

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Annual Report Book
January to December 2024**

**Annual Meeting of Members and Convention
April 28 – 30, 2025**



*We remember with great fondness,
our deceased members of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.*



League Prayer

We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds
and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill
Your great law of charity.
Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad,
The good things you have given us.
This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel.
AMEN.

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.

Objects of the League

Shall be to unite Catholic women of Canada
To achieve individual and collective spiritual development
To promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
To exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
To protect the sanctity of life
To enhance the role of women in the church and society
To recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
To uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
To contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom,
social justice, peace and harmony

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Diocesan Executive Council

Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Paul Kim
President	Mary Bannon
Vice President/Organization	Denise Lalonde Morris
Life Member Liaison	Marie Therese Lamphier
Secretary	Nelly Kelders
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Past President	Theresa Ryan

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Faith	Beatrice Taylor
Service	Lori Alexander
Social Justice	Denise Masse

Regional Chairpersons

Chatham-Kent	Laurie Lassaline
Essex	Jeanne Lauzon
Huron-Perth	Sharon Twamley
Ingersoll	Fatima Cabral
London	Linda Van Raay
Sarnia-Lambton	Carol Hall
Windsor	Helen Biales

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
~ John Quincy Adams

Tribute to Shirley George



October 25, 1935—May 10, 2024

Full of fun, mentor, humble, kind, welcoming, generous, down to earth, spiritual, advocate and friend. All of these describe Shirley so well.

Life Member Shirley George was a woman who wore many hats; she trained and worked as a nurse, she was a military wife; world traveller; and lifelong learner, earned her BA in Sociology as an adult; a cancer survivor, Papal Medal recipient; advocate for justice, diocesan and provincial president of The Catholic Women's League of Canada; Right to Life member; supporter of Ecumenism; and dear friend.

Shirley knew many heartaches and challenges in her life. Tragically lost her daughter and parents in a drunk driving accident. She witnessed family members struggle through cancer and then battled breast cancer herself. Losing her son, Father Matthew George, to a traffic accident was heartbreaking yet Shirley always looked to the positive and leaned on her faith to see her through those difficult patches.

As a result of that drunk driving accident that claimed her family members, Shirley became a spokesperson for Citizens Against Driving Drunk. Her many speaking engagements took Shirley from high school auditoriums to community meetings and prisons. She shared her story in hopes of making a difference. Shirley believed in giving to others, she believed in justice and empowering others.

One proud moment in her life was the ordination of her son Matthew. She was very close to Matthew and even took a road trip to visit him in Whitehorse when she was 80. Shirley had many stories to share about her extensive travels and military postings. She was quiet-spoken, with a dry sense of humour and engaging personality. Her curiosity and

creativity knew no bounds. Courses in leather making and upholstery, taking German classes, writing “songs” for CWL functions, and making her Mulligatawny soup are examples of how Shirley put her talents to use.

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada was very important to Shirley. She served as London Diocesan President from 1994-1996 and as Ontario Provincial President from 2006-2008. Her breast cancer diagnosis and treatment kept her from pursuing a position at the National level. In Shirley’s words, “The League is my lifeline to the community, to friends, to education to spiritual development and much more which I can’t articulate...”

Despite the challenges and heartaches, her faith never wavered. She was not afraid of a challenge and walked forward in her chosen faith. Her quiet mannerism was a testament to her. Shirley was a pillar to her family, her community, and The Catholic Women’s League of Canada.

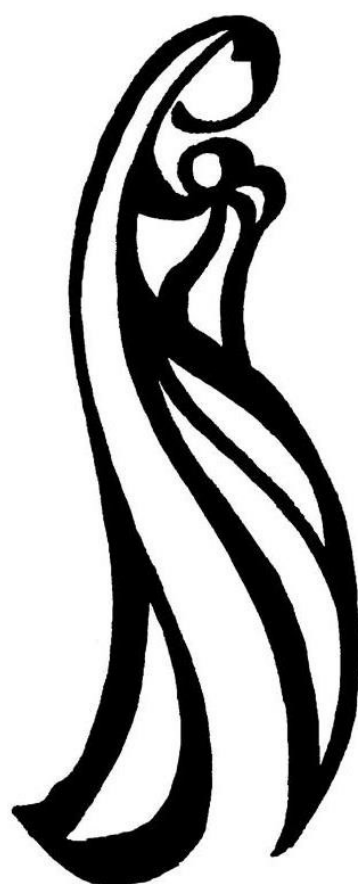
Shirley was married to Bruce for 50 years and is survived by her children Michael (Alexandra), Jennifer, and Patrick (Jennifer).

May God grant her eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Shirley will be missed by many.

Respectfully submitted:
Life Member, Bev Weiler





Letters
Of
Greetings



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Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is a privilege for me to extend to you a warm welcome as you gather in Stratford for the 105th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Catholic Women's League. As you come together, I pray that these days will provide you the opportunity to renew friendships, to share successes, and to support, encourage, and inspire each other.

This year marks the 2025 Jubilee Year and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Francis calls us to open our hearts to a renewed encounter with Jesus and to be witnesses to our sisters and brothers of the hope He brings us, even now: The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises. Let us even now be drawn to this hope! (n. 25)

The members of the CWL have always been strong witnesses of hope in our diocese, our country, and our world. I pray you will continue to act as "pilgrims of hope" as you go out and do your works of charity and community building. May these days together strengthen your faith and commitment to live as disciples of Jesus.

May God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, bless you, your families, and your good works.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

February 12, 2025

My dear sisters in the League,

Convention is a time of celebration, education and faith support. As you gather in convention this year, I welcome and congratulate you on behalf of the national executive/board and all members across Canada.

2024 was a year of transition and planning for the League, and now, as we journey into 2025, we celebrate a Jubilee Year, a year of Hope.

Pope Francis said, "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring." Is this not true of the League? We work for our parish, the church and our communities with faith and love.

And this is what you have done as members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the London diocese. That work that you do strengthens all of us. We are women of the church. We proudly go forward speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves or are unheard, and we do outreach through faith, service and social justice. It is a calling of hope.

So, my dear sisters, thank you. You are appreciated and congratulated for the work that you do, for the voice that you share and your support within your community.

My hope is that the League continues to work "For God and Country," that the invitation to join us is heard by all women and that the League's voice continues to grow.

You have answered the call...*Here I am Lord, send me.*

May God bless you.

ShariGuinta

National President SG/ms



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

March, 2025

Dear Sisters and Spiritual Advisors:

RE: 105th London Annual Report

It is with great joy that I write this letter of greetings to you for your 105th Annual Diocesan Report. The annual report is an important opportunity to celebrate the many accomplishments of members within your diocese each calendar year.

A mix of repeating and special initiatives involving the sharing of the gift of presence, developing awareness on health and social justice issues, developing tools to assist members in leadership roles, and many other initiatives demonstrate engagement of members, and meaningful impacts across the London Diocese.

On behalf of all your sisters in Ontario, congratulations on another year of service to God and Canada. We pray in gratitude for your commitment to the League and its mission to call members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service!

In joy-filled faith,

Colleen Martin
Ontario Provincial President



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

My dear sisters in The League,

A warm welcome to our 2025 gathering, our 105th Anniversary. I have really been looking forward to this event.

A big thank you for your love, care, support and good wishes as I went through a long period of recovery after I fell in July. I experienced many falls and a light stroke resulting in therapy in Stratford and Seaforth. My wonderful parish council, supportive diocesan council and a great provincial council pulled me through. I am now living in a seniors' residence in Stratford.

I am so impressed by your work to answer the call with "Here I am Lord, send me" creativity abounds rising out of your love.

Don't forget to wear your pins for our draw.

Blessings on you and your families.

In hope,

Mary Bannon
President of London Diocese CWL



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

London Diocesan Council

Dear Sisters of The Catholic Women's League, Spiritual Advisors, delegates and guests.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Once again, we are gathered in the blessed season of Easter to rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus and His loving Victory over sin and death. It is fitting that our diocesan convention gathers during this season as it is always a time to pray, discuss and celebrate together with new eyes and new life, as we discuss ways to serve and continue the mission of The Catholic Women's League.

This particular year of 2025 marks a special Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." In a time where there seems to be much to pray for in our world and equally within our Church, this theme reminds us that no matter what. Our hope is unfading because it is found in the Person of Jesus, the One who dwelt amongst us in His desire to be intimately connected to His beloved creation, both in the joys and trials of our life. Bishop Fabbro is calling on all of us to enter a special time of prayer, making for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Diocese so that we ourselves may receive new risen life in Christ and be beacons of hope to all we encounter on this earthly pilgrimage.

In these days of gathering, I pray that each of us will be an answer to St. Paul's prayer in the Romans. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Rm 15:13). May this hope guide us as we continue our mission as the Body of Christ in our various parishes and communities.

On behalf of the diocesan Catholic Women's League executive, I want to welcome each of you to our annual meeting of members.

I pray that God will continue to bless the good work you have been doing in years past, and I pray these days together bring all of you renewal in the joy and love of our risen Lord!

In Christ,
Father Paul Kim
London Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
Catholic Women's League of Canada

Diocesan Executive Reports

London Diocesan Council Report 2024

President: Mary Bannon

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Paul Kim

Number of Parishes Reporting: 55 of 86

Number of Life Members: 11

Number of Regions: 7

Give examples of how councils focused on the national theme: Here I am Lord, send me.

- There were retreats, guest speakers, workshops and online webinars focusing on the national theme. Many councils included the theme in their ordinary running of the councils.

Give examples of how councils concentrated on the national focus of mental health.

- Some councils found speakers on mental health, others provided information to find help for those with mental health issues.
- A few councils researched the effects of homelessness, job insecurity and violence on mental health.

Provide comments from councils who embraced the new League structure.

- Love the new structure. It is working beautifully.
- We do like the new structure with the Three Pillars as this makes the meetings flow more easily. Often the focus may be on one pillar or a combination of two.
- Being a small council, our discussions cover all three pillars.

Were Go Make a Difference/Joy of the Gospel (provincial theme) implemented? (Describe projects or initiatives)

- The councils had no knowledge of the provincial theme: Joy of the Gospel. Many of them did go out and make a difference with membership drives, which showed everyone that we do more than bake pies. They held food drives, Socktober, fashion shows with clothes on consignment with funds raised going to the St. Vincent de Paul, backpacks were filled with items to help the survival of the homeless.
- Presidents were most proud of these initiatives or projects.

Recommendations from presidents going forward under the new League structure:

- Humans are the most resistant to change and will eventually embrace the changes.
- More time is needed to educate the members on how to implement the new structure.
- With the urgent need for new members many of us use our time to mentor these new people to the League and all the great work we do, which in turn leaves little time to implement new ideas.

- National did a wonderful job providing resources but again to use them you need time to become familiar with what is there.
- Our diocese has produced workshops on the *Joy of Leadership* and the *Joy of Membership* as well as adapting the workshop “1 for all and all for 1.”

Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024

Diocese: London

Vice President/Organization: Denise Lalonde Morris

Number of Parishes Responding: 55 of 86

Number of Members in the Diocese: 7376

Did the councils use the “1” campaign to promote the League? List any highlights.

- Members of the executive, with the guidance of Betty Colanari and her group, designed a workshop using the “1” campaign. It was presented at all three regional days in the fall. The workshop was well received and some of the councils were able to fill their executives and one council even had members return to attend meetings.

How did the councils contact new parishioners and introduce them to the League?

- We decided personal connection is the most important approach, and since, we have promoted the wearing of our blue golf shirts.
- I asked the councils with their parish family group to hold Blue weekends. With the permission of their pastors, 3-4 times a year the sisters don their blue and cover every ministry during the Mass where they are allowed.
- I visited councils to talk to them about the four types of membership. There was usually a coffee Sunday where we could talk to anyone who had questions.
- The councils used meetings, bulletin announcements, and reached out to the parish ladies to join us on the blue weekends. Inviting, bright eye-catching posters were encouraged at the church entrances with pamphlets describing what we are all about.

Did councils encourage members to personally invite prospective members?

- I challenged our diocese to find 1000 new members during my two-years as V.P. By becoming visible and inviting, our councils were able to bring in 422 new members the 1st year and 300 the 2nd year. Unfortunately, Our Lord called home over 300 sisters in 2023 and 276 members in 2024.
- We also give all our councils a certificate of recognition at our three regional days. I received hugs from ladies with tears in their eyes as they explained they had never been personally thanked for all their good works.

Were Go Make a Difference/Joy of the Gospel (provincial themes) implemented?

- We knew nothing about the Joy of the Gospel Theme. I personally only learned about it when I had to step in to cover for our president.

- All of our councils did something to help the homeless. There were food drives, clothes collections, distribution of Tim cards so the less fortunate could get a hot drink, back packs were filled with daily necessities, taking part in the Coldest Night of the Year Walks, coat drives, some ladies knit scarves and mitts and hung them on street poles for anyone to take when needed. These are a few of the initiatives, there were many more.

