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SAULT STE. MARIE DIOCESAN COUNCIL



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“Catholic and Living It” “Go Make a Difference” “JOY”

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

I've been reflecting on the significance of our first 100 years and the importance of our next 100 years. *How will we witness to Christ in our lives, in our league and mission in the world?*

The League's Mission Statement reads, "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."

The National Theme "Catholic and Living it!" speaks to the importance of our universality and how we are called to live our relationship with Christ everywhere. Our faith is not only an intimate private relationship with God but an ability to recognize, believe and share God's Word by serving God in our neighbour – living faith through charity.

The Provincial Theme "Go Make a Difference!" speaks to our being agents of change in a world so desperately in need of hope. To be a person of change is to be a person of charity. Charity is the greatest social commandment. To move beyond personal agenda, respect others and their rights; requires the practice of social justice and outreach; and inspires a life of self-giving: *"Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it."* (Lk 17.33)

Our Diocesan Theme "JOY: Jesus – Others – Yourself!" speaks to the balance we find in our relationship with God, with each other and with ourselves. Our joy is more than an emotion but is an understanding of our belonging to God and each other. Being Christ-like, we honour each person's dignity, respect each other's gifts and limitations striving to live in love. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."* (Mt 22.37-39)

There is a common thread woven into the fabric of our league – Evangelization. Jesus asks us to live our faith in an ever-changing world that requires us to grow in knowledge and understanding. To know our God, each other and ourselves is to respond to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit and not succumb to fear and anxiety. We are called to unite in a bond of Christian charity that allows us to move beyond where we once were to become who we are called to be. Jesus asks us to *"put out into the deep water and let your nets down for a catch."* (Lk 5.4)

In Christ,

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*Our life spreads light when it is given in service.
The secret of joy is living to serve. Pope Francis*

My Dear Sisters in the League,

Looking back on 2022, we saw councils gradually emerging from two years of disruption to activities due to COVID, to adjusting to a new normal. It was so uplifting to gather face to face, to give hugs, and find our bearings to move forward once again as a League.

The theme of **JOY** (Jesus-**O**thers-**Y**ourself) was introduced to help us reconnect and resume activities starting with Jesus and putting Him at the heart of all we do. This Joy is more than an emotion and is derived from an enduring relationship with Christ, who upholds, sustains and gives us the grace so we can "Go Make a Difference!"

Reading about the incredible activities and initiatives undertaken by the CWL members of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie was truly awe-inspiring. Councils within the diocese worked hard to serve and share their faith with those in need and it was evident they were making a difference!

This book of annual reports will uplift and strengthen your faith in our sisterhood and reminds us that we are part of a remarkable organization. It showcases the ingenuity and strength of amazing women who, through **Joy** have gone forward to **Make a Difference** and are truly **Catholic and Living It!**

Your Sister in the League,

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Sault Ste Marie Diocesan President's Report

2022

President: Lisa Henry
Members: 1965
Life Members: 11

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Patrick Woods
Councils: 30
Regions: 3

After COVID, parishes began to return to pre-pandemic activity. Parishes perceived their openness as a percentage in the parish annual survey as follows:

37% at 100% open, **16%** at 75%, **26%** at 50%, **21%** at 25%, **0** at 0%.

Describe how parishes in your diocese approached the changes to the League's structure, how your diocesan executive has supported the parishes to prepare and the response of parishes to that support in the year 2022:

- Presidents responded positively to the reduced executive structure. They felt it was easier to fill positions and reduce duplication of effort that was taking place in committees.
- Presidents also responded positively to strategic plan resources such as Guide to Simplifying Meeting and Reporting Processes, The Welcome Program and The Joy of Leadership
- Presidents reported that they have incorporated less business/reports at general meetings and more focus on faith, service and social justice activities.
- Some councils reported that with the new structure, they were finding it challenging with the scope of responsibility in each of the roles. They expressed that in light of the challenges, they have reached out to the diocesan level for support and guidance. Diocesan has responded with development of workshops and meetings by phone and in person.
- Presidents communicated these changes through bulletins, bulletin boards, social media, and at council gatherings.
- Presidents reported that when they reached out to the diocesan or provincial levels for guidance, 42% felt the guidance provided was helpful, 11% responded it was somewhat helpful and 11% expressed they could use more guidance. 37% indicated they did not ask.

Describe how your diocese collectively and parishes individually worked with the national theme *Catholic and Living It!!* In 2022.

- Councils lived out the theme *Catholic and Living It!* by helping with sacramental preparation, activities that supported their local food banks, worked with local service organizations to help with community Christmas baskets, increased spiritual elements, support to all ministries within their parish, Coffee Sundays which facilitated community building within their parishes, collected 200 "Backpacks of Love", in addition to 150 supplemental bags, 6 trunk loads of donated warm winter wear as well as 50 pairs of new winter boots to support the various campaigns for the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless, donated handmade lap blankets and muffs for those with Alzheimer's at their local hospital, created a warm, welcome parish home for United Church members whose church had closed, holding living rosaries, outreach to shut-in and lonely members, shared their gift of time and talent for funeral luncheons, prayed the rosary for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and married life, the deceased, and children being exploited and abused.

