



## *President's Update July/August, 2024*

Dear Sisters in the League

So hard to believe our beautiful summer is over! I hope you had time to relax and rejuvenate over these last two months. Thanks to the councils who submitted articles and pictures for this edition. A reminder to all councils, please send me an article and picture(s) of events happening in your parish councils to share with your sister councils.

### **Upcoming Conventions:**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024:** CWL Wednesday: Stewardship in the CWL- Elections

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024:** Regional Virtual Meeting

**Monday, September 30, 2024:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

### **Pope's Monthly Intentions**

#### **September: For the Cry of the Earth**

“Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit.”

#### **October: For a Shared Mission**

Pope Francis asks for prayers so that the Church “continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople.”

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*

**Council: St. Edward the Confessor**

On June 23, 2023, the St. Edward's Council gathered for our annual Communion brunch, and I am pleased to report that the event was a tremendous success. With 100 attendees, we enjoyed a fantastic brunch at Novotel.

We had the privilege of counting among our guests Msgr. Pat O'Dea, our Spiritual Advisor; Fr. Dave Warrent from the CWL; Kate O'Quinn, President of the Toronto Diocesan Council; Diane Olmstead, North York Region Chair; and Pat Cross, a lifetime member who has been an inspiration to us all.

Our fantastic keynote speaker, Linda Pletzer, delivered an inspiring talk on "The Power of Teamwork in the Spiritual Journey." Linda emphasized how working together and recognizing the talents and strengths in others can help us achieve more. She highlighted that by focusing on our strengths rather than our weaknesses, we can truly experience the beauty of teamwork. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this event so special. We look forward to many more successful gatherings in the future.



Submitted by Monica Figueredo, President, St. Edward the Confessor Parish Council

**Council: St. Bartholomew**

To celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the CWL of St. Bartholomew Council, Scarborough Region crowned Our Lady with the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries, followed by Holy Mass, Procession, Crowning and Blessing of rosaries and scared images.



St. Bartholomew CWL conducted a Prayer Service for the Sick, presided by Deacon Gerry Cruz, on July 11, at 6.30 p.m. It was a beautiful spiritual journey attended by over 60 people who prayed for 120 ailing brothers and sisters who could not attend the prayer service.

Prayers of Petition, the Healing Rosary and Scripture Readings were read. CWL readers from St. Bartholomew, St. Aidan, Precious Blood and St. Joseph, Highland Creek, reflected and contributed to a richer understanding as we prayed together as one community of faith.

Submitted by Sheila D'Souza, President St. Bartholomew Parish Council



**Council:**

**St. John Fisher**



Fr. Liborio, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, was installed as pastor of St. John Fisher Parish, Bramalea, Peel Region on Sunday July 21, 2024. His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Ivan Camilleri, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Western Region, celebrated the Installation Mass.

Parishioners from St. John Fisher and St. Mary, Brampton (his previous parish) were in attendance. The CWL and other parish ministries participated in the Installation Mass.

St. John Fisher Parish is a homecoming for Fr. Liborio. His father was the parish custodian for 25 years. Fr. Liborio even helped clean the church and hall during his youth. His late brother David Amaral was also a parishioner at the time of his sudden passing on July 13, 2024.

We are excited and blessed to have Fr. Liborio as our pastor and look forward to supporting him in strengthening our parish community. We also extend our heartfelt prayers to him as he

mourns his brother's passing.



Submitted by Mirella Kaman, Past President, St. John Fisher Parish Council

**Councils: Peel Regional Pilgrimage May 4, 2024**  
Submitted by Diana Gamboa



Fifty-five ladies, representing Councils from the Peel Region, went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Victory Shrine & Basilica in Lewiston & Lackawanna, New York, on May 4, 2024.

Fr. Michael Simoes, Peel Spiritual Advisor, led the group in exploring the magnificence of the two Shrines, as members were welcomed by the priests in residence. Fr. Michael was concelebrant at the noon Mass at the OLV.

During the bus trip, Fr. Michael spoke to the ladies on the importance of pilgrimages in our lives. He said that our lives are a pilgrimage. Our homes are in this world but only temporarily and that we should live our life as though we are travellers passing through. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey that strengthens our connection with God, Mother Mary and the Saints as we bring to them our devotion, hopes, fears and thanksgiving.

In the words of Pope Francis, "Going on a pilgrimage is one of the people of God's most eloquent expressions of faith."





**Commissioning of New Life Members – 104th Annual National Convention**

Congratulations to Hilarion Mitchell, Toronto Diocese newest Life Member!