Ideas for embracing the challenges associated with increasing membership.

- First, we know in person and visibility are the two things that are the major hurdles. As stated above, we held Blue Weekends, displayed posters, had pamphlets available and being present at all church occasions helps visibility. Involving your spiritual advisors in these campaigns is a must.
- Inviting your diocesan executive to come and speak solves two problems—members get to know who the executive members are and members see that you are there for them. Just ask!
- Challenge the members to engage with new persons, but also with members who once were members and need a reason to rejoin. I have asked the new regional chairs to contact their councils and find out how many new members, transfers, and reinstated members they have and send me the totals three times a year.
- We also ask the councils to include younger generations to help with projects; i.e., let us teach you to use your cell phone or Internet; offer high school students volunteer hours for caring for members' young children while they attend a meeting, which is easier to do if you change your meeting day to Saturday.

Recommendations relating to the office of the Vice President.

- If Provincial is going to hold meetings virtually why not include the vice president in the meetings the second year of the president's term to allow them to become familiar with the goals that are proposed for the future?
- Encourage National to change the dates to hand in annual reports as mid-December is a crazy time of year. Vice Presidents barely get time to read the results of the annual survey and Provincial wants their report and for us who have April conventions/AMMs this is another report to be completed.

Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024

Diocese: London

Past President: Theresa Ryan

Number of Parishes Responding: 55 of 86

Was the past president, who is primarily an advisor in a consultative capacity?

- Consulted on policy and procedures including elections: 61%
- Part of (or will soon be on) elections committee: 56%
- Approached by the president for advice/assistance: 87%

Did the councils report having updated their history and archives in 2024? 33%

Were members involved in capturing historical information? 53%

Were Go Make a Difference/Joy of the Gospel implemented?

- As it wasn't in the survey, I don't know.

Past presidents were most proud of (accomplishments):

- Policy and procedure book update and league directives.
- Keeping archives up to date.
- Mentoring and encouraging members to accept positions within the standing committee.
- Supporting the current president and council
 - Encouraging members in prayer and service.
 - Guiding the executive in the new structure for the League and encouraging them to develop the importance of the 3 Pillars.
 - Having a joyous executive which has spilled over into a joyous membership.
- Honouring our deceased members in our book of Life.

Recommendations relating to the office of the past president:

- Help mentor your members, especially if they are struggling.
- Suggest asking a diocesan executive officer to hold a leadership workshop for your council or several councils.
- Remind members what the focus or objects of the League are. Sometimes councils get so bogged down with fundraising they forget what we are all about.
- Keep faith, fun and fulfillment in all your meetings, not just one little prayer to open a meeting.



Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024

Diocese: London

Secretary: Nelly Kelders

Number of Parishes Responding: 56 of 86

Primary methods of communication used by councils to become informed of resources:

- The majority of councils use email to keep their members informed of the CWL news and activities.
- Recognizing that not all members are connected to the Internet, many councils have instituted buddy systems to spread the news through phone calls, visits, and/or printing documents.
- Regular meetings of the members have continued to be an important avenue for two-thirds of the councils to inform their membership.

Does the secretary have a committee to assist with communications activities?

- In most councils, some of the duties of the secretary have been delegated to other members.
- One member is often appointed to send out cards to their sisters and others, as directed by the executive council.
- Other members take on the role of Facebook coordinator if needed or to maintain a webpage on the Family of Parishes website.
- Contributions to national and social media and the diocesan newsletter are often forwarded by members of the executive.

Did councils utilize social media? Access diocesan and provincial websites?

- At our Diocesan Fall Regional Days in September and October, councils were reminded and encouraged to visit the websites at all three levels of the League to find resources and information that supports their work at the local level.
- Several councils have embraced Facebook as a means to communicate their good works.
- With the purchase of a Zoom license at the diocesan level, we are looking forward to utilizing this tool to increase communication with all members of our diocese.

Secretaries were most proud of (accomplishments) in their role?

- Transitioning to the new duties of this role has been more challenging because of the added responsibilities for communication.
- Working with a committee, especially with social media has taken many secretaries outside of their comfort zone.
- Councils have been resilient finding solutions to these new forms of media. The diocesan secretary was proud to be able to reintroduce the diocesan newsletter, "League Lingo," in print as well as being available online on the diocesan website. The type of content has continued to evolve, to inform, to inspire, and to challenge our

members. Councils have been encouraged to use this resource as one of their promotional materials, when recruiting new members and to educate spiritual advisors.

Were Go Make a Difference/Joy of the Gospel (provincial themes) implemented?

- Councils in the London Diocese were very active in the campaign. Some of the initiatives included:
 - Learning to better understand our Indigenous brothers and sisters through Blanket ceremonies, learning about the medicine wheel, and becoming familiar with the Moccasin Identifier Programme.
 - The re-introduction of funeral lunches in many parishes, which had been suspended because of COVID.
 - Creation of Blessing bags for the homeless that included personal hygiene products, snacks, and basic clothing like hats, socks, underwear etc.
 - Filling backpacks for back-to-school in September for needy students,
 - socials such as Spring Tea and Strawberry Socials helped to promote community and address loneliness that many seniors experience.
 - Presentation of prayer shawls to our sisters who may have experienced loss in their lives or have undergone life-changing illnesses.
 - Providing chemo beanies and caps for cancer patients at local hospitals.
 - Providing meals through Meals on Wheels, collections for food banks, at soup kitchens, and Ronald McDonald House.

Recommendations (helpful ideas) relating to the office of the secretary under the new structure.

- Have online workshops to teach some of the basics of working with social media.
- A workshop on how to set up a communications committee and how to delegate.
- Have a Q&A section on the provincial website where secretaries could ask questions and get answers in a timely manner.
- Set up a mentoring system to connect new secretaries with seasoned secretaries.



Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024

Diocese: London

Treasurer: Mary Clare Latimer

Number of Parishes Reporting: 55 of 86

Indicate the total donations to the National Voluntary Funds:

Catholic Missions in Canada	\$5800
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	\$1025
Coady International Institute	\$ 425
Development & Peace Canada	\$5402
Total Donations to all Charities:	\$220,000.00

Significant and/or unusual donations reported were (indicate Parish-P or Diocesan-D):

- Total donations: \$87,000

Did treasurers prepare an annual budget?

- Yes: 78% or 43 of the 55 reporting councils prepared an annual budget.
- 27% or 12 of the reporting councils did not prepare an annual budget.

Were Go Make a Difference/Joy of the Gospel implemented?

N/A

Treasures were most proud of 9 accomplishments in their role:

- The presentation by the diocesan treasurer at the regional days was very helpful and informative: Suggested CWL Parish Treasurer's Guide- Calendar.

Recommendations (helpful ideas) relating to the office of the treasurer:

- Diocesan treasurer provided each parish council treasurer with a "Suggested CWL Parish Treasurer's Guide-Calendar, which can be adapted according to individual council events and or/donations, alerting parish treasurer of "when and where to issue funds.

Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024

Diocese: London

Number of Parishes Responding: 58 of 87

Pillar: FAITH

Chairperson: Beatrice Taylor

Councils assisted member's growth of their Catholic Faith and greater awareness of Catholic resources on the Internet:

- 23 – Raised the awareness of Catholic resources on the Internet.

- 10 – Encouraged reading of pastoral letters on reconciliation with Indigenous people.
- 10 – Scheduled guest speakers on religious topics.
- 9 – Discussed League position papers.
- 8 – Encouraged study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- 7 – Studied and read encyclicals by Pope Francis.
- 6 – Participated in the Year of Prayer webinars hosted by CCCB.
- 6 – Promoted member participation in the WUCWO’S “Conversation of the Spirit.”
- 6 – Encouraged reading the synodal synthesis document.
- 3 – Discussed the role of women in the life and mission of the church.
- 14 – Other

Councils(#) supported &/or promoted religious vocations:

- 19 – Participated in World Day for Consecrated Life and/or World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
- 17 – Donated to a seminary fund.
- 15 – Hosted special events to celebrate the priest’s birthday or anniversary of ordination, as well as invited a guest speaker on the role of women and the church, vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Supported consecrated women religious through prayer and/donations. Sponsored League membership to novitiates and/or consecrated women religious.

Councils (#) upheld or advocated for Sanctity of Life by:

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| • Promoted pro-life events and encouraged member participation. | 38 |
| • Included pro-life prayers and reports in meetings. | 13 |
| • Participated in March for Life or similar public pro-life gatherings. | 22 |
| • Participated in 12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care. | 29 |
| • Donated to pro-life causes. | 36 |
| • Discussed League position papers. | 19 |
| • Wrote letters to the government vs. Abortion &/or MAiD. | 19 |
| • Participated in 40 days of life prayer vigils. | 12 |
| • Participated in Pro-life webinars or guest speaker events. | 8 |
| • Wrote letters to the government advocating for palliative care funding and accessibility. | 10 |
| • Promoted CCCB’s National Family and Life Week in May. | 7 |
| • Viewed/promoted the video Roe Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World | 3 |
| • Other | 2 |

Were Go Make a Difference/Joy of the Gospel (provincial theme) implemented?

Councils used the National Theme “Here I am Lord, send me.”

- 29 – Prayed the theme prayer at the monthly meeting.

- 16 – Groups shared how members have responded to God’s call in their lives.
- 14 – Prayed and reflected on Isaiah 6:8.
- 3 – Used video or hymn on the theme as part of a spiritual program.
- 11 – Other

What ecumenical or interfaith activities did the members of the council initiate or participate in 2024?

- 40 – Participated in or hosted the World Day of Prayer event.
- 23 – Worked with churches in the community to address local concerns.
- 12 – Participated in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- 5 – Other

No recommendations relating to the Faith Pillar.

Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024
Diocese: London

Number of Parishes Responding: 55 of 86

Pillar: SERVICE

Chairperson: Lori Loreta Alexander

Strategies used to raise awareness about bullying, racism, human trafficking, homelessness?

- Councils researched information about homelessness, human trafficking, bullying, and racism and shared the materials with members to discuss.
- They invited speakers to raise awareness of homelessness and human trafficking and what’s going on in the community.
- Councils handed out pictorials, reports, flyers, and brochures to various groups and members.
- Councils visited some areas that support people in need.
- Councils provided breakfast programs to schools.
- Collected various items to support the unhoused, donations like personal hygiene, Socktober, mitts and hats, scarves, and clothing.
- Hosted events like a local soup kitchen.
- Councils supported community shelters and helped with community meals.
- Councils hosted prayers and video clips, talked to other groups, and put announcements into the parish bulletins for raising funds.
- The Diocese had homelessness presentation at Fall Regionals.

List positive changes in councils relating to the service Pillar:

- Councils liked the new structure with the three Pillars, as it makes meetings flow more easily. It has been widely accepted by some and they got a full slate of officers with the three Pillars.
- Councils promote activities in service to members to educate and encourage access to information from the National website. These materials are very informative and very helpful.
- There were 47 councils (86%) satisfied with communication from the standing committee of Service. In total 29 (53%) like the new structure.

Specific Action(s) members initiated or participated in relating to Service:

- Accessed Service Toolkit #637.
- More accessed the National website for all three Pillars.
- Tried to educate and communicate with members on specific topics such as Mental Health – to know how to deal with Mental Health issues and how to help.

Were Go Make A Difference/Joy of the Gospel implemented through this committee?

- Yes to the 1st theme: councils have attended retreats, heard guest speakers, attended workshops, attended online webinars “Go Make a Difference.”
- Councils supported the needy, collected various donations, and experienced Joy when giving to the shelters for the needy.

Recommendations:

- This is not just for Service but in general. It would be helpful if the link to the Annual Report be on the main page of the National website to make it easier to find. Some councils missed the submission date because they could not find the survey on time. Some suggested a shortcut for specific information with regard to Pillars.
- National should not give a cutoff date but then shut down their website two days earlier. They went on Christmas Break on Dec. 13th and the due date was Dec. 13th.

Ontario Annual Report Year Ended December 31, 2024**Diocese: London**

Pillar: SOCIAL JUSTICE

Leader: Denise Masse

Although the Social Justice Pillar chair was unavailable to report on the work completed by our councils this year, the London Diocese continues to address many issues, as is apparent in all other reports.

What level of governmental legislation and the bylaws did the councils monitor or take actions on?

