



**Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**



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To: Diocesan Christian Family Life (CFL) Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Colleen Martin, OPC, Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson
cc: Ontario Provincial Officers, Diocesan Presidents, Archbishop Damphousse, and National Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson
Sub-Committee: Pat Weller and Shelley Tamas
Enclosure: Updated Diocesan CFL Standing Committee Chair Listing

THEME - The national theme is *Catholic and Living it!* <https://cwl.ca/new-theme-catholic-and-living-it/>. Until OPC elections in July, we continue with the current President's sub-theme of Loneliness.

Sanctity of Life and Dignity of All Peoples

Attending sessions offered by *The deVeber Institute* for Bioethics and Social Research on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) the following statement has stuck with me:

"If you believe in MAiD, you must believe:

1. It is a societal good to kill another member of family.
2. Some lives are not worth living.
3. Killing is preferable to caring."



12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The Ontario Provincial Council is offering a 12-hour zoom session to learn about and pray for palliative care across the country on **May 4, 2022** from **8:30 am to 8:30 pm**. A request will be made of Life Members to assist with hosting hours and, if a celebrant can be confirmed, ministries at a closing mass. Check the website for connection information next week.

Family



The 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) will take place in Rome, 22 – 26 June 2022. The theme of the WMF is "Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness". Pope Francis has announced that this event will be held in a new way; celebrated not only in Rome, but in all dioceses and eparchies across the world. Organized by both the Diocese of Rome and the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, the WMF coincides with the close of the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year". The website includes a catechesis for the event which includes a section for the elderly or grandparents .. <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/> .. You can sign up to stay informed and be part of the virtual event.



Vocations

Reminder** The 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be held on Sunday, May 8 this year. Resources are available here: <https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>

Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary Fund

Bishop Bernard F. Pappin passed away on August 27, 1998 while serving as Spiritual Advisor to the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. In his memory a Bursary Fund has been established by motion of the Provincial Council for the purpose of assisting diocesan seminarians in need of personal financial support.

The Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund is financed solely by donations from Catholic Women's League Councils. The Bursary Committee of the Ontario Provincial Council administers the Bursary. The committee will review applications and award bursaries annually after the submission deadline of January 31.

Please contact seminarians from your diocese/parish to be sure they are aware of the Bishop Bernard J. Pappin Bursary Fund. There were no applications received the past two years but now that the world is reopening we are hopeful seminarians will once again reach out to access this monetary support for them personally as they explore their vocation.

Information is available on the provincial website here:
<https://cwl.on.ca/forms/>

Special Events:

Day of Prayer for Palliative Care – May 4, 2022
World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Sunday, May 8, 2022
National March for Life 2022 – Thursday, May 12, 2022
International Family Day – May 15, 2022
World Meeting of Families – June 22 – 26, 2022
OPC Convention Sunday, July 10 – Wednesday July 13, 2022
Grandparents Day – Sunday, September 11, 2022
Life Chain – Sunday, October 2, 2022

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Remember to refer, from time to time, to the Executive Handbook on the National website here....<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/606-Executive-Handbook-2014.pdf>

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