Describe how parish spiritual advisors, and your diocesan spiritual advisor, showed support for the League in your diocese and provide any recommendation(s) you may have for future relationships between councils and spiritual advisors.

- Spiritual Advisors made announcements at masses, encouraged council activities and initiatives, hosted a CWL weekend at their parish highlighting the benefits of belonging to the CWL, attended all CWL gatherings, provided reflections, expressed appreciation at masses for the contributions of the CWL to their parish, provided reflections on CWL themes to inspire members, provided ideas to help recruit new members, prayed the mass for deceased members on Wednesdays, assisted with CWL ceremonies. In point form below, describe any unusual initiatives facilitated by the Diocesan council in 2022 not specific to any standing committee.
- Travelled across the Diocese responding to requests from councils for assistance/guidance relating to new changes in the League.
- Proposed an initiative to establish an Indigenous "Elder in Residence" to work in partnership with our diocesan council to establish a relationship, programs, workshops, presentations, etc. in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting arising from your 2022 experiences including identifying at what level of the League.

- Streamline the volume of communications flowing from National by reducing the communiques containing suggestions for projects or initiatives. There are numerous resources available on the website to provide inspiration and guidance in addition to the numerous initiatives councils respond to in their local communities.
- In addition to the existing criteria for Instructed Votes in Section 6 of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure, *"The Constitution & Bylaws, Part XV, Section 3(c) requires that instructed votes be used for:*
 - *election of officers*
 - *increase in per capita fees*
 - *amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws"*

Propose that one more criterion be added that would state: "any expenditure(s) at the National Level of \$200,000 or more, or 5% of the operating budget per year, whichever is lesser".

Organization Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19/30

Chairperson: Patricia Clizia

For each of the following, describe ways parish councils and diocesan council supported recruitment and retention of members:

Annual Membership Drive

- 18 councils reported engaging in an annual membership drive
- Councils include renewal envelopes within the annual collection envelopes. Many and varied activities were undertaken to recruit members including: personal phone calls, email reminders, letters and cards, social media posts, parish bulletin reminders, Mass announcements word of mouth, CWL Sundays/Recruitment Blitzes, potluck suppers/events promoting members to bring a friend.

Member Information Sessions

- 9 councils reported hosting information sessions for members
- Councils note that the regular monthly meetings are the main information sessions hosted for members. Information is passed along to members via email and bulletin announcements. Bulletin boards are widely used to post information and pertinent updates. Members are encouraged to read the Canadian League Magazine for information. New member kits have been distributed that include executive names, information, pamphlets, prayer cards and a pin. Diocesan Executive members have been invited to provide workshops. Annual letters, monthly reports and personal calls from the President have complemented the activities in a few of the councils.

Prospective Member Information Sessions

- 11 councils reported hosting information sessions for non-members
- It is noted that one to one personal contact is effective. Sharing information about the League and validating prospective members furthers conversations with future members. Posting the Welcome program on parish bulletin boards, and announcements through bulletins and from the ambo following Mass is effective. Future members are invited to meetings.

What resources/assistance would parish councils like to have?

- 18 councils indicated they would like to have additional resources and assistance.
- Membership recruitment is an occurring theme for future resources and assistance. Councils note that they continue to share information and ideas with officers and other councils. It is further noted that new ideas for prayer services, and spiritual development resources would be welcomed. The National, Provincial and Diocesan websites are cited as a place to go for reference materials. A President who is working full time has enlisted the support of the Past President to assist with

member calls for renewal reminders and distributing completed membership cards at Masses.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of President-Elect/Organization? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- There was confusion as a result of the changes in communication channels and timing relating to the launch of the annual reporting process.

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as President Elect/Organization at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Invited to participate in term planning with Diocesan President, Past President and Spiritual Advisor including developing theme and activities for diocesan executive orientation.
- Invited to participate with Diocesan President in developing a Training and Development Framework for members across the Diocese
- Accompanied the Diocesan President on 4 council visits in response to council requests for support in the transition period following the approved amendments.
- Developed a presentation "All are Welcome" themed on the joy of League membership, the gift of belonging, member recruitment and retention, and delivered in two of three regions; Sudbury and Sault. Ste. Marie.
- Participated in Parish Mission Meeting with Bishop and Parish Priest and other CWL members of our parish council to share and promote League outcomes

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to President-Elect/Organization position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Propose a future amendment to include a zoom vote option for Life membership nomination.
- Provide access for Organization Chairperson to the membership database for members in Diocese to provide opportunity for analysis and action strategy to retain membership, report on renewal rates and celebrate new recruits – let's leave no member behind.
- Reschedule the timing of completion for annual reports by parish councils given the holiday timeframe. Consider January timing as a project timeline for councils to complete and submit their report launching the communication and project in early January.

Diocesan Treasurer Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19/30

Chairperson: Deborah Hickey

What did parishes donate to national voluntary funds in 2022?

Catholic Missions in Canada	725.00
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	2042.00
CCCB Palliative Care Kit	0.00
Coady International Institute	100.00
Development and Peace-Caritas Canada	975.00
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	50.00

Parish councils donated the following total to all charities in 2022.

22,241.00

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Treasurer not answered by policy or guidelines? Describe these FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- None given

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Treasurer at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- A big challenge, due to COVID, was access to banks. In some cases, their local branch was closed, which for the more rural Councils increase travel distance to a bank
- Unable to donate to charities due to lack of funds, looking forward to this changing as things open up

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Treasurer position including identifying at what level of the League.