- Federal: 20 of 55
- Provincial: 14 of 55

- Municipal: 10 of 55

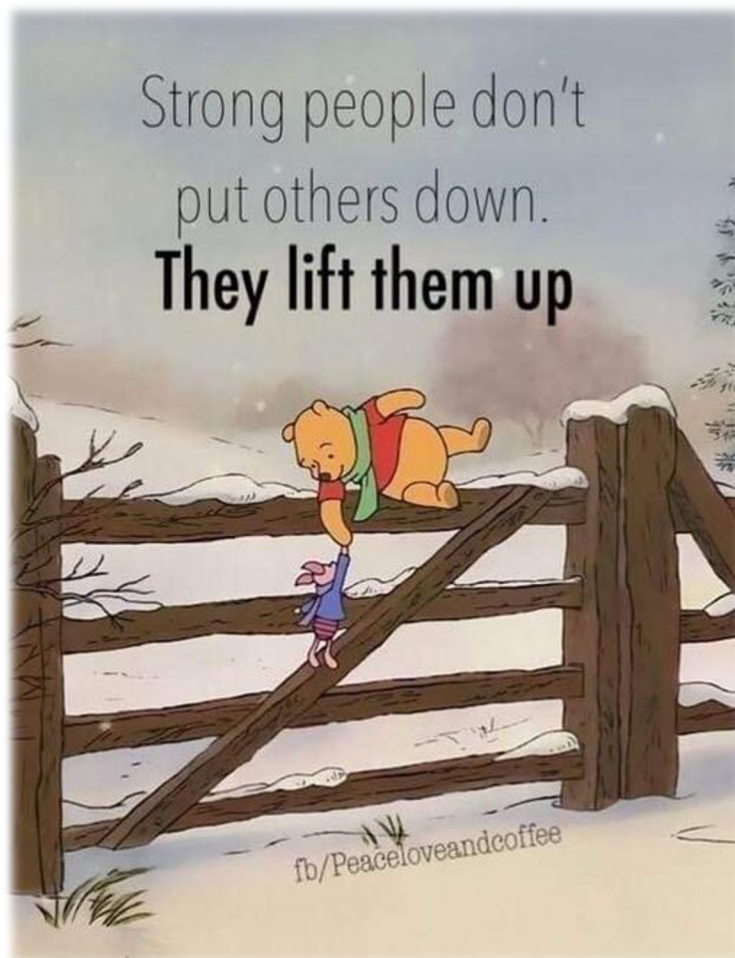
Our councils held:

- Letter writing campaigns
- Post card campaigns
- Signed petitions
- Read briefs
- Considered or drafted resolutions that have not yet been submitted

Recommendations:

- When a situation arises and certain persons are unable to fulfill their positions there should be an avenue we can follow in order to continue our work; i.e.; moving forward with a resolution and skip some protocol.

This report has been submitted by the Vice President, Denise Lalonde Morris.



Council Reports by Region

Chatham-Kent Region

Regional Chairperson: Laurie Lassaline – 13 Councils

Reflecting on the request by our London Diocesan vice president for the Annual Report this year, I offer the following:

One goal you accomplished: Saying “Yes” to the position of Chatham Kent Regional Chair at the London Diocesan Convention in April answering the call “Here I am Lord, send me.” It has brought me so much joy and fulfillment and I am looking forward to the future working with the wonderful CWL members.

One Goal you are working on: Being new to the Chatham Kent Region, it is my aim to meet as many CWL members from the Region and to “be present” as much as possible, with visits to each of the 13 councils in our region during my term.

One goal you hope to complete in the future: My hope is to schedule some guest speakers/activities for the Regional Presidents Meetings that would reflect on the Theme “Here I am Lord, send me”, Mental Health and the Jubilee Year.

Blessed Sacrament, Chatham

President: Renee Culverwell

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Jasica

Number of Members: 166

One goal we accomplished was having a membership drive. This was the first one we’ve had in 7-8 years and the first one where I have spoken to the congregation at two Masses. Priscilla Yellowage, the chairperson, spoke at another Mass. So far, 91 members have paid and we have gained four new members.

One goal we are working on is to include the three Pillars in every general meeting. Our agendas are designed with three headings and we are trying to do something for each at almost every meeting.

Goals we hope to accomplish in the future are to:

- Have an advisor for each pillar from our Executive.
- Assist our St. Agnes (church closer in January) parishioners feel welcome and loved.
- Support our Sunday breakfasts to feed the homeless.
- Support our Youth and Young Adults Programs.
- Bring back “Coffee Social Sundays” once a month.

St. Joseph's (City), Chatham

President: Beth Lachine

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Jasica

Number of Members: 64

We began January 2024 pairing with our sister council of St. Joseph's, Harwich CWL and continued until the end of June 2024. As of September 2024, we resumed our St. Joseph City CWL meetings and had retained two ladies who came forward to take on executive positions.

We joined with all the Knights of Columbus in Chatham and all our CWL Leagues and gave \$2000 towards "Free Help CK" to purchase completely filled backpacks for children in kindergarten through to high school to be able to return to school, and we collected 1000 pairs of socks for the unhoused.

Our Annual Penny Sale in November was a huge success with proceeds going towards St. Joseph's, St. Ursula's, St. Vincent de Paul luncheon program, Spirit and Life Centre, St. Nicholas Christmas event, Christmas Hayride, three priests' gifts and the Sunday Breakfast program for the needy.

As of 2025, we will plan our budget to work towards another fundraising event. Many great ideas have been put forth from our members.

St Joseph's Harwich, Chatham

President:

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Jasica

Number of Members: 43

Last year, we worked on raising the profile of the CWL in our parish to attract interest and new members. Coordinated celebration with other councils that are a part of the Chatham Family of Parishes for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. We had Mass and a reception. Father highlighted the contribution the CWL makes to the parish. We coordinated Membership weekend in the Fall with short presentations by members before our Masses. There is an information table at the back of the church with a list of some of the organizations and groups we support.

We continue to advertise the CWL and encourage new members and build strong ties with other councils that are part of our Family of Parishes.

One thing we want to accomplish is to explore new opportunities to serve our Parish and our community. As the needs of the Parish and the community change, we must be ready to assist where we can. How can we be Pilgrims of Hope?

St. Ursula, Chatham

President: Jane Curry

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Jasica

Number of Members: 84

Past goal achieved in 2024: our fundraiser in 2024 was our first attempt at a Vendors Sale combined with the sale of homemade butter tarts that our members made over a two-day period in our kitchen at St. Ursula's Hall, and a plant sale at the same event. The plants were donated by our members and other parishioners.

The monies raised by the combined event helped several charities, one being The Interfaith Caring Kitchen that was held at St. Ursula's Parish twice monthly where different faith communities assist in preparing a hot meal for the homeless, struggling individuals and families, those who suffer from mental illness, the elderly and the lonely. We have several members who assist in preparation, set up, serving and clean up.

One goal we are currently working on is obtaining a municipal license for a 50/50 Ticket Sale fundraiser for 2025 to assist in donating to local charities in our community. Much has changed in the application process in 10 years. The clerks at our Municipal Office are very helpful and we are grateful for their help.

One future goal is to work alongside the St. Ursula's Knights of Columbus purchasing winter hats and mittens to complement the winter coats the Knights supply to elementary students in four local schools who otherwise would not have access to them.

St. Michael's, Dresden

President: Norine McFadden

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Chris Gillespie

Number of Members: 42

One goal accomplished: a Past President's vision to overcome an unexpected situation. The sudden vacancy of the President-elect position and the trust in the recording secretary to carry on for another four years into the 100th anniversary of the council.

One goal working on: the Council has witnessed growth in activities, events, faith-based gatherings, registration of new members and new faces because they want to belong. Their goal is to continue the outreach and create a domino effect.

One goal to accomplish: the plan moving forward is to celebrate 100 years of existence, achievements, outreach, service, faith and the unexpected. What will the 100 years of Council look like? We can only hope and work toward continued growth in the CWL and the resilience to change within our parish, community and home with our Saviour as our guide.

St. Patrick, Merlin

President:

Number of Members: 22

In the past year our council has established a wonderful working relationship with our clergy and parishioners. We support their requests (e.g. meals for the priests during Shrine Days) and they support us in their words and deeds (e.g.) attendance at our Anniversary mass, deceased members Mass, prayers for members etc. Our parishioners are also very supportive of our endeavours both monetarily and physically which indicates their appreciation of our Council's activities. With the help of our parishioners, we raised sufficient funds to fulfill our budget responsibilities.

We have many goals set for this year such as increasing our membership, and with council support, having some of our members attend the Ontario Provincial Convention for the first time. We have started to address food insecurity in our area by encouraging increased donations to our local food bank from our parish. We are gathering the most needed item each month as listed in our bulletin, announced from the pulpit, and put on our bulletin board.

In the future we would like to continue addressing food insecurity and also the needs of the homeless. Ideas for how to accomplish this will be addressed at future meetings.

Sacred Heart, Port Lambton

President: Christine Reedy

Number of Members: 64

Our goal is to find new members.

St. Michael's, Ridgetown

President: Susan Martens

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Christophe Mbunzu

Number of Members: 32

It is a great blessing to continue to support many worthy causes. Throughout the year we collected many items especially shoes and bedding for Canadian Food for Children, food items for Goodthings Outreach, baby items for Refuge, socks for the Salvation Army and the Women's Centre. We had speakers from CFFC and "Raise the Roof" to inspire us.

We are continuing to pray for vocations by passing our Vocation Crucifix to a family each month. During March Break we participated in a Family of Parishes fundraiser for youth groups. It had a Hawaiian theme with games and activities for all ages. A very fun afternoon with a fraternal atmosphere. We continue to pass around the book on Homelessness written

by Tim Huff. We arranged for someone to bring a snack for the youth on their meeting nights.

Future goals: to continue to be well informed on Right to Life and Euthanasia issues and to encourage as many members as possible to attend the National, Provincial, and Diocesan Conventions, and the Shrine Day this year.

St. Paul, Thamesville

President: Sally Carter

Number of Members:

One goal we have accomplished in 2024 is to raise money for a wheelchair ramp. I can't leave out how successful the youth ministry has been.

A goal we are working on for 2025 is to continue to repair and make our church accessible.

One goal we hope to complete in the future is to encourage more families to attend church. We are starting Sunday school soon and the youth group has been phenomenal, so we are on our way.

St Francis Xavier, Tilbury

President: RebeccaMcCarrell

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Paul Kim

Number of Members: 99 Life Members: 1

In November we visited our sister councils; St. Patrick's Merlin and Visitation, Comber, to join in learning more about the Reconciliation Acknowledgement. Darlene Marshall, Education leader, of the Caldwell Nation led us on a journey of wholeness. She explained the statement and identified who should be included for our area. Many women expressed how interesting she was. Darlene's 20-minute presentation ended up an hour and all were enthralled.

St. Francis Xavier council embarked on two new fundraising efforts for 2025—Used Book and bake sale to be held in February. Our raffle tickets will be drawn on Mother's Day for prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$100.

In 2025 our council will continue to pray and look for a vice president and persons to come forward for Pillar leads. We will also continue to encourage all women, but especially the younger generation to come and see what we are all about.

*No matter what accomplishments you achieve,
someone is there to help.*

~ Althea Gibson

Holy Family, Wallaceburg

President: Sue Anderson

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Chris Pietrasko

Number of Members: 85

We had a Hawaiian party with all of the CWLs in our Kent Lambton Roman Catholic Family of Parishes. We had 65 in attendance from four parishes. There were games and we learned how to Hula dance. We invited the little flower girls and their parents. A great time was had by all.

We are currently working on our Spring Fling vendor sale in April and our parish is celebrating its 75th anniversary so we are having a display as to how the CWL has been involved with the parish all these years.

We hope to have a celebration every year with all our CWL councils, so we are trying to plan a wine and cheese party with a Fashion Show. Husbands will also be invited to this event.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg

President:

Number of Members: 130

We have accomplished selling all 1000 tickets at \$5.00 each for a 50/50 draw. \$2500 went to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul and the other \$2500 went towards the ticket holder.

We are working on another Lottery for 2025. We want to sell more tickets (1500 to 2000) and maybe half the proceeds will go to more than one community organization that needs assistance.

Apparently, our Council's bylaws need to be reviewed and updated. We are getting a committee together to review and present to our CWL members.

Visitation, Comber

President: Susi Dupuis

Spiritual Advisor: Father Paul Kim

Number of Members: 111

The year 2024 was a year of initiation of the three Pillars. Our efforts to be consistent with an expected Executive Board, as well as respectful of all the duties of each executive member were observed and adhered to, to the best of our ability.

One goal achieved by our council in 2024 was "Fill the Trailer, Feed the Community" project. It was initiated and managed by our Service Chairperson. It was a goal that our council should be very pleased with. This project serves our local communities of over 300

families in need, bringing in over 700 items plus \$300 on average in cash donations per month. A calendar outlining monthly non-perishable donation items is shared among businesses, organizations and parishes across our Family of Parishes. We are accessible to community members, in addition to parishioners. Everything collected is transported to the Tilbury Help and Information centre, which serves those in need in our local surroundings.

Considering the success of growing participation at our monthly general membership gatherings the executive feel we need to work on obtaining new members. Though we have experienced minimal growth, our deceased members this year far outweighed what our incoming. Our membership continues to be creative in how we put ourselves out there, and we are conscious about presenting membership with our Council as a very positive experience. Out of our discussion we decided to provide information about our council at all JK-SK registrations at our elementary schools coming up in February.

