



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
SAULT STE. MARIE DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Organization Standing Committee**



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To: Organization Chairpersons

From: Lisa Henry, Diocesan President Elect / Organization Chairperson

C.c. Diocesan Executive, Parish Presidents, Provincial Organization Chairperson

My dear sisters in the League,

I pray you are all staying safe and well during these unusual and challenging times. As CWL sisters, we are known for our strength, resiliency, and care. Our faith and prayers will carry us through these trying times and I know we are all looking forward to the day when we can see each other in person and share big hugs!

With the decrease in council activities and operations, I share some information with you to keep you updated.

1. Annual Reports

CWL Executive Director Kim Scammell will be giving an informative, how-to webinar on "How to Complete an Annual Report Survey"

Two dates are available:

- Wednesday, October 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

There is no cost for the webinar. Registration is now open on the CWL website (www.cwl.ca) Just scroll down on the web page to "*In the News - Webinar*" to register.

Even if you have done annual reports in the past, it will be a great refresher!

National Annual Reports will be included in the "fall parish council mailing" so every parish council will be receiving a hard copy in the next few weeks.

2. Social Justice Award 2020

Each year the provincial council presents the Ontario Provincial Social Justice Award to a CWL member who has given extraordinary service in her community. The nominations can come from any council, whether parish, diocesan or the provincial. The award is usually presented at the annual provincial convention in July. Since conventions were cancelled this year, the recipient was given her award at a special ceremony at her home parish.

The Ontario Provincial Social Justice Award for 2020 was presented to Miranda Pinto of St. Barnabas Parish in the Toronto Diocese.

Ontario Provincial CWL Social Justice Award for 2021

The time to submit nominations for the 2021 Ontario Provincial Social Justice Award is approaching. Each diocese in the province is eligible to send one nominee to the Provincial CWL Organization Chair on or before November 30, 2020.

The suggested deadline to receive nominations would be November 10, 2020, especially if there are several candidates from which to choose.

If you have a member you would recommend for this honour, please contact me by email at: lidahenry11@gmail.com (the "d" in the email address is not a typo) so we may discuss the process to nominate your deserving member.

The nominee must meet the criteria listed below. Each nomination package must contain all of the required documents also listed.

Required Criteria

- The nominee shall be a member in good standing of The Catholic Women's League of Canada for the past five (5) years.
- The nominee shall have been a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the Province of Ontario.
- The nominee shall have been a CWL member at any level and community.
- The nominee shall have given extraordinary service in social justice issues contributing to her community.
- The nominee shall have demonstrated exemplary leadership, generosity of spirit and living the mission of the League.

Required Documents

- Completed Nomination Form - Nomination forms are available in the Provincial Policy and Procedure Manual (Appendices A.8.1 – 01) on the provincial website (cwl.on.ca). The Nomination Form must be signed by the CWL president of the council submitting the nomination.
- Two (2) references (one must be from her parish priest). Letters of recommendation from these references must accompany the application.
- The person making the nomination must write a detailed paragraph outlining why this nominee is an ideal candidate for the award.

3. Meetings

Our Provincial Organization Chairperson, Linda Squarzolo passes along this important information regarding guidance on meetings during this time of reduced contact. She received this information from National.

Online Meetings

Some groups have been having "teleconference gatherings", either over the internet or on telephone calls. Some business can happen this way but decisions must be ratified (motion made and voted on) when you meet "in person".

In-Person Meetings

Parish councils can begin meeting in person again but must honour all local public health and parish protocols. Each council will decide when it is safe for them to resume. The grassroots will be leading the way.

Peace and Blessings,

Lisa

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