

From Our Spiritual Advisor

The C.W.L. Needs to Speak Out!

I took some time before writing this message. I wanted to provide a clear compassionate response to the continuing issue of sexual abuse in our Church.

While we have many good Priests they too are now victims of the mismanagement by leaders of the Church on this issue.

While the latest scandal is from the United States, we know this is an issue across the globe.

Following the report out of Pennsylvania it is clear to me that while this behavior is completely against all the teachings of the church and appears to have been committed in the past there is an ongoing strategy by the Church to avoid the issue and deflect the criticism.

One of the damaging items identified in the Pennsylvania report was the difficulty in obtaining records from the Church.

This is where we need to make changes. We need to step up to our responsibilities and care for the victims, assist in the healing and proactively seek them out and give restitution. Not wait until the courts order us to, or the victim threatens to sue the Church. If the perpetrator is guilty then we as a Christian community need to step forward and help the victim without the law of the land demanding such a response.

For we need to listen to Jesus and reach out to those we have hurt and seek reconciliation for the past.

Only by stepping up to our failures can we possibly move forward in the healing.

I understand this will probably not happen, but until we as a faith community accept our responsibilities we will continue to face these charges and further deteriorate our reputation

undermine the church.

As Catholic ladies you too have a voice and we as an organization need to stand up for what is right and true even though it is not popular.

I believe the average Catholic understands the need to seek forgiveness. I believe the average church going Catholic also is aware that all of this behavior is wrong and not in step with our Christian beliefs.

Now the Bishops, Cardinals and the His Holiness Pope Francis need to act.

Deacon Tom

Calendar of Events

Month of October: Month of Mary. Recite Rosary before all masses

October 14th: St Margaret Mary CWL 69th Anniversary Mass at 10 am followed by Sunday social

Month of November: Membership drive

Friday November 2nd: All Souls Day mass at 7pm

November 6th: 7pm CWL monthly meeting

November 24th: CWL Diocesan Advent Retreat St Isidore Parish. Contact Marie-Claire Patterson to register by Nov 8th Cost \$25

December 4th: CWL Christmas dinner at Mandarin Restaurant in Orleans at 6pm

December 9th: Bake and craft sale after all three masses

January 8th: 7pm CWL monthly meeting

February 5th: 7pm CWL monthly meeting

March 5th: 7pm CWL monthly meeting



St. Margaret Mary

Cumberland



Our Lady of Good Counsel Pray for Us

Welcome to all women of St Edith Stein and St Margaret Mary

**Have you considered becoming a member?
The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is a national
organization rooted in gospel values calling its members
to holiness through service to the people of God.**

All are Welcome! Please join us.



Fall 2018



Prayer/ Prière

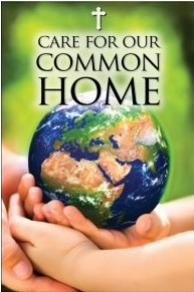
Jésus, aide-moi à simplifier ma vie en apprenant ce que Tu veux que je sois et en devenant cette personne.



Jesus , help me to simplify my life by learning what You want me to be and becoming that person.

Ste Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus et de la Sainte Face

Care for our Common Home



Respect for human life means respecting all of God's creation. We must re-engage with our environment and take responsibility for it; live sustainably, live so that there are enough resources for everyone.

"Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude."

Pope Francis

Different

Song Lyrics by Micah Tyler

I can't waste a day
I can't stay the same
I wanna be different
I wanna be changed
till all of me is gone
and all that remains
is a fire so bright
the whole world can see
that there's something different
So come and be different in me
and I don't wanna spend my life stuck in a pattern

Activities of the CWL

The CWL, although small at our parish, has been busy this year. And with the help of all the women in the parish, we have accomplished so much.

In May we had a luncheon in the church hall for all the mothers of the parish. It was well attended and many thanks to Tim and his partner for the lovely music to entertain us.



In June we had our end of year social as a Tampon Tuesday activity, where we collected feminine hygiene and incontinence products for homeless women. After the potluck dinner, Dr Erin Dej spoke to us about women living in poverty in Ottawa



This fall we have been collecting craft supplies for the children at Roger Neilson House. Roger Neilson House's mission is to meet the unique palliative care needs of newborns, children, youth and their families. It was named after Roger Neilson the former Ottawa Senator's coach who was a tireless advocate for all children.



The Future of the CWL

The League will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2020. 100 years of improving the life of so many people within Canada and abroad. The organization has continually adapted to respond to the needs throughout its history. Well, once again, the League is taking concrete measures to remain relevant. In the "Planning Strategically Progress Report" article in *The Canadian League* magazine (2017 fall edition), aging membership, engaging youth, and recruitment were identified as the greatest challenges facing the League. In 2017, councils across Canada – our council included - provided input to help define a vision for the future. This work led to the definition of specific strategies that were adopted this past summer at the 98th annual national convention. Shortly thereafter, members were invited to consider being part of the Implementation Committee, which has been entrusted "to bring to life The Catholic Women's League of Canada 2018-2022 Strategic Plan".

What's the envisioned future? "*An inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women inspired by faith*", and our new mission statement is:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Once the seven-person Implementation Committee is up and running, a series of working groups will design and implement an action plan for one of four goals:

Members grow in faith by sharing, witnessing and developing leadership skills to create positive change.

The League addresses and supports Catholic social teaching through advocacy.

Through outreach and service, members foster a culture where all life is valued with dignity and respect.

The League addresses critical issues identified by parish councils as obstacles to growth.

So, a lot is happening! Including a newly revamped national website at <https://cwl.ca>

Visit it! Visit it often!!

I also encourage you to share your copy of *The Canadian League* magazine with friends and to invite other women to join The League.

God Bless,

Marie-Claire



Ne vous conformez pas au siècle présent, mais soyez transformés par le renouvellement de l'intelligence, afin que vous discerniez quelle est la volonté de Dieu, ce qui est bon, agréable et parfait.

Romain 12:2



A special welcome to all the women from St Edith Stein. Please consider joining the CWL. We meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the church hall. Join us for worship, fellowship and community events.

