



ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



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.

NEWSLETTER
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FOLLOW US.....



QUICK LINKS

St. Pius X CWL web site:

stpiusxcwlnorthvan.wordpress.com/links

Vancouver Diocesan CWL web site:

vancouvercwl.ca

Provincial CWL web site: bcyukoncwl.ca

National CWL web site: cwl.ca

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

November 19-20 and 26-27

*...be part
of something
GREAT!*

CWL

The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds them together. When put into action, this faith brings the values of Christ into the world.

Our members serve in many areas of our Parish community, and their generosity and spirit live out our mission statement.

PLEASE JOIN US

WHAT IS THE CWL?

It is the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada.

St. Pius X Parish CWL Council Activities include:

- Bake Sales: Valentine's and Christmas
- Bottle Drive: On-going initiative
- Yearly Spring Plant Sale
- Craft Fairs: Spring and Christmas
- Oktoberfest
- Fashion show
- Christmas Social
- Used Clothing Drive for Domestic Abuse Society, Our Lady of Good Counsel Society
- Host Funeral Receptions
- Spiritual Care – Berkley Care Centre
- Special Masses and Spiritual Events
- National Voluntary funds to: Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace; Catholic Missions in Canada; Catholic Near East Welfare Association; Coady International Institute Fund; Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- St. Pius X Parish and St. Thomas Aquinas Bursaries

WHAT WE DO: The following are the areas of the League's concern and activity:

1. Spiritual Development:

- Role of women in the church • Evangelization and mission assistance • Lay ministries
- Ecumenism and interfaith endeavors

2. Organization:

- Leadership development • League resource material • Recruit members and maintain membership

3. Christian Family Life:

- Marriage and family • Ministry to: youth; widowed; disabled; separated; seniors; divorced.
- Vocations

4. Community Life:

- Dignity and rights of persons • Social and economic justice • Refugees, immigration and citizenship • Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
- Developing countries

5. Education and Health:

- Catholic education • Rites of Christian initiation • Scholarships and bursaries
- Wellness and sickness/disease • Environment

6. Communications:

- The Canadian League Magazine • Promote the League - newsletters and bulletins
- Media relations • Pornography

7. Resolutions:

- Research and preparation of resolutions and briefs - provincial and national levels
- Presentation of resolutions to government

8. Legislation:

- Monitor and study legislation at all levels of government

Just as God has a place for us, there is a place for each one of us within the framework of the CWL.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

For personal and spiritual growth, service, friendship and fun

- You will have the opportunity to improve the quality of your life and the lives of those you love
- To encourage and recognize our youth
- To take action on health issues
- To be part of a powerful force in the church where our voice is heard in the local, provincial, and national community
- You will experience the fun and fulfillment of getting together with a group of like-minded women, in a joyful Christian atmosphere of friendship and sharing

We need and want you to infuse us with your fresh new ideas, your energy and your positive attitudes – everyone has a lot to give.

HOW DO I JOIN?

- During our Membership Drive November 19-20 and 26-27, after Mass
- Pick up our brochure containing an application form, available at the CWL cabinet at the back of the Church
- Visit our Web Site: st.piusxcwlnorthvan.wordpress.com/links
- Contact Barbara Johnston 236 999-1286 or at bajohnston@gmail.com



HISTORY OF CWL BANNERS



The CWL banner was officially introduced in May, 1957 in response to many enquiries about establishing an official League banner. It was designed to be 24"x36" and made of heavy white satin lined with royal blue and completed with fringe and tassels. It carries the official crest of the Catholic Women's League of Canada and features the Parish it represents. A pole for display can be added.

These beautiful banners add much grace and dignity to CWL functions such as processions, rallies and conventions.

Funeral Receptions

Upon request, our CWL assists and comforts bereaved families, by hosting light receptions following funerals held at St. Pius X Church. We provide a "Buffet Style Reception" at a minimal cost per person by donation. These receptions are held in our Parish Meeting Room located adjacent to the church which can accommodate up to 100 people. By contacting the Parish Office, the bereaved family can make this arrangement - thus allowing them to receive condolences from their family and friends in a caring, dignified and supportive environment. Volunteers for this rewarding and meaningful service are always needed.

Please contact Carol Landy at 604 929-6235 or at glandy@telus.net

MARCH FOR LIFE



This year's event featured a wide range of inspirational speakers including, B.C. Catholic columnist Colleen Roy; Advocate Life & Education Services Director Jared White; Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Alex Schadenberg; and Delta Hospice Society President Angelina Ireland. On May 12, 2022, after a two-year on-line hiatus, pro-life British Columbians once again took to the streets of Victoria to represent the unborn and vulnerable at this year's annual "March for Life". Three members of our St. Pius X Council were in attendance, boarding a chartered bus from Holy Trinity at 7:00am, travelling to Sacred Heart Parish in Delta to attend 9:00am Mass, before heading over to Victoria on the 11:00am ferry.

"Priests for Life Canada" President, Father Thomas Lynch, launched the day with his rousing and energetic homily; it really set the tone for a positive and enthusiastic experience.

REMINDER - MEN'S SHELTER MINISTRY

As part of our CWL social service initiative, we continue to collect food donations for the Archdiocese's Men's Shelter. On the last Friday of each month, volunteers purchase and prepare 20 individually wrapped sandwiches and/or baked goods in their own home.