We need to expand exposure and awareness of who our council is and what we do. Improved communication but we need to do more. Our Vice president has decided to share semi-annual news among our parishioners and local organizations. Opportunities that can provide us with visual exposure – setting up a booth at a parish vendor sale or community fair, which provides a public platform for us to be present and informing.

Essex Region

Regional Chair: Jeanne Lauzon – 9 Councils

In 2024, the Essex region completed a video of our activities to be shown in each parish to encourage membership. Each council submitted pictures depicting their various activities under the headings of Faith, Service, Social Justice and Sisterhood. Several members got together over the summer with two youth volunteers to put the video together and add music. Pictures of our National President, our Provincial President and our Diocesan President were also included, as well as a list of resolutions. Members were encouraged to witness their work with the League before and after the video. Our priests were also asked to speak and encourage membership.

In 2025, we will be working on other ways to encourage membership. We will discuss how well the video worked and decide if we could improve it and try again.

We hope to increase the number of members who attend the diocesan and provincial conventions by promoting the workshops and guest speakers.

*Great occasions for serving God come seldom,
but little ones surround us daily.*

~Saint Francis de Sales

St John the Baptist, Amherstburg

President: Anne Roy

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Matt Kucharski

Number of Members: 76

- In October, our Council celebrated our 100th year established at our parish.
- Our councils sent Christmas cards to all seniors living in Harrowood, Seasons, & Richmond Terrace.
- On Dec. 3rd our council held a potluck/pinning ceremony to members.
- Our council is now up to 91 members. Our youngest member is 16yr. old. She is encouraging her friends to join our council in 2025.
- Elections will take place in November.
- Our council's Tea Party committee has set the date for June 7th for our annual Tea Party. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. In September, we decide what charitable organizations we will donate to.
- Our council is focusing on expanding our membership. We came close to our goal last year. This year we hope to fulfill the goal of 100 members.

St Simon and St Jude, Belle River

President: Jackie Gomes

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mark Poulin

Number of Members: 186

As we are at the end of 2024, our executive and council members adapted fairly well to the new structure. The challenges were minimal as we focused on our council members with a strategic survey that began at the end of 2023 into 2024, in order to promote more involvement and ownership of various functions, positions and needs. Service and Social Justice remained a high priority due to the ever-increasing challenges facing our brothers and sisters in society in these difficult times both at home and abroad, as well as actively engaging in support for the dignity and respect for human life at all stages. Homelessness, foodbank needs are on the rise and our members are always helping by providing donations of various necessities required to help sustain those in need in our communities through our participation in the Family of Parishes Outreach Group, Canadian Food for Children, local foodbanks and more. The success of our annual fundraising bazaar permits us to contribute to the well-being of those less fortunate as well as our church.

As we end this year we prepare to welcome our new executive for 25-26 term. With dedication and prayer, we will continue to be pillars of our parish and community May you have a grace-filled year with good health and many blessings.

*Actions speak louder than words.
Let your words teach and your actions speak.”
~ Anthony of Padua*

Holy Name of Jesus, Essex

Presidents: Janice Rounding & Pat Kozak

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Gary Flewelling

Number of Members: 137

We celebrated our 90th Anniversary on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26. Our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Kim celebrated Mass with our former priests. We had dinner for over 100 members and a few spouses, four deacons, former priests and other council members. After dinner we pinned many ladies celebrating milestones.

We have a new executive for 2025, a few new members as well, mostly younger than most of our current membership. We are looking for ways and means to attract more members, especially the younger ladies with new ideas. With the possibility and the probability of new young members we are looking for new ways for fundraising.

Our future goals are to have a busy, active council, bringing fresh ideas and optimism to our council.

St. John de Brebeuf and Companions, Kingsville

President: Rose Jones

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Tom Ferrera

Number of Members: 71

Our main goal was to increase membership. We held a membership drive at our Christmas luncheon open to all ladies of the parish. The ladies were given a folder with our past and current activities, a gift membership card. We had four new members with the gift card and three renewals.

In 2025 we continue to work on membership with awareness of our council with monthly newsletters, bi-monthly socials and a mother-daughter tea. We hold Fall and Spring yard sales to support our yearly commitment to several charities like Guatemala Hope Education, Our Lady of Guadeloupe House, Uniform for a grade 8 female graduate, a Wal-Mart card to help a family in need at our local elementary school and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas giving.

Good Shepherd, Lakeshore

President: Lisa Aronne

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mark Poulin

Number of Members: 81

Goal Accomplished: Increase in membership.

Goal working on: Increasing CWL presence in community.

Goal to be accomplished: Increasing faith/prayer practice among our members.

St. Michael's, Leamington

President: Barbara Gaspard

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Tom Ferrera

Number of Members: 156 Number of Life Members: 1

In October, we hosted a regional meeting, a Multicultural Rosary Rally, a Pasta fundraiser, attended 100th Anniversary of Amherstburg, and contributed to the Bishop's Dinner fundraiser and a Heartfelt Mass offering warmth and inclusive space for our Autistic members and friends in wheelchairs. All these events brought our members together in a variety of beautiful and welcoming settings. In November we attended the Right to Life Banquet and a Ladies with a fashion show and belly dancing and a festive Christmas Potluck. January brought our focus to personal growth and support with a session on Mental Health Awareness and Resilience.

Our major accomplishment included hosting the Ladies Conference and Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine Multicultural Rosary Rally.

We are looking forward to taking part in The Living Nativity which will feature CWL members as characters. This promises to be a meaningful and community-building event.

St. Clement, McGregor

President: Diana Coyle

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. David Johnston

Number of Members: 83

In 2024, a retreat was held with the focus on the History of Divine Mercy and on Divine Mercy Sunday a prayer service was held.

In 2025 our council is working on our 90th Anniversary celebration to be held on Thursday, June 19th, 2025. It will begin with a Mass celebrated by the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul Kim and con-celebrated with our Pastor Fr. Danny Santos. Following Mass a dinner will be served at the Columbian Club. One of our members will be awarded the Maple Leaf pin.

We hope to recruit volunteer leaders by holding a short exercise in discernment and reflecting on our gifts and passions and how they can be used within the League. As well, we are inviting speakers to bring awareness to Mental Health.

*I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change; I am
changing the things I cannot accept.*

~ Angela Davis

Ste. Anne, Tecumseh

President: Diane Gerard

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Chris Gillespie

Number of Members: 182 Life Members: 1

Service Pillar: We are continuously donating food and warm clothing to the homeless shelter, Street Help. We joined our fellow family of parishes councils to collect diapers, toiletries and clothing for the Women's shelter. We continue to support our parish "Second chance Ministry," and SVDP with their monthly food drive.

Our main goal this year is to support our members volunteering alongside the Children Aid Society to feed and clothe foster children in hostels.

Social Justice Pillar: We keep our members updated on the Human Trafficking situation in our area. Development and Peace petitions are being distributed and signed.

Faith Pillar: We continue, through prayer to maintain closeness with our members. Funeral services are always appreciated by the families of our deceased members. We attend prayer services, workshops and area CWL retreats. We encourage our members to share the League Lingo and National magazine with our homebound members.

Our goal is to continue to encourage the women of our parish to come and join our council. We have done well since COVID, but it is something we work towards every day.

St. John the Evangelist, Woodslee

President: Kat Chevalier

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Bryan Chevalier

Number of Members: 44

- In 2025 we will be working to increase membership by having more activities that women can participate in.
- More speakers to encourage women to participate in meetings.
- Increase the number of participants at conventions by encouraging shared accommodations and carpools.
- Our parish is celebrating our 150th Anniversary so there are many activities planned to encourage old members and families to participate and come back. Many members were lost during COVID.
- Encourage younger members and families to participate when they can. Re-evaluate when we have meetings to encourage younger members to come out when we are not working.

What you do today can improve all tomorrow.

~ Ralph Marstons

Huron-Perth Region

Regional Chairperson: Sharon Twamley – 14 Councils

Goal accomplished: Socktober was very successful in all communities.

Goal we are working on: To have a successful 105th Annual Diocesan Convention/Annual Meeting of Members in April 2025.

Goal to accomplish in the future: To keep our membership on the rise by trying to make changes that will include younger people and make them feel it is a great group to join.

St. Patrick's, Dublin

Contact Person: Janet O'Rourke

Spiritual Advisor: Father Phillip Joseph

Number of Members: 28

One Goal Accomplished: We added one large fundraiser last December for our parish. We joined with our parish choir and offered an Advent "Making Spirits Bright" concert. This was a huge success and raised a very large amount of funds for our Family of Parishes Refugee Family as well as some local needs. We were so thrilled with the success of this event; we are hosting it again this year on Dec. 15.

Goal Working On: As above, we are hosting our second Advent concert. We will be working with our Parish 125 Anniversary Committee as a CWL to support our parish in this celebration. We will be hosting events leading up to our celebration to get all current and former parishioners as well as our Family of Parishes excited and involved in this event.

Goal Hoping to Accomplish: We have a dedicated core group of volunteers who plan and host our events. We have volunteers available to help us when we request it for certain events. We would like more members to see more volunteers to join our CWL group, so we have more resources to share the load.

Precious Blood, Exeter

President: Caroline Klaver

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet

Number of Members: 52

Precious Blood CWL started the year with a partial executive: president, treasurer and service pillar. We moved to four meetings per year and unfortunately saw lower participation. With a very successful Bake Sale in December, we were able to support our

school bursaries. With no executive for 2025 we are moving to a structure where we will be somewhat dormant and prayerful. We will still help our parish whenever we are able

St. Peter's, Goderich

President: Joanne Doherty

Spiritual Advisor: Father Tom Donahue

Number of Members: 96

One Goal Accomplished: We were able to “refresh” the parish hall from a donation bequeathed to us and the involvement of the entire parish community. This made the hall a more welcoming place for Sunday school, funereal lunches and other parish activities.

One Goal we are working on: To encourage our current and new members to participate at the executive level to fill in the vacancies.

One Goal We Hope to Accomplish in the Future: Increase membership.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

President: Regina Xerri

Spiritual Advisors: Fr. Vince Gulikers

Number of Members: 82

One goal accomplished: The development of an Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Catholic Women's League Mission Statement focusing on the works of the Pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

One goal we are working on is our council's continual support for those in need; God's love is reflected in our Council's good works using the guidelines of the Three Pillars.

One goal we hope to accomplish is that our Council remains focused on our mission statement in order to continue to offer love and support to all peoples.

St. Patrick's, Kinkora

President: Wilma Kolkman

Number of Members: 85

In our discussion regarding the year-end allocation of funds last year, we decided to refrain from donating to our local hospice as it was believed MaiD was being offered at the facility. We made it our goal to find out more. One of our members contacted the administration and asked for clarification on this issue. The hospice team invited us to take a tour, listen to a presentation and ask any questions. Over 20 members took part and all were impressed by the facility and the integrity of the personnel. We discovered that clients are counselled to

choose other options and if they still insist on MAID, then an outside team comes in as a last resort. Very, very few opted for MAID at our local hospice. We accomplished our fact-finding mission instead of relying on hearsay.

In the past year, we have focussed on mental health. We held an information evening for our parish where two speakers shared their personal journeys, one being a local farmer and the other a therapist. The best part of the evening was the intimate sharing by those in attendance who opened up about their own struggles. As a follow-up to this meeting, we have decided to hold an evening this winter where fun and laughter will be our theme. A comedian will be there with games and a social to follow.

A goal we plan to complete for the future is welcoming convention members to our historic church, the Cathedral of the North, St. Patrick's, Kinkora, for the opening Mass. A delicious country-style banquet served with down-home hospitality. We hope to see you there!

St. Joseph's, Listowel

Co-Presidents: Judy Givens and Judy Charles

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Ross Bartley

Number of Members: 65

We held a Blue Sunday in November to showcase our CWL Council and entice members. Members wore blue, membership pins and CWL sashes. The members ushered, read, distributed Communion, presented the offertory gifts and hosted refreshments and cupcakes after Mass.

We are working on increasing our membership with several e-mail reminders, bulletin announcements and encouraging personal conversations with potential members.

We are hoping in the future to host fun events, such as cookie decorating and card making.

St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell

Contact: Ingrid Hanrath

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Philip Joseph

Number of Members: 25

The Mitchell CWL has disbanded and hopes its members will join the neighbouring councils.

*Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want.
It is the belief that God will do what is right.*

~ Max Lucado,

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel

President: Clasina Geurts

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Fred Truchon

Number of Members: 40

Our council is working on bringing our church and school community more closely involved with each other. Two of our members organized and led the children's choir for the Christmas Eve Mass. We had two barbecues with Our Lady of Mount Carmel School to raise money for the St. Andre Bessette Trust Fund and for School and CWL projects.

We will continue supporting members of our parish with funeral lunches, our CWL masses twice a year, supplying baptismal stoles and sacramental gifts and sending out our Parish Newsletter each month.

