



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents and Christian Family Life Chairpersons
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“Be who you were created to be, and you’ll set the world on fire!” –Catherine of Sienna

Compassionate Community Care and My Story:

With the assistance of those who sent in their stories, a book about our London Diocesan members is being published, and is coming out in April. Members have also shared their personal and CWL history with their families and councils.

As we go forward, continue to share time and stories with members alone or in retirement/extended care homes, and make them feel our caring and support. It has been well documented that social isolation and loneliness affect both physical and mental health, especially in our elderly population.

There are training workshops on “Being With” and “Patient Advocacy” and more, being put on by Compassionate Community Care. Their website is www.compassionatecommunitycare.org

Vocations:

Ontario Provincial Council’s Christian Family Life’s Focus Project 2022 to 2024 is Vocations. Some councils have already set up masses for their spiritual advisors’ intentions. Others have asked their priest to speak at their meetings on vocations.

Discuss vocations with your children, grandchildren, and friends. Offer an invitation to the priest to your home for a meal or a visit. Keep praying for all priests and persons in the religious life.

The Three Pillars:

Some councils have already incorporated the Pillars into their councils, others will wait until later. After elections, the Diocesan Council April (2023), Provincial Council (2024), and National council (2023) will take part in the strategic changes.

With the standing committees changing to the three pillars, Christian Family Life will be under Faith and Service as illustrated below:

Marriage and Family-----Service
Sanctity of Life-----Service
Ministry to Widows ----- Service
Ministry to Separated and Divorced ----- Service

Ministry to Youth-----Service
Ministry to Seniors and Disabled-----Service
Vocations-----Faith

Dates of Events Coming Up:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 30, 2023. (also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”) Pray that the church continues to promote vocations and the hearts of the faithful discover God’s call in their lives, and the courage to say ‘yes’ to God.
www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com

Day of Prayer for Palliative Care -to be announced- May, 2023
With the ever-changing restrictions to MAID which allow for more accessibility, it is important that members storm the heavens with prayer in support of Palliative Care.
For all Canadians to have access to quality Hospice Palliative Care, Lord hear our prayer.
<https://www.cwl.ca>

26th Annual National March for Life, May 11, 2023
Typically the largest annual protest on Parliament Hill takes place in May to mark the Day when the 1969 Omnibus Bill passed under Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, decriminalizing abortion. Pro-lifers rally in front of our Parliament building and march through downtown Ottawa, demanding that our elected representatives fight for the right to life of every human being.
www.marchforlife.ca

International Family Day, Monday, May 15, 2023
A UN observance every 15th of May since 1995. It is a time to remember the crucial role the family plays in our world’s cultures and societies.
‘Google’ [International Day of Families](#)

World Youth Day August 1st-6th 2023, Lisbon, Portugal
World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope, celebrated about every three years in a different country. It is open to all young people who want to take part in the opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church. Please pray for all attending this event.
<https://worldyouthday.com>

As I come to the end of my term as your Christian Family Life Chairperson, I would like to thank the councils for all their hard work in the last two years. We have gotten a lot accomplished together. Hope to see you all at Convention in Sarnia April 24th to 26th.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Guide Us As We Continue Our Journey

Mary Ann