- It was recommended that new Treasurer's should have some basic knowledge of banking and reconciling a chequing account

Communications Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19 /30

Chairperson: Colleen Murphy

Did councils use the following methods or tools:

Social Media: twitter, Instagram, Facebook _ (Indicate # of parishes and X # if diocesan)	YES - Diocesan	
Website available in 2022	Parish 0	Diocese X
Use national website in 2022	Parish 15	Diocese X
Used a newsletter in 2022-	Parish 5	Diocese X
Aware of resolutions related to inappropriate Internet use and the behaviour associated with it?	Parish 14	Diocese X
Distributed the "pornography hurts" postcard	Parish 13	Diocesan No

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Communication? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Clarification on the communication channels during the transition to the new League structure

In point form below, list any unusual activities undertaken as Communication chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- I faced my first newsletter challenge doing double-duty last fall. Our diocese was being highlighted in the OPC Newsletter for October, so I asked parish councils for articles on their activities. Thanks to our diocesan President's help, I was able to write up some articles for councils that our president had visited since her term began.
- Then, in November, I asked the parish councils again for submissions for our Diocesan Fall newsletter – some great responses from some of our parishes and diocesan executive!
- Navigating our website software has been a challenge also, but I'm able to accomplish what is needed.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Communication position including identifying at what level of the League.

- The communication channels during the transition from our previous League structure and the new structure with fewer positions will be a challenge. We have been directed to send emails to both the President and Secretary at all levels. I think this will result in some duplication of effort between the president and secretary, to know who is addressing each of the email items. I think it would be more streamlined to email only one or the other, most likely the Secretary, since she is assuming the responsibility of communication in the new structure.

Secretary Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19/30

Recording Secretary: Diane Gallupe
Corresponding Secretary: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh

What did parishes do in your diocese to keep their members up to date in 2022?

- 13 councils reported reading monthly minutes at each meeting.
- 15 councils kept their membership up to date with special events.
- Most councils (16) did not prepare a quarterly report of all activities to send to their members.
- Cards for appropriate occasions are sent when requested and mass cards purchased for deaths upon request by the president.
- Getting the same info as the president helps to stay informed.

Parish secretaries shared specific comments of note on their position as follows:

- Note cards were sent out to shut-in members or those who were sick or in need of a friendly message.
- Secretaries were learning to prioritize information that is essential to go into the minutes and be shared and how in order to keep members up to date. Some like to read minutes and some distribute paper copies at meetings.
- Combining the positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary will be challenging and it would be good to engage other members to assist on this committee.
- It was reported that being a part of the chain of communication with the President was helpful to keep informed, up to date on current events and assist where possible.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Secretary not answered by policy or guidelines? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Can the meeting minutes be shared publicly on websites? The question was disseminated to the Diocesan level and then up the chain to the Provincial Recording Secretary and Provincial Privacy Officer who then consulted with the Provincial President. It was advised that due to members names being recorded in minutes and respecting privacy and confidentiality, it is strongly discouraged and a best practice that minutes are not posted on any public website. It was also noted that Robert's Rules of Order were consulted.

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Secretary at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- Travelled and attended with the President to out of town council to help councils know the Diocesan council and the reverse.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Secretary position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Developing a resource/workshop to assist the Secretary with the combined duties of Corresponding and Recording Secretary would be beneficial.

Past President/Historian Standing Committee Report **2022**

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 21/30

Chairperson: Cathy McKinney

In your capacity as past president list instances for which you were consulted that may require clarification of policy and identify at what level of the League.

- *election process*
- *Presentation of Service Pins*

Archival information (answers are optional): (Where are your archives kept?)

- *In a locked cabinet in the church: 7 or in a dedicated CWL room: 13*

Describe options for where parish councils keep their archives in bullet one and any items archived in 2022 beyond those described in policy in following bullets.

- *Photo album (8)*
- *Book of life (1)*
- *annual reports (1)*
- *meeting minutes (all)*
- *all thank you cards, receptions and special events*
- *history books*
- *treasurer reports*
- *4 councils have not kept anything*

Do parish councils have a history book? A policy manual?

- YES 13 NO 8 • YES 16 NO 2

Did parish councils use the Constitution and Bylaws at meetings?

- YES 2 NO 15

Did parish councils indicate they have council policy manuals?

- YES 13 NO 3

Describe below any strategies or tools, not available from national, diocesan council used to assist parishes with developing policies.

- Using other councils' policy manuals as a guide to help with the process.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Past President? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- *Assist the President at meetings and be a sounding board with her experiences. Mentor all members*
- *Most use personal experience rather than the Constitution and Bylaws or the National Manual of Policy and Procedure to resolve issues in the council.*

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Past President position including identifying at what level of the League.