We have started textile/fabric recycling in hopes of diverting these materials from landfill.

St. Peter, St. Joseph

President: Susan Regier

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Tom Donahue

Number of Members: 49

One goal accomplished: In the past year, our council raised nearly \$5000.00 which was donated to local charities. Plus, we volunteered at Ronald MacDonald House in London to prepare and serve dinner for 100 residents.

One goal we are working on: We are working on purchasing new chairs for our parish hall for the comfort and enjoyment of all parish and community activities.

One goal we hope to complete in the future: We have an idea for a resolution. We will begin putting the pieces together when we have our first meeting next year, which will be held in March, 2025.

Holy Name of Mary, St. Mary's

President:

Spiritual Advisor: Father David Butler

Number of Members: 85

One goal accomplished: Our membership – we were able to recruit two new members, retain our numbers and reactivate one member from years ago.

One goal we are working on: Fundraising – closet cleaning project that encourages members to bring in clothing they no longer wear, sell items if possible, and donate leftovers to the

“Community Closet.”

One goal to accomplish in the future: Encourage members to step up into possible head of Pillar positions and/or executive positions.

St. James, Seaforth

President: Mary Barnes

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Philip Joseph

Number of Members: 85

St. James was able to continue to support our various ministries of Baptism, First Communion, Gr. 8 and Gr. 12 graduations.

By chance I came across a picture of a deceased member who was the newly elected Ontario President in 1953/54 according to a paper clipping dated September 1953. As the London Diocese is hosting the Provincial Convention in July 2025, my intention is to submit the picture and a small write up from the newspaper article.

Going forward, our council hopes to continue with a new president in 2025. We embraced the new structure in 2024 with all positions filled.

Immaculate Conception, Stratford

President: Mary Kay Lobsinger

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. David Butler

Number of Members: 60

One of the goals that we have accomplished this year was a very successful Raffle and Bazaar. There were a number of excellent items that were donated for our Wheel of Fortune and Penny table. We also had a very committed team that worked many hours to ensure more money than we have had in the past, enabling us to donate more to our church and to 17 different charities.

One goal we are currently working on is to get more CWL members to be active in our council and to attend more CWL meetings and activities. We are continuing to have more fun gatherings in the evening and maybe a couple in the afternoon to see if that helps.

One goal that we are planning to complete in the future is helping to host the London Diocesan Convention in Stratford from April 28 to 30, 2025.

*The smallest surprise, received gratefully,
yields a harvest delight.*

~ Br. David Steindl Rast

St. Joseph's, Stratford

President: Gisella Bennett

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. David Butler

Number of Members: 165

Our council has accomplished many great things this past year, but the one I'd like to share is connected to our membership. Unfortunately, we started late with this goal, but we wanted to be more visible to our parish. We invited Denise Lalonde Morris to speak to our congregation in September. She shared what it means to be a CWL member and the different levels of commitment. From that talk we invited five new members to join. Then we decided to have a Blue Day the first Sunday of the month. We asked our members to wear blue, scarves, pins etc. We had pamphlets to hand out and were available for any questions. We hope to continue this in the year to come. We are also planning on adding Coffee Sunday Socials outside once the weather is nice. We are also proud of our donations to our parish, community, nationally and internationally. We hope to continue this support.

Sacred Heart, Wingham

President: Marilyn van Heesch

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Ross Bartley

Number of Members: 71

One Goal Accomplished: Community involvement – Sacred Heart School, Connection Centre for the Homeless in Wingham, Salvation Army (Christmas kettles), Fall Funfest and Family Day of Fun.

Goal we are working on: Rotating CWL president to keep council alive and continue with community involvement.

Future goal: Jubilee Pilgrimage.

St. Boniface, Zurich

President: Laura Overholt

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Tony Laforet

Number of Members: 72

Accomplished goal: Supporting local area financially with volunteers with the Women's Shelter, the Food Bank and Blessings.

We are working on helping our members grow in prayer and coming together and sharing spiritual resources.

In the future keep informed on various topics, get council members to come together to celebrate 75 years as a council in May

Ingersoll Region

Regional Chair: Fatima Cabral – 10 Councils

This year my goal was to look for opportunities to have the councils in my region collaborate with each other. One way I accomplished this was planning a prayer service at Sakura House (a hospice in Oxford County) during National Hospice Palliative Care week in May 2024. We had representation from five councils in our region which was excellent. We were also able to replace our regional treasurer who had served for 10 years.

I continue to work on bridging any communication gaps between parish council presidents and all levels of The Catholic Women's League in Canada. This is done by being familiar with the resources on the various websites so that I can direct parish presidents accordingly to documents available or individuals with that knowledge. Many of the councils continue to struggle with declining membership and engagement of members. During Regional meetings there is always time to share successes and barriers which often results in a sense of camaraderie and support. One future goal is to encourage parish councils to submit articles or pictures to League Lingo or other CWL social platforms as a way to highlight the great work done by their members.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Delhi

President: Vacant (Submitted by Vicki Braun, Recording Secretary)

Spiritual Advisor: Fr Augustine Ogundele

Number of Members: 87 Life members: 1

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs CWL has been doing works of corporal mercy in our community for 87 years. COVID and aging membership has altered many fundraising events. Our Council's financial situation remains positive. Meetings are chaired by members. Fr. Augustine is Pastor of the Catholic Family of parishes in Norfolk and Spiritual advisor to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs CWL in Delhi. Membership has increased by two but we have lost Past-Provincial and Past-President Shirley George in April, and Past-President Joanne Deconinck in June 2024 – their guidance is greatly missed. We also lost two other valuable members and have two long-term members who are treasured mentors.

We served 350 students pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and made monetary donations to the school's snack program. We brought in speakers on cancer and donations were given to a young cancer patient. Pastor of St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto was a guest in November. We had successful 50/50 draws, a rummage sale and St. Frances School Christmas market. A prayer phone line keeps our members in touch to pray for the sick each Wednesday in May and October and we preside over one Stations of the Cross. Our Council has been blessed with devoted women who continue to pray and manage the league directives and we have a very supportive parish community.

Sacred Heart, Ingersoll

President: Joanne Schoenmaker

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Gilbert Simard

Number of Members: 84

Our council has been busy this year working on improving our communications with our members. Many of our members do not attend our general meetings. In our monthly newsletters we have included minutes of our previous general meeting. We will also send emails to members about issues before the general meeting. Those members who do not connect with us with emails are buddied with another member to receive the communications. The members feel more connected with our council now. It has been exciting to see more fun events added to our activities. We look forward to continue to maintain and grow our council and encourage younger ladies to join. Our further goal is to promote more interests in joining our executive through mentorship.

Sacred Heart, Langton

President: Cathie Schonberger

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Thomas Kuriacko

Number of Members: 137

Goal accomplished: We have accomplished our goal of starting our fundraising again with new activities which included a Fall fashion show and a 50/50 draw.

Goal we are working on: We are working on communication with our members and inviting members to attend meetings and take part in helping events.

Goal for the future: In the future we hope to be able to encourage younger members to become involved in council activities. We also hope to encourage greater participation in Masses from the children of Sacred Heart School.

Our Lady of LaSalette, LaSalette

President: Edith Heleniak

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Augustine Ogundele.

Number of Members:

No report submitted.

St. Peter's, Norwich

President: Mary-Ellen DeKlerck

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Seejo John

Number of Members: 10

They have given up their charter.

St. Cecilia's, Port Dover

President: Evelyn Hudecki

Spiritual Advisor: Fr Augustine Ogundele

Number of Members: 43

No report submitted.

Sacred Heart, Princeton

We regret the disbanding of Sacred Heart and express hope that their members have found a warm welcome in their new councils.

St. Mary's Parish, Tillsonburg

President: Kathy Holly

Spiritual Advisor: Father Fr. Seejo John

Number of Members: 112

No report submitted.

St. Michael, Walsh

President: Mireille Braun

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Thomas Kuriacko

Number of Members: 138

No report submitted.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Waterford

President: Betty Pajor/Conny Vanden Ven

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Augustine Ogundele

Number of Members: 53

One goal accomplished is an increase in membership and visitors sitting at the table at meetings. We have been more visible physically with personal interactions and invitations. As well through communicating via large whiteboard in the church foyer which keeps activities front and centre. Meeting agendas and minutes are sent by email and hardcopies for those without computers. Coffee Sundays are always enjoyed. An evening for the ladies of the parish (wine and cheese) in lieu of regular meeting was very popular. Making our own announcements has also increased our presence.

One goal we are working on is trying to get more ladies involved and possibly take an executive position. World Day of Prayer and Prayers for Palliative Care were good examples for some to get involved and organize. The National Indigenous People Day is ongoing and a

lot of interest here along with environmental sustainability. We had ladies take the initiative and prepare some of the program with encouraging motivation. With one or two ladies taking a slight lead encourages others to do the same. This happened with the “Shoebox Project.” It grew with ladies working together or alone but accomplished a goal together. We have a lot of talents in our council. Encouragement and acknowledgement are key.

One goal we hope to complete in the future is to have a couple of younger ladies sitting with us in developing strategies for fundraising, service and further activity in/on Social Justice. We have no one interested in Resolutions so finding someone with an interest would be a start in that direction.

Holy Trinity, Woodstock

President: Fatima Cabral

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dariusz Jagodzinski

Number of Members: 161 Life members: 1

This year we tried to focus our efforts on priority areas which were voted on by our members. Our priority issues included mental health/wellbeing, palliative care and homelessness. So, when planning events under our faith, service and social justice pillars, we ensured that we targeted these areas of focus. Our guest speakers discussed these topics and we opened it up to our family of parishes. We had three additional mass intentions for each of these priorities. Our council led Stations of the Cross during Lent that focused on Mental Health.

We continue to work on improving our communication to our members especially those that do not have access to computers or social media. We hope to resurrect our newsletter and telephone tree to keep our members informed of what is going on.

Our future goal is to get more members to come out to meetings and events. We also hope to involve younger members in planning events in the hopes we can encourage new leadership in our council.



London Region

Regional Chairperson: Linda Van Raay – 19 councils

Goal achieved: Gave out information from the National, Provincial and Diocesan councils around the province liaisons and their council members regarding retreats, webinars and Zoom meetings geared to CWL members.

Goal working on: Working on volunteer positions for Hostess, Hospitality and Registration for the London Ontario Provincial Convention.

Goal in the future: To give council presidents resources to help their executives and pillars in doing their jobs and entice others to take on these positions at election time.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Aylmer

President: Jackie Van Ryswyk

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Graham Keep

Number of Members: 108

One goal accomplished: Our pre-Advent retreat centred around homelessness. This retreat resulted in a CWL committee which is now a parish-wide committee in homelessness. This committee consists of the CWL and parish members and remains active. This by no means has been “accomplished,” but is ongoing with the support of the CWL.

One goal we are doing: We continue to fundraise, donate to a number of charities, organizing the World Day of Prayer with our fellow CWL sisters within the Springbank Family of Parishes.

One future goal: Planning a parish women’s workshop on building generational bonds to build faith in our children and grandchildren.

Sacred Heart, Bornish, Parkhill

President: Lucy Hendrikx

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Jim Vandersanden

Number of Members: 42 Life Member: 1

We have accomplished many things over the years. In 2024 we made a zealous effort to be more inclusive in our parish, our community and in our family of parishes. We started a life chain in the town of Parkhill with the three churches left in the community. We host Christmas in July for all the single and widowed ladies in our North Middlesex Community. This event is always well attended. In 2024 we continued having “Take a Break” luncheons for the young mothers in our community to get to know each other and spend quality time

together with their peers and children. We also work together with the other CWL Councils in our West Middlesex Family of Parishes to support education, sacramental and vocational events in our churches.

Presently we are making plans to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of our Parish church, Sacred Heart, Parkhill, Nov. 7, 2025. We are also planning to raise extra funds to make a few upgrades that are needed in our building. We are in the process of planning a spiritual retreat to help us with “The Jubilee Year, as Pilgrims of Hope.”

One goal we would really like to accomplish in our future years is to get younger ladies as excited as we are about the goals and objectives of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada.

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

President: Shirley Gilliland

Spiritual Adviser: Fr. Thom Blondin

Number of Members: 52

Big thanks to our members for the support and encouragement through my second year as president with all its challenges and rewards. Sisterhood is a beautiful experience.

Faith /Service Pillars: Our sisters in Christ continue to strengthen and share their faith as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Children’s Rosary program, Bible study Alpha sessions and much more. Our budget is raised by fundraising events and funeral lunches. The funds allowed us to increase donations towards our schools, parish and community, Children’s Literacy, and Sunday Coffee Fellowship.

Social Justice Pillar: Follow-up April/24 Volunteer Training program with Kathy Matusiak Costa, CCC and Alex Schadenberg EPC for care of the community seniors and vulnerable persons was well attended. Anticipating scheduling in early 2025 Advocating Training Program for all involved volunteers.

