



St. Andrew's Catholic Women's League NEWSLETTER—WINTER 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Winter may have been off to a slow start, but there is no doubt that the season is now upon us. While snow shoveling has become a pastime for many of us over the last few weeks, there is something to be said for the beauty that a fresh blanket of snow has to offer. In the serenity of the moment, you can truly see that God is indeed a masterful artist!

The past year was one of re-awakening for our council as we began to, once again, offer activities for our members. Our Memorial Mass for Deceased Members held in November was well attended and a true testament to the lives of the women who have gone before us. With the help of many members, our council hosted a very successful bake sale raising \$1,327 in support of the church's Boiler Replacement Project. One of our best ever! We closed out 2023 with a Christmas Potluck where members participated in an Advent candle lighting prayer service and then shared their favourite dishes in a feast definitely fit for a queen.

As we begin this new year, we hope to build on this momentum by offering new activities and invite you to share your gifts as we continue to bring new life to our council. Wishing you all the best and many blessings for 2024.

With prayers,

Diane Skinner

MISSION STATEMENT

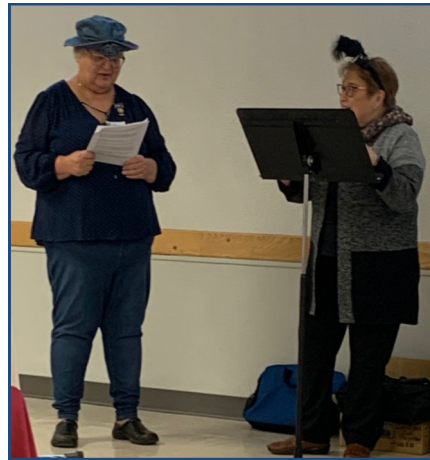
The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith,
and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DAY 2023

League Development Day was held on Saturday, October 21st, 2023 and hosted by Corpus Christi Parish Council. About 40 League members representing councils from across the Diocese attended the session.

The day began with a short prayer service led by the CWL Diocesan Council and was followed by presentations and workshops facilitated by Thunder Bay Life Members.

Colleen Martin provided a presentation on Navigating the National, Provincial & Diocesan Websites which provide a



Pauline Krupa & Josie Schill

myriad of resources and materials for parish councils to use. Marlene Pavletic facilitated a workshop introducing the 3

new Pillars of the League which call each member to Faith, Service and Social Justice as part of the Catholic Women's League's efforts to reorganize and re-invent itself. Pauline Krupa and Josie Schill provided a presentation on the CWL's 2023 Theme "Catholic and Living It" sharing their usual style of humour and wit to engage members in the process.

The day ended with a closing prayer and an invitation to all members to attend the CWL Provincial Convention in Sudbury from July 7th to 10th, 2024 where Colleen Martin will be installed as the new Provincial President.

Sharing in Faith, Fun and Fulfillment!

2024 THEME: "HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME"

The 2024 Catholic Women's League theme "Here I am Lord, send me" is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (6:8) and describes his response to the Lord's call to service.

As sisters in the League, we have been called to a threefold mission of Faith, Service and Social Justice by sharing our gifts with one another, our families, our parish and the greater community.



As we continue to work to rebuild and renew our council, we want to hear from you.

Included in this mailing is a CWL Membership Survey. Please take some time to reflect and share your thoughts, ideas and concerns with us.

God has given each of us unique gifts for service in the Lord. Please consider how you are being called to share your gifts as a member of our council.

Just a reminder...



CWL Memberships Fees are due each year in January. The fees for 2024 are \$35.00 and can be paid to St. Andrew's CWL by placing them in an envelope with your name and address and dropping it in the Sunday collection basket or by mailing them to the church at 292 Red River Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1A8. Need your fees picked up? Call Diane at (807) 767-2394.