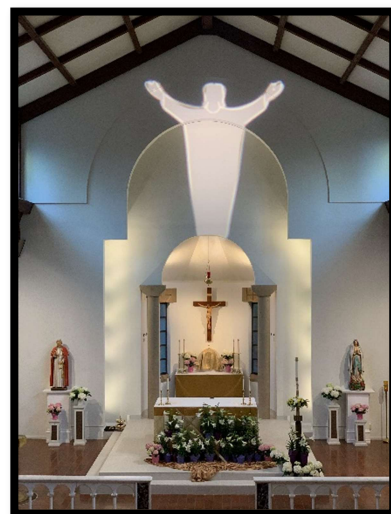




ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



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WELCOME BACK!

Our First Newsletter since COVID! ... And we look forward to sharing relevant CWL news and information.

Each of us is looking forward to life getting back to normal, and all members and parishioners are encouraged to again participate fully in our activities. It is a great way to get to know each other once more after such a long absence from holding any CWL meetings, gatherings and functions.

In this issue, we feature articles on CWL updates; our on-going Community Service; Faith - a Saint's Corner; Domestic Abuse Services; up-coming events and more.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

MESSAGE FROM Father Jefferson Thompson

Happy Easter greetings to the SPX CWL! Christ is risen, He is truly risen! And we too are now able to rise from our Covid hibernation, thank goodness, and return to our social and ministerial involvement with the CWL. The brightest star in the CWL sky is the charitable work that you generous women extend to the wider community. Having fun and enjoying fellowship along the way are proof of God's blessings upon this good work. I look forward to seeing you, and meeting some of you for the first time, at our in-person gatherings. These new times will shine like the old times!

ST. PIUS X CWL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-2024

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Now that spring is in the air and the Pandemic restrictions have eased, please attend our monthly General Meetings in person!

Come and mingle, and enjoy an evening of Listening, Learning, Action, and Laughter!!

Tea, Coffee, and Goodies are included.



TOGETHER AGAIN! Celebrating our first "IN PERSON" general meeting since February, 2020!

We welcome all ladies, **members or not**, of St Pius X Parish to please join us at our next CWL General Meeting on: Thursday May, 19th in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

Come and find out what is going on in our local community and group.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information call Barbara Johnston at 236 999-1296 or email: bajohnston@gmail.com

QUICK LINKS

St. Pius X CWL website: stpiusxcwlnorthvan.wordpress.com/links

Vancouver Diocesan CWL website: vancouvercwl.ca

Provincial CWL website: bcyukoncwl.ca

National CWL website: cwl.ca



MARY – QUEEN OF PEACE

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, who has many titles and prayers honoring her. In this issue, as we reflect on the sad and disturbing situation in

Ukraine, we pray to “Mary, Queen of Peace”.

“Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being his Mother, you share in his universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed him King of peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we salute and honor you as Queen of Peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all peoples from hatred and discord and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for all leaders as they strive for world peace.

Mary Queen of Peace, preserve the world from the madness of war. Amen.”

HISTORY

North Shore CWL Parish Council Bursary

* this yearly initiative started in 2000 by five North Shore CWL Councils to provide \$1,200 to a selected Catholic student in their parishes as an encouragement for them to enter post-secondary education.

* attributes and criteria for students applying include not only being a practicing and participating Catholic member in their Parish, but must also be involved in their Community.

* through committee selection, the bursary is given to a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a CWL member who is in good standing in a Parish CWL Council one year prior to the student's application for the bursary.

SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP



Our Council wanted to support vocations to the priesthood in some small way and it was decided to support a seminarian in their studies, and an amount of \$200 per year was approved.

Our Seminarian, **NOAH CLENDENIN**, is a great

nephew of one of our long time Council members, Shirley Kramer. His home parish is Star of the Sea where he actively served as a lector and a leader of the Junior Youth Group.

He is presently in his second year of studies at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission. Our council prays for all the seminarians and their success in their vocation to the priesthood.

UPDATE

Paige Cox - 2021 CWL Bursary Recipient



St. Pius X parishioner Paige Cox started her undergraduate studies at Simon Fraser University last September and is pursuing a degree in Behavioral Neuroscience.

She completed her first year in April 2022 and will be returning to SFU in the fall of this year. Paige also became a member of the St. Pius X CWL during the last membership drive in October.

MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY



Our CWL organizes a social service initiative called the **Men's Shelter Ministry** which provides a meal, once a month, to the downtown Catholic Men's Shelter which is under the care of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. On a designated Friday, volunteers purchase and prepare 20 individually wrapped sandwiches and baked goods in their own home.

Donations are dropped off in the school parking lot and transported to the Men's Shelter downtown. This outreach helps those suffering from hunger and homelessness.

If you would like to feel the joy that comes from doing something to make the lives of those less fortunate a little brighter, please consider helping with donations, regularly or on a casual basis.

To help - please contact Michelle Cox at:

michellebcox@shaw.ca

100 YEARS STRONG



The National Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, decided in 2020, that for the 100th year anniversary of the League in Canada, every CWL Parish Council throughout Canada, should plant a tree to commemorate this occasion.

