

#### **Intermediate Essay**

First place: Alexis Hiebert, St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic School, St. Bartholomew Parish (Scarborough Region)

#### **Intermediate Poetry**

First place: Aaron Malik, Sacred Heart Catholic School, St. Timothy Parish (North York Region)

#### **Senior Poetry**

First place: Jayden Lobo, Francis Libermann Catholic High School, St. Timothy Parish (North York Region)

#### **Jean McCann Service Award for Youth**

Melanie Dias, Senator O'Connor College School, St. John XXIII Parish (North York Region)

#### **Toronto Diocesan- St. Michael's College Scholarship (2021 Award)**

Kaitlin Lacombe graduate of Villanova College, King City, and St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

## **Toronto Diocesan - Catholic Children's Aid Foundation CWL Margaret Ann Jacobs Scholarship (2021 Award)**

Whitney Nguyen who is now attending Humber College.

Please continue supporting the Toronto Diocesan Scholarship funds with your generous donations by using the *Toronto Diocesan Voluntary Remittance Form* on the Toronto Diocesan CWL website. Make your cheque payable to **The Catholic Women's League of Canada** and send to Lolita Perry, TDC Treasurer.

## **Mary Mathews Public Speaking Contest**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the uncertainty around schools being open and increased workload for teachers it was not possible to proceed with this contest. We look forward to resuming the Mary Mathews Public Speaking Contest in 2023. More information on all the Youth Awards will be available in the fall from your regional chair.

## **Safe Drinking Water**

Many communities in our province continue to experience issues with their drinking water, several being First Nations communities. Mercury poisoning is just one reason that water becomes contaminated. Its effects manifest themselves in several physical and mental health issues that are passed on to each new generation. The Grassy Meadows First Nation has been experiencing health problems for many years after two mills contaminated the river that runs through their land. Review the action plan for Resolution *ON.11.01 Safe Potable Water For First Nations* for ways to help all First Nations communities.

## **Green Churches Network**

Every year, from September 1 to October 4, churches are called to participate in the "Season of Creation". The World Council of Churches has been promoting this theme since 2008. Since 2017, all churches in Canada are invited to celebrate the "Season of Creation" in their faith community. The Green Churches Network offers a "box" of resources designed to make creation care more relevant and "doable" for your council or parish. The *Education Guide* is divided into four sections: Oceans, Nourishing Earth, and Right for a Healthy Environment and North. Each section provides suggestions on actions that can be taken to "listen to the voice of creation". Information can be found on the Green Churches Network website: <https://greenchurches.ca/season-of-creation/>.

## LEGISLATION

Mary Tuccitto

Sub-Convener:

Suzanne Cockburn

My dear sisters in the League, greetings and welcome back from our lovely and well- deserved summer. I am humbled to serve you once again on the Toronto Diocesan Council as your newly appointed Legislation Chair. This is new and uncharted water for me but I'm up to the challenge and hope you are as excited as I am, for this opportunity to learn and grow.



The CWL *Constitution & Bylaws* (2013) in Part XIII page 28 (8) states the duties of the Legislation Chair are (a) monitor and study legislation at all levels of government and (b) preparation of briefs and position papers on proposed legislation. For CWL members, legislation is truly faith in action as it gives us an opportunity to impact change for the better in our government and ultimately, the people of Canada.

In the area of legislation, 187 Bills were presented in the House of Commons. The 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament 1<sup>st</sup> session has adjourned and will resume Monday, September 19, 2022. Did you know, Federal Bills which originate in the House of Commons are identified with a “C” and are assigned numbers C-1 through C-200 with private member bills being assigned numbers C-201 through C-1000 and bills which have moved through to the Senate, are identified with an “S” (cwl.ca To Organize Series 800 item 829)?

## FEDERAL BILLS

**Bill C-29** *An Act to provide for the establishment of the National Council for Reconciliation* was introduced and had first reading on June 22. The National Council for Reconciliation responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action 53-56 regarding the National Council for Reconciliation and will be established under the Canada *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*. The National Council will monitor, evaluate, and report on progress being made towards reconciliation in Canada.

**Action:** Monitor this bill as it proceeds to second reading through the House of Commons and if it goes to the Senate.

**Bill C-230** *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (intimidation of health care professionals)* completed its first reading on February 4, 2022. This bill amends the *Criminal Code* to make it an offence to intimidate a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or other health care professional for the purpose of compelling them to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of medical assistance in dying. It also takes this one step further by making it an offence, to dismiss from employment or to refuse employment of a health care professional for the reason only that they refuse to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of medical assistance in dying.

**Action:** Petition your MPPs to support this bill

**Bill S-210** *An Act to Restrict Young Persons' Online Access to Sexually Explicit Materials* is currently in the Senate and has completed both first and second reading. It is under consideration by the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. This bill makes it an offence for organizations to make sexually explicit materials available on the internet to young people and also enables a designated enforcement authority to take steps to prevent such material from being made and available on the internet in Canada.

**Action:** Monitor this bill as it proceeds to Royal Assent as this bill is related to our CWL resolution 2000.05 *Violence on Television as It Relates to Children* and resolution 2017.02 *Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites*.