- *As the past president it is our duty to continue to mentor and build excitement about the League. It is incumbent upon us to lead the members (in our councils) and teach them about who the CWL is and why it is important to support the League through the difficult process of the strategic plan. *By using the programs that have been developed through the Strategic Planning process, we can educate the members.**
- *Many councils are beginning to navigate their way through meetings in the post-covid era and encouraging members to return! As we all have experienced both personal loss and League loss we are just now realizing the toll it has taken.*
- *As a diocesan team, we are encouraging councils to reach out if they need any assistance. Many councils are struggling to engage existing members, and many are not seeing any new members interested in participating. *Changing the perception of the League needs to change and we need to once again access the existing resources at the national level.**

Spiritual Development Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie

Acting Chairperson: Elizabeth (Betsy) Carrier

Parishes Reporting: 11/30

For each of the following, describe ways parish councils and diocesan council assisted members:

-in their communal and personal prayer life in 2022?

- 9 used a variety of prayer styles, including the League prayer and seasonal prayers
- 8 had spiritual programs (e.g. using resources from the national website's strategic plan)
- 6 attended retreats, days of reflection, online webinars of a spiritual theme
- 5 participated in spiritual readings, book clubs
- 5 used other methods to engage members

-in their growth in Catholic faith?

- 11 shared information from Catholic sources
- 7 offered and/or attend courses, programs, workshops, and had guest speakers
- 5 used websites, online communities
- 1 participated in the study/reading of Vatican II documents (e.g. The Church in the Modern World, Gaudium et Spes)

-in being up to date on the role of women in the church?

- 5 reviewed websites
- 3 studied Catholic documents on women in the church (e.g. news from the Vatican, bishops' conferences)
- 3 did something other (no description offered)
- 2 had guest speakers

Describe ways parish councils and diocesan council supported women and men discerning their vocation?

- 8 donated monetary funds to the Seminarian Fund
- 7 prayed for vocations and for those discerning priesthood and religious life
- 1 shared items posted on diocesan Facebook, CWL websites, and info from other faith groups
- 1 sent congratulatory cards
- 4 did nothing

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Spiritual Development? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- I was not asked any questions about the duties of Spiritual Development.

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Spiritual Development at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- 1 council participated in National Faith Day Program, 1 participated in Catholic Social Teaching Program; 5 participated in Prayers and Spiritual Programs module; 1 participated in Workshop on Creating Prayers Program; 1 participated in Catholic Social Teaching Institutions
- 3 councils held retreats more than 2 hours length
- there was some participation in faith/prayer activities with interfaith organizations both Christian and non-Christian
- diocesan chairperson prepared prayer services, sent directives, attended ZOOM Reconciliation Rosary and provincial Spiritual development chairpersons ZOOM meeting, forwarded provincial Faith in Action focus project "CWL Synodality" to parish councils, and attended the "Special Topics in Evangelization and Catechesis" Webinar series
 - Joyful Messengers of Challenging Proposals
 - Listeners on the Synodal Way
 - Charting a Path Forward: The Visit of Pope Francis and Next Steps in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
 - Creation as a Source of Life and our Call to Care for It

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Spiritual Development position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Councils were not aware of the resources available to them and 7 indicated that they would like to be; provide information/education regarding the location and the process to access these resources; encourage councils to use the resources available to them (parish).
- offer a course in how to participate in ZOOM so members/councils are able to participate in online spiritual programs (parish)
- offer "hubs" for members to gather for ZOOM webinars, reflections etc.

Christian Family Life Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Chairperson: Kelly Langevin

Parishes Reporting: 19/30

For each of the following, list actions by parish councils and diocesan council to:

Support marriage and families.

- Sent anniversary cards/gifts for milestone years.
- Monetary aid to families in need.
- Offered prayers for those families in need.
- One member volunteered at a Catholic Family Retreat during the summer.

Uphold or advocate for the sanctity of life.

- Many councils support Right to Life and Pregnancy Support Programs.
- Many members attended Life Chain.
- Support Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and bring information to meetings.
- Support Birth Right financially.
- Offer prayers for the Unborn.
- Withdrew support of local hospice because MAiD is offered.

Support youth.

- Assist in sacramental preparation.
- Involved and support financially a regional youth group in North Bay.
- Started a children's liturgy program.
- Present a bursary to a student from the parish entering grade 9 at a Catholic secondary high school.
- Purchased books of faith for young children.

Reach out and provide ministry to others.

- Send sympathy, thinking of you and get well cards to members in the community.
- Offer masses for members and loved ones of council members.
- Offer prayers through the Pray Line, prayer shawl ministry.
- Visit members in nursing homes.
- Sent Christmas Cheer Boxes.
- Bring Communion to the shut-ins.
- Some of our members donate their time at the local food bank.
- Provide an Honour Guard when requested.
- Make phone calls, pay visits and send emails to stay in touch with those who are shut in or not ready to return to church due to Covid.

Support and/or promote religious vocations.

- Offer Rosaries for Vocations
- Support the Seminarian Fund financially.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Christian Family Life? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Was asked what areas were covered under Christian Family Life.
- If a question was asked that I was not able to answer, I would request the advice of my Diocesan President and / or my Provincial counterpart.
- Referred to the Catholic Women's League of Canada's Constitution and Bylaws booklet

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Christian Family Life chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Asked to convene the Annual Diocesan Convention.
- For Convention we are asking councils to collect personal care items which will then be brought to convention and donated to the Inner City Home in Sudbury which is an inter-city food bank that also provides programs and services.
- Attended a Zoom "meet & greet" with other Christian Family Life chairs in the province.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Christian Family Life position including identifying at what level of the League.

