



President's Update September/October 2024

Dear Sisters in the League

September and October were busy months as councils got back to routine with meetings and events. 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:

Friday, November 1, 2024: All Saints Day

Saturday, November 2, 2024; All Souls' Day

Monday, November 11: Remembrance Day

Wednesday, November 20, 2024: CWL Wednesday: Prayer for Peace.

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024: 1st to 4th Sundays of Advent

Sunday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 12, 2024: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 29, 2024: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Pope's Monthly Intentions

November: For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child

"We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit."

December: For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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. Francis de Sales, Ajax

Maple Leaf Pin Award

The Catholic Women's League of St. Francis de Sales Parish Council, Ajax, Ontario bestowed a Maple Leaf Pin Service Pin to Elizabeth P. Joseph for her meritorious service to the League for the past 20 years. She has served on our parish council, the regional council and TDC council in different capacities. She also authored legislation resolution proposals and delivered oral presentations.

At our general meeting on September 11, 2024, Mary Ellen Stinson, our Life Member and Faith Chair presented to Elizabeth the Maple Leaf Pin that was blessed by Fr. Derek Ali, our Spiritual Advisor. Elizabeth was very grateful and claimed that she was in awe of receiving the Award.



Submitted by Malou Galapin, President, St. Francis de Sales Parish

Council: **St. Mary, Brampton**



In May, St. Mary's CWL Service Chair Angie Martin organized a park clean up at Caruso Park in Brampton with a team of 6 CWL volunteers. The park is named after one of St. Mary's CWL founding members. In the fall, honouring the Season of Creation, we will have another Caruso Park clean up.

Submitted by Rosemary Keenan, President, St. Mary Parish Council

Council:

St. Martin of Tours

For the very first time, St. Martin of Tours CWL Parish Council, joined by our church parishioners and accompanied by our very own Deacon Miguel Da Silva, organized a bus to travel to Martyr's Shrine, to participate in Rosary Sunday. We joined the procession, the Rosary and Benediction with many other ministries from different cities in Ontario.



Peel Councils at Rosary Sunday, 2024

We formally welcomed our Parish Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fr. Felix Biju Antony, OCarM on April 26th with a Mass, in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Family members, parishioners and visitors were in attendance as we recognized CWL members, Mary Weber, for 35 years and Theresa Sultana and Pauline Young, Maple Leaf Pin recipients. At the end of the Mass, the Rite of Blessing and Enrollment with the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, made by Marsha Clarida, CWL member, was given to everyone present



Submitted by Lawina Notorio, President, St. Martin of Tours Parish Council

Council:

St. Bartholomew



St. Bartholomew held a beautiful! Celebration in honour of their 30th Anniversary as a CWL Council. President Sheilah D'Souza gave a wonderful reflection on the past 30 years. Service Awards ceremony also took place with one member celebrating 61yrs of service! The unveiling of the picture of our Lady of Good Counsel took place at the Mass. The plate inscription on the icon was donated by Father Serrano. Scarborough Region Chair, Gwen Faustin was also in attendance.



Submitted by Connie Cristinziano, TDC Vice President

Council:

Humber Valley Region



On Monday, September 30th, Humber Valley Region recognized National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, through an offering of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kasan, in collaboration with Fr. Leopold, from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish. The mass was followed by a Metis traditional round dance where CWL members, and parishioners came together and held hands as they circled the floor and danced to the beat of the drum. They honored the Indigenous Peoples who walked on this land before us, now and in the future. Following the dance, everyone shared in a luncheon.



Submitted by Darlene Marino, Humber Valley Region Chair

Council:

St. Joseph, Highland Creek



National Truth and Reconciliation Day - September 30, 2024 Orange shirt day, was held to honour and remember the children who were lost in the residential school system and its survivors. It was held in front of the plaque of the Unborn at St. Joseph's Church, Highland Creek with the parishioners and friends (around 45 in attendance) led by the CWL of St. Joseph Highland Creek members as well as Fr Francis Folleh and Fr. Arinze Onwuzulike. The land acknowledgement was read, prayer service and an Indigenous song was sung "Oh Great Spirit". It was a moving experience for those in attendance.



Submitted by Lucia Vacca, Member, St. Joseph, Highland Creek

Council:

St. Aidan

In Canada, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The day honours the children who never returned home, survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. The Catholic Women's League of St. Aidan council, during our September 26 General Meeting, observed this day by viewing a short clip on the story of Phyllis Webstad, and how she was denied wearing her orange shirt on the day she was taken from home to live in one of the residential schools. Members of CWL also wore orange shirts during the meeting to show our solidarity in raising awareness about the intergenerational impacts of residential schools and promote the message that "Every Child Matters".

Written by: By Rosario Dizon, St. Aidan Council



Submitted by: Artimizia Tellis, President St. Aidan Parish Council

Congratulations to the Inaugural Saint Michael Award Recipients



Eastern Pastoral Region
Americo de Sousa
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Scarborough



Northern Pastoral Region
Larry and Theresa Keogh
St. Paul the Apostle Parish
Alliston



Central Pastoral Region
Dan and Ann Fellin
St. Bonaventure Parish
Don Mills

These 2024 award recipients were honoured at Mass on Sunday, September 29, 2024 (the Solemnity of Saint Michael) at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. The Most Rev. Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, remarked on this year's recipients: "What a joy it is to honour these men and women who have so lovingly served our community with great joy, humility and fidelity over so many years. Inspired by their faith, they are a profound witness of the Gospel in action and reflect the face of Jesus in giving so generously of themselves to others."

All three ladies are members of the CWL in Toronto Diocese!



Western Pastoral Region
Melanie Nazareth
St. Joseph Parish, Mississauga



CWL Members from the Toronto Diocese

Fall Regional Meetings Installation of Officers



Scarborough Region
Regional Chair, Gwen Faustin



Rev. Alexander Osei, Spiritual Advisor



North York Region
Regional Chair, Diane Olmstead



Rev. James Dunstan, Spiritual Advisor



Toronto Region
Regional Chair, Agnes Passee



Rev. Patrick Ezimora, Spiritual Advisor



Humber Valley Region (Rev. Jan Gogolewski was absent and installed at another Mass)
Regional Chair, Darlene Marino



Durham Region
Regional Chair, Mary Donnelly



Rev. Gerard Pilon, Spiritual Advisor



Northern Region
Regional Chair, Martha Whelton



Rev. Laurence Leger, Spiritual Advisor



Peel Region
Regional Chair, Ana Mendoza



Rev. Suresh Xavier