

2024 Parish Council Annual Report Survey

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Welcome to the 2024 parish council annual report survey site.

Instructions for Completing the Survey

- 1. Questions where the selections are indicated by circles are single choice answers. These are mandatory to answer.
- 2. Questions where the selections are indicated by boxes are multiple choice answers. Answering these questions is optional. Choose as many of the selections as apply. If your council activities are not reflected in the options, the question may be skipped.
- 3. Questions asking for comments are also optional. If your council has no response, please skip the question.

Your answers help to tell the story of the League in 2024. Without you, the story would be incomplete.

Yours in Christ,
Betty Colaneri
National Vice-President

Q1 Council Code

Q2 Council Name

Q3 Council Town

Q4 "Diocese/Province" or "Province only" where no diocesan councils exist:

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| <input type="radio"/> Antigonish, Nova Scotia | <input type="radio"/> Peterborough, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Calgary, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Prince Albert, Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmonton, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Prince Edward Island |
| <input type="radio"/> Grouard-McLennan, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Prince George, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Halifax-Yarmouth, Nova Scotia | <input type="radio"/> Quebec |
| <input type="radio"/> Hamilton, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Regina, Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> Hearst-Moosonee, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> St. Boniface, Manitoba |
| <input type="radio"/> Kamloops, B.C. & Yukon | <input type="radio"/> St. Catharines, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Keewatin-The Pas, Manitoba | <input type="radio"/> St. Paul, Alberta Mackenzie |
| <input type="radio"/> Kingston, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Saskatoon, Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> London, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Mackenzie, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Thunder Bay, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> Timmins, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Montreal, Quebec | <input type="radio"/> Toronto, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> New Brunswick | <input type="radio"/> Vancouver, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Nelson, B.C & Yukon | <input type="radio"/> Victoria, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Newfoundland and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Whitehorse, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Ottawa Cornwall, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| <input type="radio"/> Pembroke, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> National Office |

Q5 Reporting to:

President

Q6 Has the council focused on the national theme, *Here I am Lord, send me?* If yes, how

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> attending an online webinar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a guest speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a workshop | |

Q7 Has the council focused on the national focus of mental health? If so, how?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> speaker on mental health | <input type="checkbox"/> how mental health affects homelessness, job security, violence, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> how to get help for those with mental health issues | <input type="checkbox"/> other |

Q8 Has the council embraced the new structure of positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, past president, faith, service and social justice?

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| <input type="radio"/> yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
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Q9 If the new structure is difficult to manage, please explain.

Vice-President

Q10 Has the council used the "1" campaign or a membership campaign/project?

yes

no

Q11 If the answer was yes to the previous question, was the campaign successful?

yes

no

Q12 Does the council encourage members to personally invite prospective members?

yes

no

Q13 Does the council use the *Welcome Program* to promote the League with prospective and new members?

yes

no

Q14 Does the council executive encourage members and prospective members to visit the national website for information and resources as a recruitment tool?

yes

no

Q15 Has the "Share the Words (52 reasons to talk about the CWL)" material been used by the council?

yes

no

Q16 Name the greatest challenge with membership for the council?

NOTE: Choose one only.

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| <input type="radio"/> demographics | <input type="radio"/> lack of attendance at meetings |
| <input type="radio"/> attracting new members | <input type="radio"/> attracting young members |
| <input type="radio"/> keeping members interested | <input type="radio"/> perceived image |
| <input type="radio"/> lack of fellowship/social element | <input type="radio"/> lack of leadership |

Secretary

Q17 What is the primary method of communication your council uses to become informed of resources at various levels?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communiques/directives/memos | <input type="checkbox"/> Text |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Websites | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Q18 How often does the executive communicate with members?

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| <input type="radio"/> weekly | <input type="radio"/> quarterly |
| <input type="radio"/> every two weeks | <input type="radio"/> semiannually |
| <input type="radio"/> monthly | <input type="radio"/> annually |
| <input type="radio"/> every two months | |

Q19 Does a member of the council access the national website? If yes, are there any suggestions she would like to make for improvements to the website?

Q20 Does a member of the council view the national League postings on social media?

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| <input type="radio"/> yes | <input type="radio"/> no |
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Q21 Has the secretary or another member of council submitted pictures and a short description of a council event or occasion to share with others?

Yes

No

Q22 Does the council have someone assist the secretary with communications activities?

Yes

No

Treasurer

Q23 Does the treasurer prepare an annual budget?

yes

no

Q24 Does the treasurer present financial reports at each meeting?

yes

no

Q25 Does the treasurer have someone review the council's financial statements each year?

yes

no

Q26 Please tally the organizations the council donated funds or goods to this past year. Enter the amount to the nearest dollar. Do not enter the "\$" sign.

Local

National

International

Past President

Q27 The past president is mostly involved in advising in a consultative capacity. In the last 12 months, has the past president:

Yes

No

Position is Vacant

been consulted on policy and procedure matters including elections

been or will soon be part of the elections committee

been approached by the president for advice/assistance

Q28 In 2024 there were numerous revisions to the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*. Have more than one of these revisions been shared at council meetings to keep members updated?

Yes

No

Q29 We all love to go back and see/read what has taken place years ago.

| | Yes | No | Position is Vacant | Another member does |
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| Has the past president updated the council history/archives content in the past 12 months? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Has the past president involved members in capturing historical information? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Q30 Name one thing the past president is most proud of accomplishing in the past 12 months.

