



“Around our Diocese”

(President's Update)
January/February
2025

Dear Sisters in the League

Welcome to Jubilee Year 2025, “Pilgrims of Hope”. Pope Francis’ hope is “*that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*” As members of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada, we are a faith-filled sisterhood and may we recognize our role in the church, CWL, community, country and the world, as Pilgrims of Hope. In his reflection/report at the Fall Regional Meetings, Fr. Liborio asked all councils to plan a pilgrimage/retreat during this Jubilee Year. Some councils have already booked a retreat and some are still in the planning stages. I would ask, if you are planning a retreat/pilgrimage, and if it is open to all, to please let me know, so TDC can extend the invitation for you. To date, Northern Region is hosting a retreat/pilgrimage, open to all, on Saturday, May 31, at Martrys’ Shrine, one of our Jubilee Churches/Shrines.

Upcoming Events/Conventions:

Wednesday, March 19: CWL Wednesday, Role of the Secretary and Treasurer, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, April 29: 104th Annual Toronto Diocesan Convention, Ajax Convention Centre

Pope’s Monthly Intentions

March: For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

April: For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025>



Region: Toronto Region

The Toronto Region held a Day of Reflection, January 25, 2025 at St. Alphonsus Church St. Claire Ave. West. The theme was: Here I am, Lord, send me! It was the first time in four years that the region held the day of reflection in person. Fifty members attended. Fr. Patrick Ezimora, Toronto Regional Spiritual Advisor celebrated the Mass. Seven of the ten councils in Toronto Region were represented at this day. May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us all.

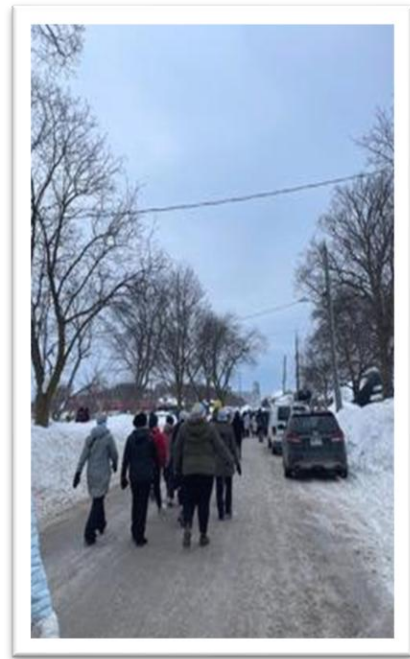


Submitted by Pauline Olindang, President Holy Rosary Parish Council

Council:

St. Mary, Collingwood

Coldest Night of the Year



The Coldest Night of The Year, a fund raiser for *Home Horizon* (an organization that helps youth at risk, hurt, hunger and homelessness) held their walk on Feb. 22nd in Collingwood. Our Service Chair, Cara O’Hearn, was the team lead for St. Mary Collingwood's team, St. Mary’s Angels. We raised over \$1800.00 from pledges and walked in the very cold!