Helpful websites in providing further information bills and parliamentary sessions

- House of Commons Parliamentary Business: [ourcommons.ca/en/parliamentary-business](https://ourcommons.ca/en/parliamentary-business)
- Department of Justice: [justice.gc.ca/eng/](https://justice.gc.ca/eng/)

## PROVINCIAL BILLS

**Bill 90** *No COVID-19 Evictions Act, 2022* This bill protects tenants from eviction during the COVID-19 pandemic by not allowing boards to evict tenants or courts issuing writs of possession removing a person from their place of residence until the Chief Medical Officer of Health declares the end of the pandemic.

**Bill 95** *Long –Term Care Homes Amendment (Till Death Do Us Part) Act, 2022* This bill amends the *Residents' Bill of Rights* as set out in the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* by adding the right of residents who require



care and are admitted to a long-term care facility to receive that care, are not separated from their spouse upon admission but have accommodations made available to both spouses so they may continue to live together in that home.

You may find further information on provincial legislation at:

[www.parl.gc.ca/housechamberbusiness/chambercalendar](http://www.parl.gc.ca/housechamberbusiness/chambercalendar)

[www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISInfo](http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISInfo)

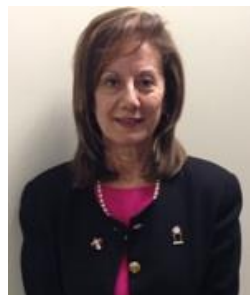
For access to the Ontario Legislature website: [www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current](http://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current)

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## RESOLUTIONS

Connie Cristinziano

A very warm welcome to all Resolutions standing committee chairs. I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Diocesan Chair of Resolutions and I look forward to working with all of you over the next two years.



### Resolutions

This year the resolutions dialogue was held virtually and took place (prior to the Toronto Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members/Convention) on Saturday April 23, 2022. The breakout rooms provided members with the opportunity to review and discuss each resolution and to help formulate any changes that may further strengthen the intent of the resolution. Congratulations to Andrea Smart (past resolutions chair) and her committee on a successful first virtual dialogue session.

At this year's Toronto Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members (Convention) on April 29, 2022, the following two resolutions were presented and adopted:

- **2022.01 Promoting a Holistic Parish-Based Theology of the Body Lifestyle and Procreation Teachings (Gifted by: St. Timothy Council North York)**
- **2022.02 National Strategy to Address Loneliness (Gifted by: St. John Fisher Council Peel Region)**

Congratulations and many thanks to both councils for all their arduous work on these two resolutions.

Both resolutions were sent to the Ontario Provincial Council.

**TDC 2022.2 National Strategy to Address Loneliness** was accepted by the Ontario Provincial Council and for their consideration at their annual convention in July.

**TDC 2022.01 Promoting a Holistic Parish-Based Theology of the Body Lifestyle and Procreation Teachings** unfortunately was returned as this resolution did not meet all the requirements.

Copies of both resolutions with the briefs and action plans can be found on the Toronto website: [www.cwltoronto.ca/resources/resolutions](http://www.cwltoronto.ca/resources/resolutions).

### **Ontario Provincial Convention:**

Two resolutions were presented and adopted at the 75<sup>th</sup> Ontario Provincial Convention in Ottawa in July:

- **ON.22.01 Improve Long-term Care Homes in Ontario**
- **ON.22.02 National Strategy to Address Loneliness**

Copies of these resolutions, with the briefs and action plans can be found on the Provincial website: [www.cwl.on./resolutions](http://www.cwl.on./resolutions).

Resolution ON.22.01 will be discussed with the provincial government as this is the appropriate level for this resolution. Resolution ON.22.02 will be forwarded to the National Chairperson of Education and Health for further study and action through all members across Canada.

As resolutions standing committee chairs, it is our responsibility to keep our members informed of resolutions at all levels and most important, to put them into action. At the parish level your responsibility is to help your council research and prepare resolutions and accompanying briefs. If your council does not have a resolution to work on, then study a resolution that has passed by other levels that may be of interest to your council. Review and follow through on the action plan. This is a very important part of the resolutions process in order for any changes to take place. This is also an excellent way to engage and introduce your members to the resolution process and the importance of this standing committee.

### **Deadline for Submissions of 2023 Resolutions Topics**

Is your council working or considering a resolution for the 2023 Annual Convention?

The deadline to submit your first draft with some basic research on the subject is **Monday, October 31, 2022**.

To get started, be sure to review “How to Get a Resolution Started”

document along with other required material and a list of resources which can be found on the Toronto website:

[www.cwltoronto.ca/resources/resolutions](http://www.cwltoronto.ca/resources/resolutions).

For additional resources be sure to visit the national website:

[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)(600 series).

I also encourage you to review an excellent article by Rolande Chernichan, National Chairperson of Resolutions in the Spring 2022 issue of *The Canadian League Magazine* (Vol. 98, No. 2 pages 8-9). In her article *Recipe for League Resolutions*, Rolande provides all the necessary ingredients and step by step instructions that will help you formulate and complete a resolution from beginning to end. I am sure that you will find this recipe very helpful.

The article can also be found on the national website: [www.cwl.ca/to/inform/The Canadian League](http://www.cwl.ca/to/inform/The%20Canadian%20League).

Through resolutions and their action plans, as members of the league, we have an opportunity to put our faith into action and let our voices be heard, and a chance to **make a difference!**

I am looking forward to receiving your resolutions, meeting and talking to many of you at your regional Meetings.

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Diocesan Dinner Night at Ontario Provincial Convention 2022. Kate O'Quinn, President-Elect/Organization and the entertainer for the evening



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