NOTE: If the position is vacant, please do not answer this question.

Faith

Q31 How were members assisted in their communal and personal prayer life?

- developed spiritual programs with spiritual advisor's guidance and involvement
- sought the assistance of subcommittee members to develop spiritual programs
- used resources on the national website
- organized or promoted retreats, days of reflection
- promoted participation in national webinars: Lenten Encounter, Our Lady of the Rosary, Jubilee of Hope
- promoted prayers that are regularly posted to cwl.ca and social media
- used a variety of prayer styles for meetings
- encouraged members to use apps or subscriptions for daily Mass readings
- encouraged spiritual reading, bible study, participation in a book club on religious topics
- encourage praying the psalter
- shared in the televised Mass in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel
- sourced the calendar on cwl.ca for faith events and prayers
- other

Q32 How did the council incorporate the national theme *Here I am Lord, send me*, in spiritual programs?

- prayer and reflection on Isaiah 6:8
- praying the theme prayer at monthly meetings
- used video or hymn on the theme as part of a spiritual program
- discussed symbolism of the national theme logo
- group sharing how members have responded to God's call in their lives
- other

Q33 In what ways did the council assist members in the growth of their Catholic faith and greater awareness of the role of women in the life and mission of the church?

- discussed League position papers
- participated in the Year of Prayer webinars hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) with speaker Dr. Josephine Lombardi
- encouraged reading of the synodal synthesis document
- encouraged reading of the series of pastoral letters published by the CCCB on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples
- discussed chapter 9 of the synodal report dealing with the role of women in the life and mission of the church
- promoted invitation for member participation in the World Union of Catholic Women's Organization's World Women's Observatory online event "Conversation in the Spirit"
- studied/read encyclicals by Pope Francis (e.g., *Laudato Si*, *Fratelli Tutti*)
- encouraged study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- raised awareness of Catholic resources on the internet
- scheduled guest speakers on religious topics
- other

Q34 What ecumenical or interfaith activities did members of the council initiate or participate in during 2024? Please provide particulars.

- participated in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity event
- participated in or hosted a World Day of Prayer event
- hosted an information event about another faith
- worked with other churches in the community to address a local concern
- other

Q35 How did the council support or promote religious vocations?

- prayed on World Day for Consecrated Life and/or World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- donated to a seminary fund
- invited a guest speaker on vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life
- invited a guest speaker on the role of women and the church
- supported consecrated women religious through prayer and/or donations
- sponsored League membership to novitiates and/or consecrated women religious
- hosted special events to celebrate the priest's birthday or anniversary of ordination
- other

- Q36 In what ways did the council and members uphold or advocate for the sanctity of life?
- viewed/promoted the video *Roe Canada: The True North in a Post-Roe World*
 - promoted the CCCB's National Family and Life Week in May
 - promoted pro-life events and encouraged member participation
 - discussed League position papers on abortion and euthanasia and medical assistance in dying
 - included pro-life prayers and reports in meetings
 - participated in March for Life or similar public pro-life gatherings
 - participated in 40 Days for Life prayer vigils
 - participated in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care
 - donated to pro-life causes
 - participated in pro-life webinars or guest speaker events
 - wrote letters to government against abortion and medical assistance in dying
 - wrote letters to government advocating for palliative care funding and accessibility
 - other

Service

- Q37 Is the council satisfied with the communication from the standing committee of service?
- yes no
- Q38 Have there been positive changes in the council due to the new structure of the standing committee of service?
- yes no
- Q39 Is the chairperson of service familiar with the material provided on cwl.ca concerning the standing committee? Is it adequate?
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- Q40 What strategies does the chairperson of service use to raise awareness about bullying, racism, human trafficking, homelessness?
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Q41 What challenges does the chairperson of service face in her efforts to relate to the members?
Or to encourage women to join?

Q42 What is the chairperson of service's overall thoughts on the effectiveness of the standing committee?

Social Justice

Q43 Over the past year, which level of government legislation and bylaws did the council monitor or take action on?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> federal | <input type="checkbox"/> municipal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> provincial | |

Q44 Over the past year, at which level(s) of League resolutions did the council take action?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> national | <input type="checkbox"/> diocesan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> provincial | |

Q45 Indicate the following actions members of the council initiated or participated in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> letter writing campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> consideration or drafting of a resolution that has not yet been submitted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> postcard campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> submission of a resolution to diocesan, provincial or national levels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> petitions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> briefs | |

Q46 What social justice resources on the national website has the council used?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Toolkit for Social Justice</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> legislation and advocacy workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> social justice/Catholic social teaching manuals and workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Resolutions Handbook, Resolutions Guide</i> and workshops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous relations (e.g., <i>Walking Together with Indigenous Catholic Women</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> The council was not aware of these resources. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> The council did not use any of these resources. |

Thank you for taking this survey. Your input helps the board to understand the priorities of councils for future planning.

There are two buttons at the bottom of this survey.

- Use "SAVE" if you have begun the survey but wish to complete it at a later time. Your responses will be saved.
- Use "SUBMIT" once you have completed and printed the survey. Surveys that are not submitted are not included in the final report. You will receive a message on your screen that the survey has been submitted if you have completed this step.