Donations are dropped off in the school parking lot between 1:30-2:00 and transported to the Men's Shelter downtown. Help us help those suffering from hunger and homelessness, and we welcome your donations on a regular or casual basis. For more information contact Michelle Cox at: michellebcox@shaw.ca

JUNE BAKE SALE



Thank you to all the ladies who contributed baked goods and to the wonderful volunteers who worked the three bake sales on the weekend of June 11 and 12.

Heartfelt thanks for Carol Landy and Theresa St-Arnaud who organized the volunteers and parish hall setup/takedown and were on hand for all three bake sales. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are pleased to report sales of \$574 on baked goods and \$30 on crafts and handmade goods.

Thank you to the parish community for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Return-It Fundraising

An update on the CWL's Return-It Fundraiser. Fun Fact: As of August 19th, 15,631 containers have been returned through this Fundraiser, raising over \$1,500 since July, 2020.

Since the bottle drive held in April, 2022, almost 6,700 containers have been returned through Return-It, raising almost \$670 and more importantly, keeping these recyclables out of landfills.

Thank you to the St. Pius X parish community for your enthusiastic support of this initiative.

Return-It kits containing transparent bags, preprinted labels and instruction sheet including drop-off code, are available at the CWL desk in the Church vestibule. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF and keep our Drive alive.

St. Francis of Assisi - October 4



The Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; and
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek
To be consoled... as to console;
To be understood... as to understand;
To be loved... as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and
It is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE

Working in conjunction with the Parish, our CWL members, along with Father Jeff attend at Berkley Care Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. Father celebrates Mass to not only Catholic residents, but all interested residents who are comforted by prayers. Spiritual care is not solely for those who identify with a religion, but helps these elders live their lives in a manner that is most meaningful for them. It is a social connection that is core to their sense of purpose in life.

Our members collect the residents from their rooms, join with them in the celebration of Mass and socially interact with them on a one-to-one basis.

If you wish to volunteer two hours one afternoon a month, not only CWL members, but also, their spouses and all parishioners of St. Pius X, are welcome to fulfil this joyful and essential role of spiritual care in a long-term care facility.

Please contact Carol Landy at 604 929-6235 or email at glandy@telus.net

The 102nd CWL National Convention

August 14-17, 2022



Anita Park, Barbara Johnston and I attended the 102nd Annual CWL National Convention held this year in Kelowna. The theme was "Catholic and Living it" with 500 women of Faith in attendance.

The Opening Mass held at Immaculate Conception Church began with a procession of Flag bearers, Life Members, Honorary Life Members, spiritual advisers, and the officiating clergy.

Each day's agenda was filled with guest speakers, reports from National President Fran Lucas, Provincial Presidents, and reports from all National Executives.

Guest speakers and their topics included Barbara Dowding "Art of Accompaniment" and Elizabeth Tomlin, author of the publication "Joyful Momentum". Other guest speaker topics included "how to start and organize Vibrant Parish Ministries with pastoral care"; "Renewing and fostering

relationships between the Catholic church and the Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and "League of the Future" (a strategic planning progress report).

Special social events included a "Roaring 20's Dinner" with music provided by a 19-piece Orchestra with everyone decked out from head to toe in roaring twenties dresses and headgear. The following evening, the "Provincial Dinner" featured each Province delighting us with skits that were innovative and fun.

As this was my first attendance at a CWL National Convention, I was impressed with how well all aspects of the convention were planned and executed. Kudos to the planning Committee.

Delphine Monsurate, President

"DOOR IS OPEN & CITYREACH" PROJECT

The Door is Open – a drop-in ministry providing food, clothing, counselling, and a warm and safe environment, in conjunction with the **CityReach Care Society** – serving thousands of vulnerable individuals across Great Vancouver, are having a new clothing and non-perishable goods drive. Starting the weekend of **November 5/6 until December 3/4** there will be a box labelled, "The Door is Open and CityReach Project" in the church vestibule.

In the spirit and tradition of giving we are collecting the following items:

Clothing: T-shirts/sweaters for men and women, men's underwear, gloves, socks.

Non-perishable foods: peanut butter jars, Cheez Whiz, macaroni, spaghetti, pasta sauce, tuna, soup.

Toiletries: shampoo, bar soap, hair brushes, toothpaste/toothbrushes. Miscellaneous art supplies.

GIVE GENEROUSLY – LET US HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE



CWL CALENDAR:

Thursday October 20th – CWL General Meeting
Wednesday November 9th – CWL Executive Meeting
Thursday November 17th – CWL General Meeting
Sat/Sun November 19th–20th CWL Membership Drive
Saturday November 19th – CWL Bake Sale
Sunday November 20th – Christmas Craft Fair and CWL Bake Sale
Saturday, November 26th – Christmas Wreath Making Class
Sat/Sun November 26th-27th – CWL Membership Drive
Wednesday December 7th - CWL Executive Meeting
Thursday December 8th – CWL Christmas Social
Wednesday January 11th – Executive Meeting
Thursday January 19th – General Meeting
Wednesday February 8th – Executive Meeting
Sat/Sun February 11th-12th – CWL Valentine’s Day Bake Sale
Thursday February 16th – General Meeting
Wednesday, March 8 – Executive Meeting
Thursday, March 16th – General Meeting & St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
March 15th-24th (Spring Break)

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

SHARE YOUR VIEWPOINT....

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 input!

Submit your articles to: inletsea@shaw.ca