- National or Provincial could offer a ZOOM (or like meeting format) WORKSHOP for the newly elected diocesan committees to go over the policy, guidelines and reporting under the new Strategic Plan might be helpful.
- Suggest what initiatives could be worked on at the parish and diocesan levels.

Resolution/Legislation Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19/30

Chairperson: Mary Lynn Truchon

Indicate those tools councils used in the last three years to develop a resolution. (*Answers represent number of councils*)

2 workshops- diocesan/provincial 2 national resolutions communication
1 resolutions supplement to Exec handbook 1 actual resolution posted on website.
1 resolution guide 2 mentoring by another member 1 Other

Provide the number of councils indicating use of each of the following.

1 Workshop 'Faith in Action' 2 federal department of justice website
6 from government reps 2 in person/online gov't forums at any level
1 Hansard, printed recording of gov't proceedings 3 LEGISinfo website
3 Other

List any resolutions and government bills/legislation/laws studied or acted upon by councils in 2022 and indicate at what level of the League or government as applicable.

- ON.22.1 – Letter Writing Campaign - Provincial
- 2022.01 Reduce Food Loss and Waste – Federal
- Bill C-230: Council members' level of knowledge and awareness ranged from 8 councils being very aware and 8 having some knowledge.
- Bill C-7: Council members' level of knowledge and awareness ranged from 14 councils being very aware and 4 having some knowledge
- Kept members informed of current resolutions.

How many councils indicated names of members interested in receiving specialized training in resolution development? # of parish councils

One council member indicated they would be interested in specialized training in resolution development.

List federal and provincial legislation mentioned by parishes in the annual survey (indicate with P) or addressed by the diocese (indicate with D). e.g. palliative care (P&D), equal access to water (P), Indigenous equality (D)

- ON.22.1 – Long Term Care Homes (P)
- 2022.01 - Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste (P)
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Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Resolutions and Legislation? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- None

List any recommendations or challenges for keeping resolutions and legislation active at the various levels considering the structure changes scheduled for January 2023.

- To keep members informed and up to date on Resolutions and Legislation, suggest that the Provincial Social Justice Chairperson monitor and distribute a biannual update on active resolutions with an associated action plan that is easy for members to implement and action.

Education & Health Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19/30

Chairperson: Diane Carmichael

List the # of councils participating and answers to subsequent question for parish councils and diocesan council:

Promoted/assisted Catholic education

7 # of parishes

- present award at graduation at elementary and secondary levels
- bursary to secondary student
- support snack and breakfast programs
- members assist within parish community

Bursaries or Scholarships

11 # of parishes

- various bursaries are presented to elementary and secondary students

Blood Services Canada National League Partnership

2 # of parishes

- (nothing reported)

Did your council participate or act on the following:

Mental health post card campaign	1-YES	10-NO	5-UNAWARE
Palliative care post card campaign	2-YES	9-NO	5-UNAWARE
Webinar on palliative care May 7	3-YES	11-NO	2-UNAWARE
12 hours of prayer for palliative care	8-YES	8-NO	1-UNAWARE
World Water Day, March 22	2-YES	15-NO	UNAWARE
Earth Day, April 22	2-YES	14-NO	UNAWARE
Earth Action Initiative, September 20	2-YES	14-NO	UNAWARE

List any other significant campaigns or speakers related to helping the environment.

- Joined community in city wide cleanup of debris
- Community garden on church grounds and atrium which supplies church with plant, and recycle
- Bring own coffee mugs to meetings, use recycling and compost bins in parish kitchen

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Education & Health? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- No FAQs

In point form below, list any unusual activities undertaken as Education & Health chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Encouraged members to not deal with a Quebec department store, Simons. They are advertising MAiD to sell their products. And informed members that Quebec is extending MAiD to include infants.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Education & Health position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Even though the survey states that almost \$1,000,00 has been invested in helping parish councils, almost every one of the councils have not implemented nor were aware of any of the programs available to them. The councils need to be better informed. Perhaps some sort of pamphlet can be sent to each at the beginning of each year of all that is available? Instead of expecting the councils to look it up themselves.

Community Life Standing Committee Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 19/30

Chairperson: Debbie Mattiazzi

List the # of councils participating and answers to subsequent question for parish councils and diocesan council:

2nd National Truth and Reconciliation Day – September 30, 2022

8 parishes

- encouraged orange shirt day & participated
- held a prayer service
- many gathered in the community

National Food Bank Project

12 parishes

- directly involved with community food banks
- donated to local food banks
- donation of money & food
- supported Inner City Home

National Webinar on Human Trafficking by Joy Smith

6 parishes

- learned how frightening it is in our community here in the north

Assisting Ukrainian refugees in transition to their new life in Canada?

6 parishes

- collected funds after mass for a month
- collecting donations on line
- provided furniture and furnishings

Did parish councils use the:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada brochure to promote projects supported by the League?

YES 5 NO 13

Catholic Near East Welfare Association brochure to promote projects supported by the League?

