

“Around Our Diocese”



(President's Update) July – September 2026

Dear Spiritual Advisors and Sisters in the League,

As we welcome the beauty of autumn, with the vibrant colors of the changing leaves, the coolness in the air, and with the Season of Creation upon us. we are reminded once again of God's abundant gifts. and the wonder of creation all around us we have a special opportunity to put our faith into action through prayer, service, advocacy, and fellowship, and good stewards of God's creation while continuing to support our families, parishes, communities, and one another. Councils are returning from summer holidays with renewed energy and thoughts turn to planning busy schedules for the coming months.

Upcoming Events:

October 18: World Mission Sunday

October 27: National Religious Freedom Day

November 1: All Saints Day

November 2: All Souls Day

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 15: World Day of the Poor

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 12: National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Pope Leo's Monthly Intentions

October: For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

<https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/pope-leo-xiv-prayer-intentions-2026>

Council: St. Justin Martyr, North York

On Sunday, May 24, 2026, Pentecost Sunday, St. Justin Martyr Council held their bi-annual Friendship Tea. The theme was inspired by our national theme 'Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission'. Our fiery décor featured orange, red and yellow hues. Approximately 130 people were in attendance and savoured delicious homemade sandwiches, scones and baked goods.

Our featured speaker was Sr. Francis of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. She spoke to us about the Holy Spirit working through us to make a positive impact on our daily lives. Everyone enjoyed her talk and her wonderful sense of humour.

During the second half of the program, 24 members were awarded service pins ranging from 5 to 30 years. Founding member Ruth Fuyarchuk, age 98, was presented with her 30-year service pin.

Toronto Diocesan President Connie Cristinziano, North York Region executives and past presidents of the council were all present for the occasion. A wonderful time was had by all!



Council: St. Justin Martyr, North York (cont'd)



Submitted by Virginia Liscio, President St. Justin Martyr, North York Region

Council: St. Francis de Sales, Ajax

On June 6th & 7th, St Francis de Sales Parish, Ajax Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada conducted a 'Clean Sock Drive' as a Social Justice Initiative within the Parish community; and collected 731 pairs of new socks during five weekend Masses, that were distributed to nine Community Shelters and Social Services Agencies in Durham Region.

**Your donations of
731 pairs of new socks were
distributed to nine Community Shelters &
Social Services Agencies in Durham**



Thank You & God Bless



Submitted by Elisabeth Joseph St. Francis de Sales, Durham Region

Council: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Scarborough

Orange Maple Leaves, Orange Shirt Social and Season of Creation, “Living Waters” were all celebrated at our September 2026 General Meeting. Secretary Margaret gave an intro to the two “Blessed Are the Poor” activities 1) hold an Orange Shirt Social and 2) host a Season Creation Prayer Service. Our Orange Shirt Social was our potluck lunch with orange plates, napkins and orange table décor. Members were given an orange maple leaf and wrote Every Child Matters or another meaningful phrase on the maple leaf. Members hung them on a fir tree which was placed on the Season of Creation table display. Father James, our Spiritual Advisor said the opening prayer. Member Brenda J. read the scripture reading Ezekiel 47:9 and 12; Charlene read the story of Ezekiel’s vision for living water and how it relates to our modern world environmental crisis; Pat read the prayers of petition. We all prayed for the waters of the world, creatures of the sea, for peoples facing drought. We prayed for ourselves to plunge into the waters of climate change and healing of our wounded planet. Together, we sang “How Great Thou Art” with the beautiful words mentioning the stars, rolling, thunder, mountain grandeur, the brook and the gentle breeze. Father James conducted the closing prayer and performed the Blessing.



Submitted by Margaret McKibben, Secretary Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Scarborough Region

Council: St. Mary of the People, Oshawa

Presentation of Pins and Certificates



**Submitted by Anne Marie Whitney President, St. Mary of the People,
Durham Region**

***ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF
CANADA 79th Annual Provincial Convention & Annual Meeting of Members
JULY 5 - 8, 2026 THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO***

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*106th Annual Convention August 9-12, 2026 Halifax
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***42nd ANNUAL ROSARY SUNDAY SEPT 13TH, 2026
MARTYRS' SHRINE, MIDLAND***



Our Lady of Lourdes, Toronto Region





St. Joseph Highland Creek Scarborough Region



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Participants in the Living Rosary



Reflection Readers of the Glorious Mysteries



From left to right: Ontario Provincial President Karen McDonald, TDC Honorary Life Member Margaret Ann Jacobs, TDC Chairperson of Faith Christina Boyle, Toronto Diocesan President Connie Cristinziano, and National President Betty Colaneri