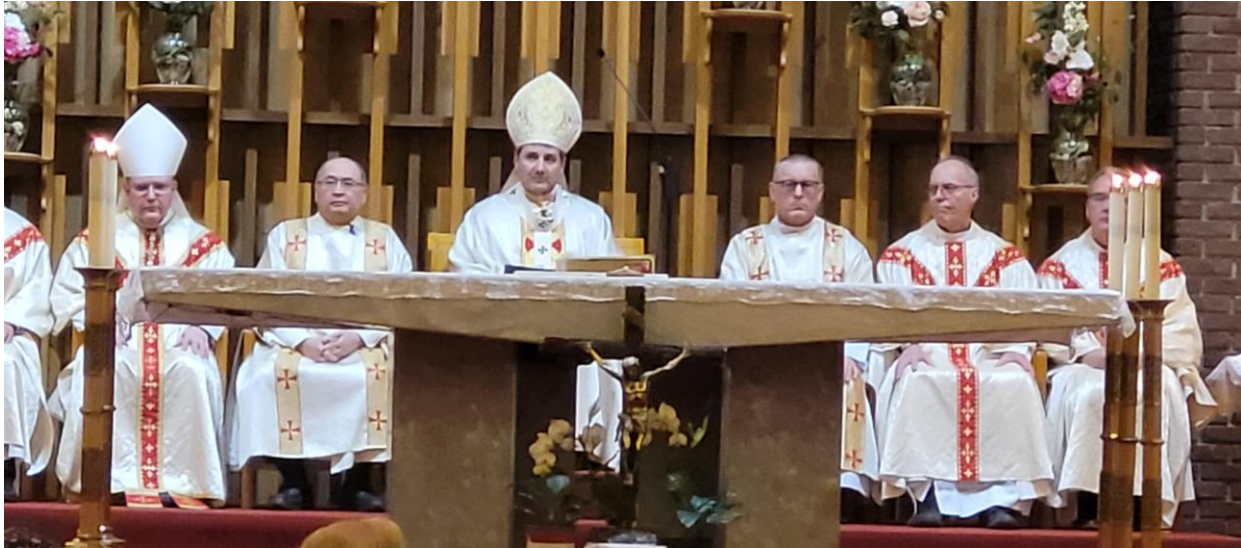
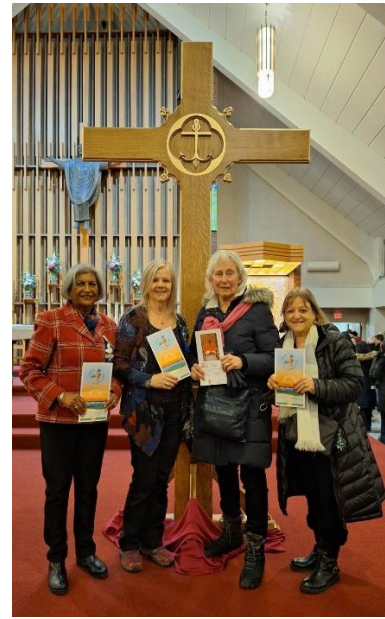
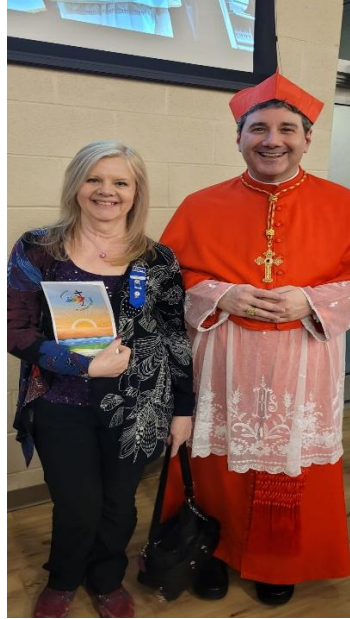
Saturday (Feb. 15th) we had a parish pot luck, and even in a snow storm, we had 45 show up and from those who attended we got 2 new CWL members!! We also hosted our 3rd coffee Sunday and that also produced 2 new CWL members!

Submitted by Carol Johns, President, St. Mary, Collingwood Parish Council

Council:

St. Anthony of Padua

**His Eminence, Frank Cardinal Leo, Celebrated Jubilee Mass
held at St Mary Parish Brampton, January 29, 2025.**



Four members from St. Anthony Padua attended the Jubilee Mass: Pam, Marjorie, Doreen and Rose (not in this order)

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

Council: St. Aiden

A beautiful ending of 2024 activities for St. Aiden CWL: St. Aiden Council Nativity Crib Contest for all parishioners. We received a very good response and the following 3 winners were chosen for their creativity and craftsmanship. The winners were presented their prizes by Fr. Steven after the noon Mass on Sunday, January 12, 2025 (Baptism of Our Lord). CWL members were invited to join Fr. Steven in the foyer for the presentation.



Submitted by Artimizi Tellis, Past President, St. Aidan Parish Council

Council:

St. Mary Collingwood



St. Mary's Collingwood held their Pin Ceremony for new members and their new executive on Jan. 28th. Several members braved the storm and road closures in order to attend Mass and receive their pins, make their promises to the CWL and to God. Father Charles Forget, Spiritual Advisor, celebrated the wonderful ceremony. Many members afterwards emailed the current President of St. Mary's to say how beautiful the ceremony was.

Submitted by Carol Johns, President, St. Mary Collingwood Parish Council

Council:

Sts. Martha and Mary

Welcome Back!

Sts. Martha and Mary Reactivated!



On January 27, 2025, a motion to reactivate Sts. Martha and Mary parish council was unanimously adopted. A full slate of officers as well as the 3 pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice were elected. The President is Barbara Nawrocki and the Spiritual Advisor is Fr. Xavier De Pinto. A special thanks to Ana Mendoza, Peel Regional Chair and Mary Capobianco, Life Member and Membership Committee Chair for their help and support. A very special thank you to Fr. Xavier for his tremendous support in the reactivation of this council!

Submitted by Connie Cristinziano, TDC Vice President



The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.