YES 0 NO 19

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Community Life? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- none

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Community Life chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- OPC Truth & Reconciliation Working Group
- National Day Orange Shirt Day

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Community Life position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Time sensitive directives develop system to reduce this type
- Research material shared when in a different time zone if possible to participate or is it being taped

Life Member Liaison Annual Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie

Life Member Liaison: Louise Gamelin

Total Number of Life Members: 11

1. New Life Members in 2022: None
2. Total number of Life Members in your diocese 11
 - Number of Deceased Life Members: None in 2022
3. Current Life Member Activities: Keeping in touch with each other through emails. Sending cards for birthdays, Christmas, get well, sympathy.
4. Biggest Challenges: Life members in nursing homes, health issues (dementia) or no computer
5. Greatest Accomplishments: Birthday cards to our Diocesan Life Members
6. Comments and/or Suggestions: I like the once weekly contact from our Provincial Liaison instead of 10 separate emails per week. Also no poems, and videos is very welcome.
7. Diocesan Life Member Liaisons Activities over the past year: Our Diocesan council does not schedule activities exclusively for Life members due to the distance to travel within our diocese to get together. We do participate at regional functions. We do meet at convention and sit together at a Life Members table where we are able to visit and participate in our annual meeting together.

North Bay Regional Annual Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie
Chairperson: Deborah Hickey
Councils: 5

Spiritual Advisor: Sr Rita Godon
Recording Secretary: Marcelle Beaulieu
Treasurer: Betty Silver
Spiritual Development: Maureen Carriere

Chairperson's Report:

- Attended Regional President's Luncheon February 28th, 2022.
- Presidents from four of the North Bay Region, as well as the Regional Chair, participated in the Convention Planning Meetings for the 100th/102nd SSM Diocesan Convention.
- North Bay Region hosted the 2022 Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Convention in North Bay April 22-24, 2022, at the North Bay Best Western.
- May 25th attended the Convention wrap-up meeting.
- Attended a ZOOM meeting Monday 6th for the Regional Chairs
- Attended the SSM Diocesan Executive Orientation in Sudbury June 10-11, 2022.
- June 7th attended the June meeting for Our Lady of Hope
- September 25th attended ZOOM meeting for Executive.
- Attended SSM Diocesan Executive Meeting October 14th -15th in Sudbury.

2022 Presidents Meeting:

- Held an informal Presidents Meeting Tuesday October 4th in the meeting room at St Alphonsus Liguori, all Presidents in attendance.
- Oct 17th met President's for informal coffee meeting to get a feel for the wellness of their Councils and offer the support of the Executive. Lisa Henry, Diocesan President, joined us at "Good to Go".

2022 Regional Meeting:

- Held a Fall Regional Gathering hosted by St Alphonsus of Ligouri Saturday September 26th. An "*All are Welcome*" presentation from Patricia Clizia, Diocesan President Elect/Organization, was presented in her absence at the meeting.

Sault Ste. Marie Regional Annual Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie
Chairperson: Jane Chaput
Councils: 10

Spiritual Advisor: Sr. Pat Carter
Recording Secretary: Maureen Gooderham
Treasurer: Elisa Caputo

Chairperson's Report:

- Attended the Remembrance Day Memorial observance and laid a wreath from the CWL Regional Council.
- Attended Parish CWL General meetings monthly.
- Contacted our local councils to see how they are doing and provided guidance and support whenever called upon.
- October 12, 2022, celebrated St. Jerome's CWL 65th Anniversary.
- Worked with Mary O'Donnell on the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration.
- Attended the Diocesan Executive meeting in Sudbury on Oct 14 & 15, 2022.
- Helped on the parish decorating team.
- Assisted at funeral receptions.
- Attended parish executive meetings.
- Contact with Tapestry Reconciliation program.

2022 Presidents Meeting:

- The President's Meeting was held on September 16, at St. Jerome's.

2022 Regional Meeting:

- Held a Fall Regional Gathering at North 82 Restaurant on October 30th. Provincial President, Linda Squarzolo brought greetings and congratulated the members of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie for all they have accomplished during COVID. Diocesan President, Lisa Henry brought greetings, Diocesan President-Elect/Organization, Patricia Clizia facilitated a an "*All are Welcome*" presentation. The special guest speaker was Mary O'Donnell who spoke on Truth and Reconciliation.

Sudbury Regional Annual Report

2022

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Chairperson: Debbie Mattiazzi
Parishes Reporting: 15

Spiritual Advisor: Ruth-Anne Ingram
Recording Secretary: Lucie Muscolino
Treasurer: Bev Michaud
Spiritual Development: Jeannette Rainville

Chairperson's Report:

- Attended the Diocesan Executive Meeting in June
- Contacted Council Presidents to introduce myself and receive information on their councils
- Attended the General Meeting in September of St. John the Evangelist in Garson
- Participated in March for Life Sunday October 2nd.
- Chaired President's Meeting/Townhall Meeting October 2nd at St. Patrick's Church
- Attended Diocesan Executive Meeting weekend of October 14th.
- Attended Holy Redeemer's General Meeting/October Festival
- Chaired Regional Fall Meeting October 23rd at Our Lady of Hope
- Attended St. John's Bazaar November 27th.
- Sent E-Christmas Cards to council presidents

2022 President Meeting:

- Sunday October 2nd. St. Patrick's at 4:00 pm
 - Topic Future of the League
 - Round Table Dialogue
 - Information concerning 2023 Convention

2022 Regional Meeting

- Sunday October 23rd. Our Lady of Hope at 1:30 pm
 - Greetings from Father Pat Woods
 - Spiritual Opening Ruth Anne Ingram - Reflection on leadership and Pope Francis' Diseases Leadership, Beatitudes
 - Greetings from Diocesan President Lisa Henry
 - Diocesan President Lisa Henry shared changes in the league. Opportunity to change meeting format, example incorporating the three themes, less business, more fun and joy, focusing on Jesus. Be people of action, prayer and faith
 - Annual Reports due in January advised by Patricia Clizia Diocesan President Elect.
 - Patricia also gave a beautiful presentation on the Star Fish Story as part of the All are Welcome presentation.