In the summer of 2021, St. Pius X CWL Council planted a dogwood tree on the parish grounds behind the parking lot and opposite the school gym to honor this event and our own Parish Council's 25th Anniversary. A plaque was placed saying, "This Tree Commemorates the Catholic Women's League of Canada 100th Anniversary ... The St. Pius X Parish Council 25th Anniversary, 2020."

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES – "To Live Without Fear"

In 1995, after learning spousal abuse was a significant problem in our society; five women from various walks of life in Vancouver decided to meet every month to discuss this concern. These women became the founding members of 'Our Lady of Good Counsel Society' under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League in Vancouver. Later, the name changed to **Domestic Abuse Services [DAS] - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society** to reflect more clearly its mission.

Since 1999, workshops are given at high schools on identifying and dealing with abusive relationships.

In 2001, DAS was invited by the Archdiocese to address couples taking the Marriage Preparation Course and this has continued over the years.

In May, 2008 DAS was able to purchase a house that is used as a second-stage transition house for victims of domestic violence and their children. This house has four independent units and provides the residents with a safe home environment to heal, to learn, to be independent, and to break the cycle of violence in their lives.

The DAS Helpline offers immediate support to victims of abuse. If you, or anyone you know, is in danger and needs help please call confidentially at 604-640-7549 or 1 888 833 7733 (out of town).

FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!

BOTTLE DRIVE

Our CWL held a very successful bottle drive on April 9th. There were a lot of volunteers, including many welcome students from St. Pius X School, making it light work for all, and a lot of joyful moments.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE!

The aim of this event was not only to raise funds, but to introduce the recycling program to all.

Our goal is to continue this bottle drive by encouraging our parishioners and friends to collect their recyclables and deposit them in Return It Express bins in future. The CWL provides the bags with attached labels and drop-off locations, at the Hospitality Booth in the Church vestibule. Using our labels ensures the money raised goes directly to our CWL bank account. Please help yourself.

Let's continue to care for our common home and change from what the Pope calls a 'throwaway culture' to a 'reducing and reusing culture'.

"If not now, when? If not you, who?"



ANNUAL PLANT SALE

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our 2nd Annual CWL Plant Sale, held this year from March 11th - April 6th!

Through our partnership with Growing Smiles, orders were taken through our on-line portal for beautiful hanging baskets, rose and patio plants, flats of flowers, herbs, vegetables and succulents, and bags of organic soil and fertilizer. The proceeds raised fund our Parish and Community causes supported by St. Pius X CWL.

Again, heartfelt thanks for your support and see you all next Spring!



AND COMING UP SOON..... We are pleased to announce the return of the fabulous **CWL Bake Sale, June 11 & 12 after all Masses**. Just in time for Father's Day! Cookies, pies, loaves, tarts and other wonderful sweet and savory treats will be offered. Come see us in the Parish Hall after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. See you there!

Calling All Bakers! – Father's Day Bake Sale

Donations of baked goods for the sale are gratefully accepted between 3:30pm and 4:45pm on Saturday, June 11th and 15 minutes prior to both Sunday Masses on June 12th. Cookies, loaves, pies, tarts and other sweet or savory treats are most welcome! Please bring your wrapped or bagged baked goods, with a list of their ingredients attached, to the Parish Hall. We cannot accept baked goods that include any ingredients that require refrigeration. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING CWL CONVENTIONS

The 102nd Annual National Convention

DATE: August, 13th -17th 2022

Location: Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort – KELOWNA, B.C.

Experience and grab this opportunity to interact with your CWL sisters from across Canada. Rejoice and Rejuvenate in the Vineyard of the Lord. Please watch the exciting promotional video

at: <https://cwl.ca/kelowna-2022/>

The 97th Annual Vancouver Diocesan CWL Convention

DATE: May 5th - 7th 2022

Location: Our Lady of Sorrows, 555 Slocan Street, Vancouver, B.C.

All CWL Members are encouraged to attend the **Online Resolutions Dialogue** on Thursday, May 5th, 2022, at **7 pm** and the **Online Pre-Convention Meeting** on Friday May 6th 2022, at 7:00pm

The In-person Business Session will be held on **Saturday, May 7th, 2022, from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm** at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish – **all registered**.

Convention attendees will attend in person. All others can attend the on-line platform.

Application forms are available on the Diocesan website. vancouvercwl.ca

St. Pius X CWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 26 – Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 11 – Executive meeting

Thursday, May 12 – March for Life in Victoria

Thursday, May 19 - General meeting

Saturday, June 4 – North Shore Parish Councils Half Day of Recollection

Wednesday, June 8 – Executive meeting

Sat/Sun. June 11/12 – Bake Sale

Sunday June 12 – Domestic Abuse Services Walkathon

Thursday, June 16 – General meeting

July/August – NO MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 6 – Morning coffee group

Wednesday, September 7 – Executive meeting (1st Weds.)

Thursday, September 15 – General meeting/Wine & Cheese social

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

DO YOU HAVE an inspirational story to share?

Be an on-going part of showcasing our CWL events, meetings, celebrations, special occasions, retreats, conventions – add a picture or a quote! You can promote stories of hope, resilience and inspiration. Contributing articles to our newsletter is an effective means to impart your perception on CWL events, and a way to spread the positive word on our initiatives of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

We welcome your viewpoint!

Submit your articles to: inletsea@shaw.ca