Holy Cross, London

President: Maria Marques Di Cicco

Number of Members: 60

2024 was a very successful year for our council. We had many new experiences, including the revival of a Fall Rummage Sale in our parish. We worked with SSVP by arranging that all unsold clothing, linens and toys be kept for the SSVP Christmas Dinner for the families supported by the Holy Cross SSVP which was held two weeks after the Rummage Sale. Families were able to take items that they needed. Also 50 percent of the proceeds were donated to our church building fund.

We are currently working on a Living Rosary at our parish. Volunteers praying during the event extend beyond just CWL members. We have parishioners from Holy Cross, CWL members from other councils in London as well as women who we've met through My Sisters' Place. The rosary will be multilingual. Although all prayers will be posted on a screen in English, each participant is encouraged to lead their prayers in any language that they speak, while all responses will be in English.

We are looking to do more community outreach by working with other neighbourhood organizations. One possible event that is being planned is a wine and cheese evening that will include recognizing volunteers for their work in our neighbourhood.

Holy Family, London

President: Vacant (submitted by Angela Pellerin)

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Bob Remark

Number of Members: 101 Life Members: 2

No report submitted.

Mary Immaculate, London

President: Ann Andreica

Spiritual Advisor: Bros. Doss Vallengali

Number of Members: 89

One thing we accomplished: We assisted the seniors' group with some of their monthly events. This consisted of providing a Thanksgiving Dinner and a Ham and Scalloped Potato luncheon with live entertainment and much more.

One goal we want to accomplish: We would like to arrange a Mother's Day Vendor Fair in May to raise money to support the community and parish.

One goal we are working on is to continue helping the community with clothing donations, a sock drive and a hat and mitten drive.

St. Andrew the Apostle, London

President: Linda Sheridan

Number of Members: 50

No report submitted.

*May it be said when the sun sets on your life,
you made a difference.*

~Mac Anderson

St. George, London

President: Rita MacIntyre

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Pirt

Number of Members: 135 Life Members: 1

One thing accomplished: Our Pre-Advent Retreat centred on homelessness. This retreat resulted in a CWL committee which is now a parish wide committee on homelessness. The committee consists of the CWL and parish members and remains active. This has not been accomplished but is an ongoing goal.

One thing we are doing: We continue to fundraise, donate to a number of charities, and organize the World Day of Prayer with our fellow CWL Sisters within the Springbank Family of Parishes.

One thing we want to do: Planning a parish women's workshop on building generational bonds to build faith in our children and grandchildren

St John the Divine, London

President: Colleen Kelly

Spiritual Advisor: Fr Michael Bechard Fr. John Pirt

Number of Members: 141

One goal accomplished: We held monthly reflections on Marion Apparitions.

Ongoing Goal: We visit nursing homes in the parish to provide spiritual liturgies and personal visits.

One future goal: We want to do a better job, including home-bound members.

St Justin's, London

President: Elisabeth Duggan

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Christopher Bourdeau

Number of Members: 106

In November we collected over 420 pairs of socks for the homeless. We also collected a van load of women's feminine products and socks for My Sisters' Place, which is a home for abused women. Through the efforts of several of our council members, we have been involved in working at St. Joseph's Cafe serving food to the homeless. With the help of our parish community, we have collected needed food items for St. Joseph's Cafe. We have been fortunate in recruiting a few new members who have wonderful ideas and have stepped up to be involved.

This year we are hoping to have a spiritual day during the summer, and our new executive will be planning this event. I want to thank our council for their support in my position over the past five years along with my executive who have stayed with me, faithfully supporting me in all our endeavours.

St. Martin of Tours, London

President: Linda Sheridan

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Chris Bourdeau

Number of Members: 50

This year we were able to resurrect our Copper Carnival Bazaar. We have not had our bazaar since COVID. Even World War II did not deter this event. This bazaar is our biggest fundraiser. It supports Family Shelters, Men Missions Community Breakfast, St. Vincent de Paul and many other charities. The meaning behind the Copper Carnival Bazaar goes back to the thirties. A penny could buy a lot at a bazaar. We now are collecting household items (toilet paper, laundry detergent, bedding, personal hygiene items etc. for Rotholme Family Shelter. This Christmas we collected 381 pairs of socks and 80 pairs of children's pajamas for Men's Mission and Merrymount Children's Centre.

One of our biggest accomplishments is gaining five new members from our Hispanic community. They have brought a new and uplifting boost to our council; young and vibrant they are eager to learn to help in any way to promote our council to their community.

Our goal this year is to increase our membership and work more closely with our Hispanic community.

St. Michael, London

President: Dorothy Solomon

Spiritual Advisor: Fr Sekar Raj

Number of Members: 126

What we did: Our Past-President, Maggie McGee led our council in hosting the World Day of Prayer with the feature country being Palestine. At the time the war between Palestine and Israel was very devastating. The theme was "I beg You, Bear With One Another in Love." A Christian Palestinian woman was our guest speaker who shared firsthand experience of being in the war with her family still in the war zone. Maggie's strong and compassionate leadership guided council members and women from four other denominations in preparing for this special event. St. Michael's Parish hosts World Day of Prayer every five years. Our spiritual advisor Fr. Felix was an active witness and participant along with 95 guests.

What we are doing: We are continuing to plan our third successful free May Tea celebration and once again we invite long-term care, retirement and homebound women to join us. We invited all women regardless of whether they were members or not to join in camaraderie and

thereby promoting our national sisterhood, break loneliness and isolation. Our membership grew from 72 the first year to 107 the second year. Some were accompanied by spouses, sons and grandsons which was wonderful. Participation in any or all the AMM's is encouraged and it will be a priority especially for members who have not experienced this before.

What we want to do: Our council goal is to involve more members in one-time projects with regards to our pillars. The thought of serving as a committee member is overwhelming for some. We will once again host a floral arranging demonstration and those members can make small arrangements to be delivered to members who could use a visit to recognize their inclusion in our council and parish. We also are planning a 3D card making demonstration for the same purpose. Moms with small children deserve our attention and we will explore how to serve them.

St. Peter's Basilica, London

President:

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Felix Odobi

Number of Members: 101

No report submitted.

St Patrick's, Lucan

President: Harriet Duynisveld

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Stevan Wlusek

Number of Members: 90 Life Members: 1

No report submitted.

Holy Angels, St. Thomas

President: Maureen Bedek

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Peter Keller

Number of Members: 96

The one thing we completed in 2024 is the successful women's breakfast held in September 2024, encouraging all women and their children of the parish to come and see. It was a good opportunity to meet new women and start building trust.

The question of what we are doing in 2025 will be to clearly document events that take place, articulating what needs to be done to ensure the success of the event. This will allow the transference of knowledge as many of our members are stepping away from leadership roles.

What we would like to continue to do in 2025 can be summed up simply by radically welcoming all women in our councils and to actively seek parishioners' assistance in our

events. We plan on doing this through transparent communication in our bulletins, outlining our needs and looking for volunteers to assist young and old men and women.

St. Anne's, St. Thomas

President: Therese Kwapis

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Peter Keller

Number of Members: 150

During this past year Katie Kelly provided leadership for our council. Our members helped St. Anne's Festival committee to put on a successful fundraiser for Community Living Elgin. We had social events with our members with the May Mother/Daughter Brunch and the September Women's Breakfast and Potluck. These events bring members together that we don't always get to see. We send greeting cards to the homebound. Social isolation is on the rise with many in our society. We hope these events help to alleviate this growing trend in our community.

We gathered to pray the Living Rosary in May and October. We pray together before and after each meeting. We pray together during 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care and World Day of Prayer. These gatherings are spiritually uplifting. With a successful bake sale in June and the bazaar in November, we were able to support many organizations that serve women and children. We honour our members with service pins, honour guards and serving funeral lunches. Listening to our sisters' stories is one of the many pleasures of being a member of the League. We help cook and serve community dinners and lunches. We donate necessities to Fresh Start, organize Christmas Giving Tree and donate gifts to Christmas care. All these community activities bring out members into the community. We see the need and take action.

All Saints, Strathroy

President: Shelley Stepanuik

Number of Members: 204 Life members: 1

A major change for our council in 2024 was using the Bylaws election process. By introducing the members to the more formal nominations/election procedure and encouraging wide member participation more members were approached for running and the new council was elected by ballot.

One thing we are doing is detailed analysis of different areas of our activities, spending and fundraising to create a more formal Policy/Procedure Manual. What many of our seasoned members "just know" is making its way onto paper.

One thing I want to see is a higher usage of the methods we expanded to improve membership communication (connection was my election platform emphasis). We use Facebook groups and e-mail regularly. We revamped the phone tree process and have created a list of members who are more shut-in, valuing in-person visits over phone calls.

St. Helen's, Wallacetown

President: Jackie Campigotto

Spiritual Advisor: Father Peter Keller

Number of Members:

St. Helen's continues to be very supportive of our local food bank doing monthly collections of non-perishable food items. Last year we toured the Oneida Nation of the Thames and heard from their council about the needs of the community. Our CWL is committed to supporting Imagine Build and extending the initiative to other CWL's in our diocese. We feel as a larger group we could have a greater impact. We continue to learn more about the crisis of Human Trafficking.

Sarnia/Lambton Region

Regional Chairperson: Carol Hall – 10 Councils

Our ten councils continue to work cooperatively on local initiatives. We supported the Deanery celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and local World Day of Prayer services. At our meetings, there is always a sharing of activities as motivation for other councils. When a project was broached by one council support is always there. All councils continue to provide assistance to local food banks and homeless projects. Knowledge was enhanced by attendance at the Fall Regional Days and the Diocesan convention.

The CWL provincial convention is being hosted by the London Diocese in 2025. We have a regional responsibility. A team of members have volunteered at their own expense to attend the provincial convention. Our regional council is providing partial financial support and local councils are encouraged to provide financial help as well.

The Sarnia Lambton Region does not have a Manual of Policy and Procedure. As regional chair it is my hope that we accomplish this with a team of members. Councils will be encouraged to produce their own Manual of Policy and Procedures. Examples and guidance will be available.

*"Be who God meant you to be,
and you will set the world on fire!"*

~ St. Catherine of Siena

St. Michael, Bright's Grove

President: Mary van Delft

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dan Vere/Fr. Joseph

Number of Members: 132

In June 2024, St. Michael CWL hosted a Blanket Exercise, facilitated by an Indigenous person and an educator of Indigenous Studies. One of the goals of this exercise is “reconciliation through education and understanding.” The deep Catholic faith and forgiving attitude evident in the Indigenous person created a feeling among those who participated of “if an Indigenous person is not resentful toward the church for what happened to his ancestors, shouldn’t I/we also be understanding and forgiving.” It was a powerful experience for all participants.

Throughout the years, St. Michael CWL continued to focus on helping the people struggling with homelessness. Over 200 Blessing Bags were assembled and donated to local organizations helping people in need. These care packages contained necessities such as water, socks, hats, snack items, toiletries, hand warmers, sunscreen and much more. The first Blessing Bags were a collaborative effort involving the elementary school students as a Lenten project, and then during the summer, a second effort involved parishioners. Again, at Christmas time, a collection among the CWL members was undertaken and items were donated to our Family of Parishes Divine Mercy Free Store.

Looking forward, planning is underway for more faith-building exercises for members including a members’ retreat. A very entertaining and fun “Chocolate Night” for members was held in 2024 and more activities that are strictly fun and for building up of the sisterhood are being discussed. And as always, we continue our efforts to attract more women, especially younger women to the CWL.

St. Joseph’s, Corunna

President: Susan Morphew

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Chuck Stevens

Number of Members: 77

2024 has seen our council continue the new community structure. Following the example of a workshop at a 2023 Fall Regional Day, our summer planning for 2024-2025 council year, brought the entire executive together to decide on themes and activities and created a calendar that recognized the crossover among the mandates of the three pillars.

Our main theme this year was education on mental illness. A speaker from the Mental Health Association and others with personal knowledge of the problems is planned, including when we host the World Day of Prayer for our own area in March. Our spiritual advisor, Pillar Chairs and other members worked very hard at providing our parish with many different opportunities both individual and communal to enhance their Advent experience.

Moving forward, we will continue our support of the local food bank and plan for free soup lunches during the colder months. Plans include preparing a proper Policy and Procedure Manual for the council based on the assistance of our Regional Council and exemplar councils that have shared their labours.

St. Christopher, Forest

President: Deb Devet

Number of Members: 25

In 2024 we donated funds from funerals, donations and our bazaar to the Women's Interval Home, Ray-John, St. Joseph's Hospice, Right to Life, and a new piano for our choir. We are currently working on socials with no pressure but a helping hand and fun image to join the CWL as we are overcoming past images of controlling women who wouldn't listen to the membership. We plan to work on socials, funerals, our bazaar and marketing events and membership.

St. Philip's, Petrolia

President: Ann Wade

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Ray Lawhead

Number of Members: 58

One thing we are working on: We are taking a look at the current Policy and Procedure Manual specific to our council. A section will be assigned for review and adaptation at our monthly meetings. Once all sections are complete, one of our members will prepare a final copy to be filed with our council and referred to as necessary.

One goal accomplished: Our Friday evening euchre parties have been very successful in our fundraising efforts. The weekly average attendance is eight to ten tables (40 people) and sometimes even 12 tables. Extra incentives besides card playing are: a birthday cake at the end of each month and occasionally some extra raffle prizes. This is a great way to reach out to the community.

One thing in the future: We would like to see more members attending monthly meetings and also engaging in more roles within The Catholic Women's' League.

Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia

President: Phyllis Vanoverbeke

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Lyle LaLonge

Number of Members: 42

We accomplished two fundraisers, one in the spring and one in late Fall. The Fall fundraiser funds raised were sent mostly to the Catholic Missions of Canada. The main thing we are

working on is survival. With aging members, deaths and lower membership it isn't very encouraging. We also hope to maintain our regular fundraising.

Queen of Peace, Sarnia

President: Joanna Kazanecki

Spiritual Adviser: Fr. Jan Burczyk

Number of Members:

No report submitted.

St. Benedict's Sarnia

President: Christine Murray

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Lyle Lalonge/ Father Rob Renaud

Number of Members: 156

Our accomplishments include the enhancement of the appearance of the altar by fundraising for the purchase of new albs and cinctures for our altar servers. We also funded the purchase of greenery and artificial Christmas décor to reduce the effects of some live plants (poinsettias) that might stimulate allergic reactions for parishioners.

We are working on updating our annual bazaar to entice parishioners of all ages to attend. We will be working on a mentor or buddy system to encourage both new and seasoned members to consider taking on a leadership role in our endeavours to ensure new and fresh ideas are shared.

St. Joseph, Sarnia

President: Charlene Hummel

Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Lyle Lalonge

Number of Members:

Our council is small with not many active members but we are mighty in our ability to work together and succeed in several events. Our council focuses on our annual bazaar with much excitement so we can support our church along with the St. Vincent DePaul, St. Joseph's Hospice and our Save a Family in India. We also support our Knights of Columbus annually teaming up with them during their fundraising events for St. Joseph's Church. We are truly blessed and appreciate the support we receive from our parish. We continue to do as we are able through our Faith.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford

Co.-President: Julie Joris VanderKant, Illa Joris

Number of Members: 120

Our focus of work this year was to strengthen our council especially as we strive to engage all ages of Catholic women and friends to work collaboratively. We want to help all members feel they had opportunities to share their gifts as well as contribute. This goal is to bring young and older and the middle-aged women together to see that serving the Lord has nothing to do with age and women of all ages can enjoy working together.

Every year our council organizes and holds a Christmas Dinner Penny Sale and Skit Night for our community of ladies to attend. This is our major fundraiser. This annual event is more than tradition in our community, and is undoubtedly the proudest week for our council as the many hands that have put this together know what a gift this is to and from all of us.

By working on building up our membership our numbers have increased and we have secured a full executive and had to hold votes for most of the positions. With many vacancies last year our president had to constantly inform the membership of the benefits of each position. Our executive worked hard to recruit, retain and regain members. Work still needs to be done on developing the roles of the Pillars.

We used Facebook and email to engage and keep members informed and encouraged the members to visit all three CWL websites. Encouragement to attend the Regional Meeting and being inclusive and accepting of new ideas went a long way. There are numerous ways we encouraged our sisters to join in: Diocesan Banquet in London, Fun nights, Mother Daughter Valentine's Potluck Fun Night, Baby Bottle Drive for Right to Life and \$0 Days for Life, World Day of Prayer and of course providing funeral lunches.

Holy Rosary, Wyoming

President: Joan Fournier

Spiritual Advisor: Father Ray Lawhead

Number of Members:

Our council celebrated our 70th anniversary. We are focusing on recruiting new members by greeting all parents at Holy Rosary School for "Meet the Teachers" night. We've had articles written in the school newsletters also asking for new members and included why membership is important. We also included all the things we have supported over the years. Since our membership decreased, we have pretty well stopped. The majority of our members are over 80 years of age.

We never folded when our church closed and we have a great relationship with our sister council, St. Phillips. Folding would scatter our members in six different directions. Our council is a closely knit family, and there are a variety of ways we keep in touch: meetings, special celebrations, home visits, cards, Rosary prayer groups etc. It's because of this we

hold on but as each executive member passes away, we have no one to take their place. It is only a matter of time and we will not be able to exist. Pray for us.

Windsor Region

Regional Chairperson: Helen Biales – 10 Councils

This past year we saw a Council reactivated after a three-year lapse in paid membership. It took some time and effort to accomplish this task but they are now officially active and meeting.

There are a couple of Councils whose participation in the regional activities has declined. These councils are committed CWL members who want to continue their association with the Region but due to age are unable to participate in many of the Diocesan or Regional events. They continue to meet as a group. It has been my pleasure to attend at least one of their monthly meetings to provide any support they need and keep them informed on the activities in the CWL.

My hope is to continue to provide the support any of the Windsor Councils need to continue to work within their parish, Region and Diocese.

St. Paul's, LaSalle

President: Judith Benn

Spiritual Advisor: Father Dwayne Adam

Number of Members: 34

Our council reached out to retirement homes through greeting cards and memberships for past members. In May, we held our meeting at Oak Park where our members and their friends joined us to chat and view the parish photo album. Four other retirement homes were contacted re: "Chuckle" cartoon books for their libraries. We discovered there was a need for large print books, puzzles and for those in their "memory section" coffee table picture books.

With other CWL councils, we provide funds, encouragement and promotion of Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women, Hiatus House, Leone House, the Pro Life organizations of Birth Right to Life and Catholic Mission in Canada. Our Council participated via Zoom in global listening sessions/webinars with lay and religious sisters from 80 countries through the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. This has a local spinoff as women from these countries are in our pews.

As we are an aging group, we are having difficulty in filling the positions on our Council executive. Many of the women want to continue their membership in the CWL but are unable to hold office. We are looking at how we can restructure our council to meet our needs.

Corpus Christi, Windsor

President: Jo-Anne Lortie

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mathew Bedard

Number of Members: 150

The main focus for 2024 was the members! After a very successful Membership Drive held in both parishes of the South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes, eighteen new or transferring members joined our council. How amazing! A pin ceremony was held for them along with those receiving pins for their years of service. All deceased members were remembered with an honour guard, an individual Mass in their honour from the Council and a beautiful Remembrance Mass in November for all deceased members which was very well attended.

As we move forward, we continue to include/mentor the new members and explain in more detail what is going on within our area and the League. This is done at meetings as well as communication by email and newsletters.

Our group project for 2025 is to help out a particular school with supplies which are collected as the need arises.

Holy Trinity, Windsor

President: Valarie Blak-Gill

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Stanislaw Izdebski

Number of Members: 10 Life Members: 6

Our council was reactivated this past year. We were pleased to have completed all the necessary paperwork. It did take some time and effort. Currently we are promoting the CWL within our parish. We are hosting a tea for the parishioners to make them aware of who we are and what we do. We have two more teas planned for the coming year to continue to promote the CWL and educate the parishioners on the work of our organization.

Immaculate Heart, Windsor

President: Anna St. Antoine

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Glen Ball

Number of Members: 44

Goal Accomplished: Supporting events/groups within our Parish family, such as First Communion, youth group activities etc.

Goal in progress: Providing members with learning opportunities to support their faith. This will be done with guest speakers, retreat opportunities etc.

Future goal: Increase CWL membership.

Most Precious Blood, Windsor

President: Carol Guimond

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Greg Bonin

Number of Members: 120

One goal we accomplished this past year was to recruit and maintain the number of our members, and to reach out to all members of the parish to garner more members. Our council has signed on new members as well as members who are returning to the fold.

One goal we are working on is to foster more open communication with our membership. We are making ourselves more approachable and as available to them as possible should they have any questions, suggestions or concerns. Our executive needs to be more transparent with our members.

One goal for the future: To make myself more familiar with the responsibilities of the other positions on the executive to assure that their responsibilities are met and our council is operating at its maximum potential.

Our Lady of Assumption, Windsor

President: Marilyn Morrison

Spiritual Advisor:

Number of Members: 17

Due to the ill health of the president and several members we were unable to plan and carry out many activities this past year. We did participate in the Soup Lunch and Stations of the Cross during Lent. As well we helped out our parish when we were able to.

One of our goals for next year is to have a book sale. We hope to plan future projects at our next meeting.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Windsor

President: Debbie Ridout

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Greg Bonin

Number of Members: 60

We plan on inviting speakers from the charities we support to speak to our Council. This will educate the membership on the work of these organizations. We are investigating new

proposals to fundraise for our council. We had a bake sale in October which was a huge success. In January we are having a soup and salad fundraiser and in February we are working with the Kof C on their fundraiser.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windsor

President: Janis McIsaac

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Glen Ball

Number of Members: 33

What we accomplished: CWL Home Communion for housebound members, membership collection incentive for a draw for a free membership, gifts for baptism, married couples, First Communion and Confirmation, ordered blue polo shirts, attended Madonna House Advent, pasta dinner, Paddle Auction and we filled in for honour guard, parish fellowship events and many parish ministries.

Goals we are working on: Donating baby items for Birthright with the K of C; Communion Sunday Mass and Luncheon with K of C.; boost membership with a paint night; bring a friend to a council meeting; afternoon tea; and sponsor Charity Benefit Dinner.

Future Goal: Working on Diocesan Convention in Windsor 2027.

Our Lady of the Atonement, Windsor

President: Penny Craig

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Number of Members: 130

Our council has worked to embrace the three pillars into the agenda of our meetings and in doing so we have used two general meetings to conduct on-site visits to agencies we support.

We are continuing to be a presence to our parish and community and to increase CWL exposure to our youth through finding activities that we can ask for their input and help, thus exposing them to the value and work of the CWL.

We hope to recruit four new members from our multicultural parish community.

St. Angela Merici, Windsor

President: Lucia Truant

Spiritual Advisor: Father Antonio Del Ciano

Number of Members: 52

One goal we accomplished: We were hoping to get one new member in 2024. In fact, we were able to get eight new members.

One goal we are working on: To continue to increase our membership. We are trying to plan on how we will incorporate the pillars into our regular meetings.

One future goal: To have a complete executive with members willing to take on a pillar.

St. John Vianney, Windsor

President: Patricia Lafontaine

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Number of Members: 72 Life Members: 1

Our council worked with the K of C to keep the parish congregation involved with our cause. We are working on getting another fund raiser with Faith being the main initiative.

Our future goal: We hope to get our pastor more engaged with us.

St. Michael's German, Windsor

President: Anne Their

Number of Members: 19

We celebrated the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's Church. We had a booklet printed, did the cooking and baking for 170 guests and had a museum of church photos and artifacts. We also connected with many former parishioners who returned after many years, for this event.

We are trying to keep our membership engaged with the parish as we continue to support our charities. We are working on the 75th anniversary celebration of our CWL. We are still at the planning and decision-making stage.





Life Member Liaison Report 2024

Diocese of London

Life Member Liaison: Marie Therese Lamphier

Life Members and Past President

Honorary Life Members: 0 Life Members: 11

Life Member Liaison's Activity Reports

This year was a very difficult year for many. We suffered the death of Life Member and Past Provincial President, Shirley George, in May 2024. A tribute to her is posted on another page. She will be remembered by many of us. Several of the Life Members experienced the death of one of their siblings. This is always a difficult time for them.

This year for the Life Members' report on something we accomplished, something we are working on and something we would like to accomplish. We love to hear from our Life Members and always pray for their well-being, their good health and continued presence at our different functions. We do try to attend a Life Members' luncheon twice a year.

I thank Mary Bannon for this appointment for the past two years, as I truly enjoyed it. Remember that Life Members are available to help out in any way to give presentations and to guide you in the different aspects of League activities. Please consider asking them to take part in your council or regional events.

Blessings!

Marie Theresa Lamphier

Muriel Murphy

Although I have not received any report from Muriel, we know that she has been active by the pictures we receive of her participating in different activities.

Mary Van Dyk

Mary has reported that her health has not been what it should be, so she has been staying close to home and has not been involved with the CWL this past year. Please keep Mary in your prayers!

Tracy Cornelis

- Keeping in touch with The CWL Lucan St. Patrick Parish members by telephone; letting them know of special events, for example, inviting them for Pie Making Day and Christmas Pot Luck luncheon following Mass.
- Attended the London Diocesan AMM in London, April 2024, the Ontario Provincial AMM in Sudbury July 2024 and the National Convention/AMM in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan August 2024.
- Read all the minutes from the parish meeting to keep up-to-date, hoping to mentor more members to take on executive positions at the grassroots.
- At a personal level, I view the Daily Mass on Vision TV and pray the rosary with my daughter daily as my lifeline for her to know I am fine while living alone.
- My son checks on things, fills the wood furnace, and does the little chores I ask of him.
- I am very proud of my family the way they carry on the farm since Gerard passed on. God is great.