Diocesan Officers
2022

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor	Rev. Patrick Woods
Diocesan President	Lisa Henry
President-Elect / Organization Chairperson	Patricia Clizia
First Vice-President / Treasurer	Deborah Hickey
Second Vice-President / Communication	Colleen Murphy
Recording Secretary	Diane Gallupe
Corresponding Secretary	Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
Past President / Historian	Cathy McKinney
Spiritual Development - Acting	Elizabeth (Betsy) Currier
Christian Family Life Chairperson	Kelly Langevin
Resolutions & Legislation Chairperson	Mary-Lynn Truchon
Education & Health	Diane Carmichael
Community Life	Debbie Mattiazzi
<u>Regional Chairpersons</u>	
North Bay	Deborah Hickey
Sault Ste. Marie	Jane Chaput
Sudbury	Debbie Mattiazzi
<u>Regional Spiritual Advisors</u>	
North Bay	Sister Rita Godon, csj
Sault Ste. Marie	Sister Pat Carter, csj
Sudbury	Ruth-Anne Ingram

Diocesan Presidents 1920 – 2022

1920-1922	Mrs. J. Kehow	1971-1973	Mrs. Rose Moher
1922-1923	Mrs. Alyce Shepherd	1973-1974	Mrs. Alice Maher
1923-1924	Mrs. J. Hand	1974-1976	Mrs. Anne Grogan
1924-1926	Mrs. J. Murphy	1976-1978	Mrs. Lucille Cullen
1926-1927	Mrs. J. Racicot	1978-1979	Mrs. Olive Plaus
1927-1929	Mrs. Hannah Surtees	1979-1981	Mrs. Betty Nori
1929-1930	Mrs. H. Grace	1981-1983	Mrs. Maureen Crema
1930-1932	Mrs. L.A. Greene	1983-1985	Mrs. Rita Souliere
1932-1934	Mrs. R.A. Fee	1985-1987	Mrs. Kay Cecile
1934-1936	Mrs. M.J. Coughlin	1987-1989	Mrs. Joan Durand
1936-1938	Mrs. T.P. Doyle	1989-1991	Mrs. Rochelle Chartier
1938-1940	Mrs. H. Matheson	1991-1993	Mrs. Connie Zimbalatte
1940-1942	Mrs. J. Lafrance	1993-1995	Mrs. Anne Gallagher
1942-1945	Mrs. M. Lynch	1995-1997	Mrs. Shirley Marcotte
1945-1949	Mrs. Marie Young	1997-1999	Mrs. Ann Dube
1949-1951	Mrs. Ella Dunn	1999-2001	Mrs. Margaret Rondina
1951-1953	Mrs. H. Carroll	2001-2003	Mrs. Louise Gamelin
1953-1955	Mrs. C.B. Reynolds	2003-2005	Mrs. Paulette Smith
1955-1957	Mrs. Agnes McMahon	2005-2007	Mrs. Evelyn Theriault
1957-1959	Mrs. Claire Merchant	2007-2009	Mrs. Vivianne Frankish
1959-1961	Mrs. Jean O'Connor	2009-2011	Mrs. Theresa McGuire
1961-1963	Mrs. Kay Dignan	2011-2013	Mrs. Linda Squarzolo
1963-1964	Mrs. Loretta Hytonen	2013-2015	Mrs. Anna Tremblay
1964-1966	Mrs. Ann Rabeau	2015-2017	Miss Karen McDonald
1966-1968	Mrs. Kay Banks	2017-2019	Mrs. Betsy Currier
1968-1969	Mrs. Vera Quinn	2019-2022	Mrs. Cathy McKinney
1969-1971	Mrs. Verna Morgan	2022 - Present	Mrs. Lisa Henry

Honorary Life Member

1990	Lucille Cullen	Sudbury
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Life Members

1926	Edith Lowe	Killarney
1926	Margaret Rousseau	Killarney
1973	Alice Maher	Sudbury
1977	Lucille Cullen	Sudbury
1977	Verna Morgan	Sudbury
1988	Rita Souliere	Sault Ste. Marie
1988	Betty Nori	Sault Ste. Marie
1988	Maureen Crema	Copper Cliff
1991	Joan Durand	Sault Ste. Marie
1996	Connie Zimbalatte	North Bay
1996	Rochelle Chartier	Chelmsford
2001	Anne Gallagher	Sault Ste. Marie
2001	Shirley Marcotte	North Bay
2003	Ann Dube	Sudbury
2005	Margaret Rondina	Sudbury
2007	Louise Gamelin	Espanola
2010	Evelyn Theriault	Sault Ste. Marie
2014	Theresa McGuire	Lively
2016	Linda Squarzolo	Sudbury
2019	Anna Tremblay	North Bay
2020	Karen McDonald	Sudbury

