



President's Update May/June, 2024

Dear Sisters in the League,

This is my first President's Update for my term. In this edition you will find Convention dates for July and August and the Pope's monthly intentions for July and August. Also included are submissions *From Around our Diocese*, councils sharing special events. Thank you to those who have submitted. Please remember to send me any submissions you would like to share with our councils. The next update will be in October – September/October Updates.

Upcoming Conventions:

Ontario Provincial Convention: July 7 to 10, 2024, Sudbury

National Convention: August 10 to 13, 2024, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Pope's Monthly Intentions

July: For Pastoral Care of the Sick

The Holy Father asks “for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to give strength from the Lord to those who receive it and their loved ones, becoming a visible sign of compassion and hope for everyone.”

August: For Political Leaders

Pope Francis invites prayers “so that political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their jobs and prioritizing the poorest

A video in which the Pope explains his reasons for selecting each particular intention can be found on the same website as above information:

<https://www.ewtnvatican.com/articles/pope-francis-prayer-intentions-for-each-month-of-2024-2029>

The following pages are:

From Around our Diocese

Parish Council:

St. Martin of Tours

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Women's League parish council continues to contribute to the needs of a community outreach ministry, the "Open Door". The council hosted lunch on May 19th, 2024, providing hot meals to approximately 60 people who come to the site to pick up basic needs and clothing. As well as providing meals, we have also donated Tim Horton's gift cards, which are given to people who ask for a cup of coffee. Lyn Culham, manager of the Open Door, asked for summer clothing to be donated, wherein we delivered four carloads of new and slightly used clothing every Wednesday for the month of June. Our council believes that we become part of God's answer to people in need, who are praying for help and every time our members go to the Open Door, it gives them an opportunity to put their *faith into action*.



Submitted by: Lawina L. Notario, President, St. Martin of Tours Parish Council



Toronto Council Presidents held an informal social in June to welcome Agnes Passee as the new Toronto Region Chair

Parish Council:

St. Anthony of Padua



On June 10th 2024 St Anthony's CWL held a tea party for their last general meeting before the summer. We had high tea with sandwiches, cakes and tea. The teas were provided by Mary Jo Lyons from Sipology. We all wore fascinators to make the evening more fun and special.

We had a special celebration and presentation for our two priests: Fr Andrew is retiring after 13 years with our parish. Fr Joseph Pham is leaving after 9 years with us and is going on Sabbatical for a year before joining his new parish. We presented Fr Joseph with his 5yr Spiritual Director pin and a Spiritual Bouquet from our CWL.

Our Special Guest was Kate O'Quinn our new Toronto Diocesan Council President. Kate entertained us with a couple of songs on her guitar. We had lots of door prizes and a prize for the best fascinator! Everyone had a great time!



Submitted by Pam Munjal, President, St. Anthony of Padua Parish Council

Parish Council:

St. Justin Martyr

The Catholic Women's League at St. Justin Martyr celebrated its 7th Friendship Tea on May 5th, 2024, with 135 in attendance. The theme was "Celebrate Mothers," which was in line with Pope Francis' Video 4, "For the Role of Women", emphasizing that women have an integral role in society. Our guest speaker was Ruth Ann Onley, a mother, Gospel singer, and contributing author (Faith, Life and Leadership). Everyone enjoyed the food, ambience, and we were captivated by Ruth's life experiences, love and faith journey, as well as listening to her powerful singing voice.



Submitted by Belinda Cua, President, St. Justin Martyr Parish Council

Parish Council:

St. Timothy



On Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, St. Timothy celebrated their 55th Anniversary, beginning with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun. Concelebrants were Msgr. Patrick O'Dea and Pastor, Fr. Galen Bank. Breakfast was served to over 100 attendees in the Parish Hall, with Msgr Patrick O'Dea the Keynote Speaker. TDC President, Kate O'Quinn presented the Anniversary Certificate to Council President, Dorothy Sequeira. Milestone pins were presented to members. Msgr. O'Dea presented a rosary he had purchased from the Vatican and had blessed by Pope Francis, to member Pat Fujiwara, in recognition of her 90th Birthday! Congratulations Pat!! The youth who participated in the TDC Youth Award Contests were presented with certificates. Present and former Presidents of St. Timothy Council, in attendance, were recognized with floral bouquets.



Parish Council:

St Bernard de Clairvaux

St. Bernard de Clairvaux Catholic Women's League Council, chartered April 25, 2019, celebrated their 5th Anniversary with a special holy Mass and reception on Wednesday May 15, 2024. We were presented with our anniversary certificate by TDC President, Kate O'Quinn and 4 pioneer members were decorated with service pins during Mass. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Boniface Perri, was decorated with his Spiritual Advisor pin at the reception. It was a memorable event. Also in attendance were Andrea Smart, a former North York Region Chair and TDC executive members: Sue Lubowitz, Past President and Connie Cristinziano, Vice President.



Submitted by Ogechi Igwe-Bolinger, President, St. Bernard de Clairvaux Parish Council

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ *Corpus Christi*
St. Michael Cathedral and Basilica, June 2, 2024**



Six members of the TDC Executive represented the Catholic Women's League, Toronto Diocese at the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024. Mass was at noon, followed by an outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and concluded with Benediction. Attending were Lolita Perry, Past Treasurer, Christina Boyle, Social Justice Chair, Connie Cristinziano, Vice President, Amelia Hazell, Faith Chair, Ana Mendoza, Peel Region Chair and Kate O'Quinn, President.



Parish Council:

Holy Martyrs of Japan

Holy Martyrs of Japan Council held "12 hours for Palliative Care" during the specified week in May, 2024.

Members were encouraged to take an hour or two. We had 35 sign up.
All the times were covered.

Submitted by Sharon Bellon, President, Holy Martyrs of Japan

Parish Council:

St. Thomas Aquinas



On May 18, 2024, an information session was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Toronto Region. The purpose of this information session was to provide support and assistance to the council as they continued in their efforts to keep the CWL active in their parish. There were 15 interested members from the parish in attendance.

Other sisters in the league who came out to support the Parish included Agnes Passee (Toronto Region Chair) from St. Mathew Parish, members from St. Joan of Arc Parish and St. Philip Neri Parish. Presenters were, Connie Cristinziano, TDC Vice President, Kate O'Quinn TDC President and Mary Jane Domingo Past Toronto Region Chair.

After the presentation, a lively group discussion took place. One could feel the passion, dedication and willingness of these ladies to succeed in their CWL journey as many ideas and suggestions were shared. Fr. Patrick Ezimora, Spiritual Advisor, was instrumental in providing support and guidance and spoke of the importance of CWL presence in the Church community. Congratulations to St. Thomas Aquinas. May our Lady of Good Counsel guide you, as you continue your CWL journey to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service, For God and Canada.

Picture submitted by Teresa Prieto, President, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council

Article submitted by Connie Cristinziano, TDC Vice President