Maria S. Odumodu

This report is prepared with the theme “Here I am Lord Send Me.” I have put it into action in the following ways:

- Welcome new members in our parish – we’ve been blessed by many newcomers.
- Attended the Diocesan and National conventions in person.
- Attend daily TV Mass, pray for the League and for peaceful co-existence in the world especially the Holy Land.
- Mentor young people.
- Part of honour guard for deceased members.
- Directed the 31st Christmas Pageant with 35 participants. They represent the future of our parish.
- Read directives and promote the League.
- Call parishioners to assure them that they are remembered.
- Received my 50-year CWL membership pin.
- Advice given as needed by president.

- In the future I hope to continue serving the League as vice president and membership chair in my parish, and help in hosting of the National Convention in Toronto and Provincial in London, God willing.
- Embrace and share the Jubilee Year.

Bev Weiler

- Here I am Lord send me.
- This year the Lord called me to serve as Faith Pillar chair for my parish council.
- For Advent I prepared a rosary that focused on the homeless and marginalized. I was able to prepare reflections for the Luminous, Glorious and Joyful mysteries as well using the same theme.
- I also made up some prayers with the same theme.
- For our December meeting I prepared a time of reflection with scriptural and musical connections to the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.
- We enjoyed reflecting on the scripture and singing corresponding Christmas carols.

Patricia M. Rivest

What I accomplished in 2024:

- Attended all three of the League conventions/AMM across Canada-Diocese in London, Provincial in Sudbury and National in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- Each convention was unique, filled with faith, friendship and fun utilizing our theme "Here I am Lord, send me."
- New information was presented and ideas were shared. It has always been a joy to attend conventions.

Continue to work on: One of my goals for 2024 was to improve my health and well-being. After all the health issues in 2023, my health has improved and I continue to pray and trust in the Lord for His continued presence in my life.

To be accomplished:

- With the 2025 Provincial Convention/AMM being held in London in July, I am the chairperson of the Registration Committee.
- I hope to successfully complete the registration requirements with the members of the registration team.
- I hope to accomplish a time of professionalism, knowledge, kindness, assistance to all with smiling faces and much joy.

Activities attended:

- Funeral of Life Member and Provincial President Shirley George
- Fall Regional Day at St. Peter's in Chatham, Kent
- Day at the Shrine in Merlin
- Life Members luncheon
- St. Michael's Annual Banquet
- Essex Regional meetings

- Various retreats at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley
- St. John the Baptist Council, Amherstburg 100th anniversary
- Mass and breakfast at St. Clement Council in McGregor
- Mass and archive presentation at Visitation Parish in Comber
- Completed term as subcommittee member of OPC Treasury
- A member of the Diocesan communication Committee
- Corresponded with members by telephone, email and texts
- Continue to have coffee/breakfast/ lunch every Tuesday with two very dear CWL members. We have been doing this since COVID shutdown in 2020.
- Sudbury and Winnipeg families visit and I travel there whenever possible. So blessed to be with them whenever.
- Continue to pray for all members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada especially the members of the Diocese of London.

Lucy Hendriks

- President in my parish council of Sacred Heart in Parkhill.
- Hosted an Advent tea at our parish.
- Planning the 150th celebration for our Sacred Heart Parish Church.
- Attended the Fall Regional Day at All Saints, Strathroy.
- Appointed as co-chair of 2025 Provincial Annual Meeting of Members/Convention to be held at the Four Points, Sheraton, London in July 2025.
- Enjoy spending time with family and friends when not doing volunteer work.
- Welcomed our first great-grandchild, Oliver, on April 22, 2024.
- Our granddaughter, Mickayla, got married on August 17, 2024.

Theresa Winchester

Here I am Lord, send me. But I'm tired! One thing I accomplished: Made handmade cards for the local council for sale after Mass (almost weekly). So far, I have sold 40 cards at \$5.00 each for our council.

One thing I am working on: Getting my thoughts together to do a resolution, likely for the 2026 convention. Life is busy and I have taken steps to reduce that.

One thing I'd like to accomplish in the near future: Getting that resolution started and getting myself to convention (Diocesan or Provincial or National) in 2025.

Marie-Theresa Lamphier

One thing I accomplished: I completed a 5-year term as Ontario Provincial Treasurer in July 2024. Then it was a matter of going through the files to cull them and to transfer the boxes to the new treasurer, Lisa Fillingham. Lisa and I also spent time on video call to do some basic training.

One thing I'm working on: I am in the last few months of my term as Life Member Liaison. It is a position that I have truly enjoyed! It is one way of keeping in touch with other Life

Members and sending them birthday greetings and cards and advising them of prayer requests from other members across the province.

One thing I'd like to accomplish in the near future: There are a couple of things that fall in this category. I was asked to help out on the registration committee for the Ontario Provincial Convention that is coming to London in July this year. I am looking forward to that. I was also asked to be a co-chair for the 2027 Convention in Windsor, so things have already started with the booking of the hotels, etc.

Other activities:

- Attended Diocesan and Provincial Convention
- Attended Council and Regional meetings when able
- Attended Fall regional day
- Honoured to be asked to speak at St. Clements' Council on the steps to take with the possibility of becoming inactive or disbanding
- Attended both the Essex Region and Windsor Council's Christmas Party

Angela Pellerin

- During 2024 I assisted in the planning of the diocesan convention.
- I participated in various webinars from National and Provincial councils, which were very informative.
- This year I am mentoring Huron/Perth in the planning of the 2025 diocesan convention.
- As well as acting past-president of my own council, I continue to mentor other councils when asked.
- I will also be assisting with registration for the upcoming provincial convention being held in London.
- In this year of Hope, my hope is an increase of membership. I also hope as sisters in the League we can accomplish great things.

Rebecca McCarrell

- Working on the national Redesign and Eligibility committee brought me a great insight into the workings of The Catholic Women's League in different provinces. It was an eye-opener to see how other councils nominate Life Members. The Life Member Criteria changed in 2023 and I believe it is for the better as it communicates all the skills available for mentoring throughout Canada.
- Our committee presented to National Council changes to the current criteria for eligibility of members for higher offices that will affect Diocesan and Provincial Councils. I look forward to seeing this pass.
- I was not re-elected to the Ontario Provincial Council, but I value the time spent with them. In the long run, it was better for me so I had time to work on my own health situations.
- For the coming year, I am working on the 2025 OPC Convention as treasurer, and am co-chair of the 2026 London Diocesan Convention being held in Chatham.
- I look forward to meeting members of the League throughout the year

Presidents of London Diocesan Council

1921 – 1922	Mrs. B. C. McCann	London
1923 – 1924	Mrs. J. J. P. Dunn	Chatham
1925 – 1926	Mrs. G. B. Dawson	Sarnia
1927 – 1928	Mrs. W. Kirwin	Ingersoll
1929 – 1930	Mrs. J. Bohan	Monkton
1930 – 1931	Miss K. Casey	LaSalette
1931 – 1932	Mrs. J. A. Horricks	Windsor
1933 – 1934	Mrs. J. A. Frezell	London
1935 – 1936	Miss Catherine Toal	Strathroy
1937 – 1938	Mrs. T. E. Durocher	Windsor
1939 – 1940	Mrs. Wm. McMahon	LaSalette
1941 – 1942	Mrs. Joseph Coveny	Electric
1943 – 1944	Mrs. Jos. Freeman	Riverside
1945 – 1946	Mrs. P. M. Dewan	Ingersoll
1947 – 1948	Mrs. R. S. Saigeon	Sarnia
1949 – 1950	Miss Alice Daly	Seaforth
1950 – 1952	Mrs. E. G. Marnell	Tilbury
1952 – 1954	Mrs. Mel Walters	London
1954 – 1956	Mrs. J. M. Fitzpatrick	Windsor
1956 – 1958	Mrs. T. M. Kelly	Kinkora
1958 – 1960	Mrs. P. L. McManus	Windsor
1960 – 1962	Mrs. R. E. Doyle	Chatham
1962 – 1964	Mrs. W. J. Farrell	London
1964 – 1966	Mrs. Fred McDermott	Ingersoll
1966 – 1968	Mrs. H. R. Ferris	London
1968 – 1970	Mrs. G. O. Rutherford	Windsor
1970 – 1972	Mrs. Lawrence Howard	London
1972 – 1974	Mrs. J. J. Gardiner	London
1974 – 1976	Mrs. T. A. Gorski	Harrow
1976 – 1978	Mrs. P. J. Belanger	Windsor
1978 – 1980	Mrs. R. M. Bingham	Amherstburg
1980 – 1982	Mrs. Rita Ouellette	Windsor
1982 – 1984	Mrs. Wm. Regier	Mount Carmel
1984 – 1986	Mrs. Don Vrooman	St. Thomas
1986 – 1988	Mrs. Max Mousseau	Belle River
1990 – 1992	Mrs. Eva Mitchell	London
1992 – 1994	Mrs. Theresa Loebach	Windsor
1994 – 1996	Mrs. Shirley George	Delhi
1996 – 1998	Mrs. Muriel Murphy	Goderich

1998 – 2000	Mrs. Gladys W. Dewey	Forest
2000 – 2002	Mrs. Marie Coughlan	Sarnia
2002 – 2004	Mrs. Trucy Cornelis	Parkhill
2004 – 2006	Mrs. Maria S. Odumodu	Woodstock
2006 – 2008	Mrs. Bev Weiler	Watford
2008 – 2010	Mrs. Patricia Rivest	Leamington
2010 – 2012	Mrs. Lucy Hendrikx	Parkhill
2012 – 2014	Mrs. Mary Jean Horne	Chatham
2014 – 2016	Mrs. Marie-Theresa Lamphier	Stoney Point
2016 – 2018	Mrs. Angela Pellerin	London
2018 – 2021 (COVID)	Mrs. Rebecca McCarrell	Tilbury
2021 – 2023	Mrs. Theresa Ryan	Kinkora
2023 – 2025	Mary Bannon	Stratford

100th Anniversary Councils 2024

St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg

2024 London Diocesan Member Councils

Chatham /Kent:

Blessed Sacrament, Chatham
 St. Joseph City, Chatham
 St. Joseph (Harwich) Chatham
 St. Ursula, Chatham
 St. Michael, Dresden
 St. Patrick, Merlin
 Sacred Heart, Port Lambton
 St. Michael, Ridgetown
 St. Paul, Thamesville
 St. Francis Xavier, Tilbury
 Holy Family, Wallaceburg
 Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg
 Visitation Parish, Comber

Essex:

St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg
 St. Simon & St. Jude, Belle River
 Holy Name of Jesus, Essex
 St. John de Brebeuf, Kingsville
 St. Michael, Leamington
 St. Clement, McGregor
 Good Shepherd, Lakeshore
 Ste. Anne, Tecumseh
 St. John the Evangelist, Woodslee

Huron/Perth:

St. Patrick, Dublin
Precious Blood, Exeter
St. Peter's, Goderich
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend
St. Patrick, Kinkora
St. Joseph, Listowel
St. Vincent de Paul, Mitchell Disbanded
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mt. Carmel
St. Peter, St. Joseph
Holy Name of Mary, St. Mary's
St. James, Seaforth
Immaculate Conception, Stratford
St. Joseph, Stratford
Sacred Heart, Wingham
St. Boniface, Zurich

London:

Our Lady of Sorrows, Aylmer
Sacred Heart, Bornish
St. Charles, Glencoe
Holy Cross, London
Mary Immaculate, London
St. Andrew the Apostle, London
St. George, London
St. John the Divine, London
St. Justin, London
St. Martin of Tours, London

Sarnia:

St. Michael's, Bright's Grove
St. Joseph, Corunna
St. Christopher, Forest
St. Philip, Petrolia
Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia
Queen of Peace, Sarnia
St. Benedict, Sarnia
St. Joseph, Sarnia
Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford
Holy Rosary, Wyoming

Ingersoll:

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Delhi
Sacred Heart, Ingersoll
Sacred Heart, Langton
Our Lady of LaSalette, LaSalette
St. Peter, Norwich
St. Cecelia, Port Dover
St. Mary, Tillsonburg,
St. Michael, Walsh
St. Bernard, Clairvaux, Waterford
Holy Trinity, Woodstock

London:

St. Michael, London
St. Patrick, London
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica
Holy Family, London
St. Patrick, Lucan
Holy Angels, St. Thomas
St. Anne, St. Thomas
All Saints, Strathroy
St. Helen, Wallacetown

Windsor:

St. Paul, LaSalle Corpus Christi, Windsor
Holy Trinity, Windsor
Most Precious Blood, Windsor
Our Lady of the Assumption, Windsor
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Windsor
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Our Lady of Atonement, Windsor
Immaculate Heart, Windsor
St. Angela Merici, Windsor
St. John Vianney, Windsor
St. Michael, Windsor