Parish Presidents – 2022

North Bay Region

Holy Name of Jesus
Our Lady of Sorrows
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
St. Alphonsus Liguori
St. Peter the Apostle

North Bay
Sturgeon Falls
North Bay
Callander
North Bay

Frances Ann Mallette
Corinne Dionne
Annette Dutrisac
Debbie Jones
Christine Osborne

Sault Ste. Marie Region

Holy Family
Our Lady of Good Counsel
Precious Blood Cathedral
St. Ambrose
St. Bernadette's
St. Gerard Majella
St. Gregory
St. James the Greater
St. Jerome
St. Veronica

Sault Ste. Marie
Sault Ste. Marie
Sault Ste. Marie
Thessalon
Elliot Lake
Sault Ste. Marie
Sault Ste. Marie
Blind River
Sault Ste. Marie
Sault Ste. Marie

Margaret Hammond-contact
Lois Lemieux
Louise Bichler
Leah Carson
Michelle Letellier
Josephine Bennardo
Emma Bonin
Rhonda DeGraw
Sandy Punch
Rose Linklater

Sudbury Region

Christ the King
Holy Redeemer
Our Lady of Hope
Our Lady of Peace
St. Alexander
St. Bartholomew
St. Bonaventure
St. Francis of Assisi/St. Sebastien
St. John the Evangelist

St. Jude
St. Kevin

St. Patrick
St. Paul the Apostle
St. Pius X
St. Stanislaus

Sudbury
Sudbury
Sudbury
Capreol
Chelmsford
Levack
Killarney
Walford
Garson

Espanola
Val Therese

Sudbury
Coniston
Lively
Copper Cliff

Catherine Luoma
Elaine McDonald
Dorothy Boyer
Marlynn Paul
Jackie LeDrew
Terry Rapsky
Nancy Tyson
Cheryl Phillips
Suzanne Quackenbush
Marie Bardswich
Valarie Vondette
Pat Hinds
Sue Godin
Angelika Beauchamp
Sandra Boyd
Kathy Smorhay
Faye Wafer

DECEASED CWL MEMBERS FOR 2022

LUCILLE ALISAT	FAITH GANGE	SHIRLEY O'DONNELL
DENISE ARMSTRONG	SHARON GARDINER	JADA PAGNUTTI
CATHERINE ARTHURS	PATRICIA GODFREY	JEAN PECARIC
RITA BATTISTONI	MARIELLE HAMPEL	SANDRA MAY PEERS
LUCIA BIONDI	MARILYNN HARTLEIB	JANINA PETRUS
ZOILA BLASUTTI	SHIRLEY HENRY	CARMELA PITMAN
MARIA BOVAIR	CECILE HILTS	VIOLA PORTELANCE
ARLENE BRIDEAU	PATRICIA HOSKING	MARY POTVIN
THERESA BRISEBOIS	MARY-ANN HOWARDS	STELLA QUAIATTINI
EVELYN BRYNE	MARY HUNT	SHIRLEY RADCLIFFE
EVELYN CHAPESKY	BETTY HYNDMAN	MARGARET REID
MONICA CHIVERS	SHIRLEY JACK	GHISLAINE REILLY
STELLA CLULOW	MICHELLE JENKINSON	CARMEL RYBACHUK
LENORA COMERFORD	LOUISE JOHNSTON	ANGELA SCULLY
FAUSTINA COMISSO	ELAINE KEENAN	ANNA SGARBOSSA
RITA CONATY	PEGGY KEENAN	GLORIA SHAW
MURIEL COUSINEAU	DONNA KIVINEN	CATHY SICOLI
RITA DECHAIINE	ANN KUULA	DIRCE SIMONATO
ARLENE DELANEY	BARB LALONDE	BEATRICE SMITH
CARMEN DELONGCHAMP	TRANQUILLA LAURENTI	MAE STECK
MAUREEN DESTEFANO	BARBARA LAWRENCE	HILDA ST. CYR
ERMA DIANGELO	ANITA LECLAIR	IDA ST. GEORGE
MARIA DIPIETRANTONIO	KATHLEEN LOW	AMY ST. JOHN
LAURA DIXON	VELIA MARTIN	CONNIE ST. JULES
GEMMA DONATO	GUISEPPINA	RITA URSO
NICLA DONNELLY	MASSIMILIANO	HELEN VAILIQUETTE
JACQUELINE DREIKA	JOCELYN MCINNES	NEILA VALLEY
HELEN DUQUETTE	MARY MIHAJIC	MARY ANN VIGNA-BROWN
BIDDY FARRELL	SR. CECILIA MULCAHEY	BERNIE VIOLETTE
MARY SUSAN FLAVIN	DIANE NASH	JOAN WATIER
EILEEN GALIPEAU	RACHEL NYMAN	STELLA WOZNY

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

The Objects of the League shall be to unite Catholic women of Canada:

- 1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development***
- 2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church***
- 3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life***
- 4. to protect the sanctity of human life***
- 5. to enhance the role of women in church and society***
- 6. to recognize the dignity of all people everywhere***
- 7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world***
- 8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony***