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SAULT STE. MARIE DIOCESAN COUNCIL**



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National Theme: Here I am Lord, Send Me.

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

My Dear Sisters in the League,

As we gather and report on our various achievements into this annual report, we do so under the inspiring call to **"Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission."**

This theme, rooted in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, reminds us that our service is a response to a heart set on fire by God's infinite love. Because if this, the works of the Lord are evident.

In the **Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie**, I have seen this passion firsthand—in the quiet devotion of your prayers, your social justice initiatives, and in the community spirit which flows as you gather in His name.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, may your hearts continue to "burn within you" as you recognize Christ in one another and in those you serve, especially the poor and marginalized.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to your mission. As you review the pages in this report, may you see the great "fruit" of a mission which draws its strength from a deep faith. Let us move forward with renewed enthusiasm, trusting that when we ignite our passion for the Gospel, His mission truly flourishes.

May God bless you and your families,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeff Shannon

President

Patricia Clizia
Sudbury, ON

Spiritual Advisor

Rev. Jeff Shannon
Precious Blood Cathedral - Sault Ste. Marie, ON



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

My Dear Sisters in the League,

This past year has been a time of renewal and new beginnings in many of the councils, with the installation of new council presidents and executive teams. In some councils, where a full executive was not achieved, the important work has begun to invite, mentor and support women in these leadership growth opportunities. A council in the Sudbury region has reactivated after almost 8 years of inactivity, supported by a very young executive who, themselves are new members in the League. Hope abounds!

Through Unity Outreach visit surveys, it was learned that faith enrichment and spiritual development were highly sought by members. In response, regional spiritual advisors shared their gifts generously in developing and offering Faith Encounters in each region, working in conjunction with the diocesan faith chair, and regional chairs, inspired as Pilgrims of Hope in the year of Jubilee. Members gathered to contemplate and pray with a labyrinth, explore contemplative prayer and embraced their creativity through prayer to create inspiring and personalized prayer folders.

Members also expressed a desire to be more connected with one another, and to continue in their learning, development and growth in the League. 'League 411' regional days of development were launched in the diocese, under the leadership of the vice president and regional chairpersons. These events were widely attended and featured guest speakers in a marketplace / trade show setting connecting members with local community organizations and resources. League information and resources were highlighted with an information booth in each region.

The provincial president shared her ministry of presence with members, by visiting all regions in our diocese during the past year, sharing her joy and love of the League.

I am inspired by the activities and initiatives that have been undertaken by members across the diocese, those included in this annual report and many more that are not highlighted. All councils are unique, bring special gifts to service, have strengths and their own special projects that are important to them. They are to be commended for their tremendous efforts.

Thank you for shining your light, for embracing your gifts, and for adding your part to the whole. May you continue to be inspired by your passion, as you empower His mission, for God and Canada.

Your sister in the League,

Patricia Clizia

President

Patricia Clizia
Sudbury, ON

Spiritual Advisor

Rev. Jeff Shannon
Precious Blood Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

President: Patricia Clizia
Members: 1808
Councils: 22 of 30 reported

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Jeffrey Shannon
Life Members: 13
Regions: 3

All members of the diocesan executive fully embraced their leadership roles while participating actively in provincial committees and outreach activities with their parish counterparts across the diocese.

A new format for the annual diocesan convention was piloted with a focus on member and leadership development. The second day of the convention included the annual meeting of members' business session. Delegates provided high satisfaction ratings on all the components of the new format, as measured by evaluation surveys.

A full program day of workshops and guest speakers was offered with generous support received from the National Development Fund. Diocesan officers and chairpersons prepared and hosted mini workshops, using strategic planning resources, and engaged delegates in a creative and impactful way. The Reconciliation Tapestry was presented by Jackie Hookimaw-Witt and Norbert Witt, accompanied by indigenous drumming led by Mary O'Donnell. Salt & Light Media attended to film the presentation to be included in documentary.

Sr. Susan Scott engaged delegates in a dialogue on Ecumenical and Interfaith Collaboration. A guest presenter, Monic Ayotte, delivered a keynote on the topic of leading with grace exploring emotional intelligence and leadership in women's groups. Members of the first Catholic Girls League established in the diocese were sponsored to attend the convention workshop day and delivered a presentation on their journey to establishing a council and shared the impact of their encounters as young women of faith.

Resolution 2025.01 Expand legislation to protect politicians against acts of violence and incivility was adopted at the annual convention and gifted to the Ontario council for presentation at the 78th annual provincial convention.

As an extension of the initial Unity Outreach visits and feedback gathered, a few new initiatives were launched to meet the expressed desire of members for more spiritual development, and connectedness, and to learn more about how to enhance and complement gatherings and meetings with local resources and guest speakers to enhance participation and recruitment outcomes.

Faith encounters were planned and hosted in each region. Members were invited to participate in activities themed on Pilgrims of Hope in the Year of Jubilee. An afternoon of spiritual development was hosted, led by the three respective regional spiritual advisors (as members of their regional committee, and the diocesan faith committee).

Members participated in guided prayer labyrinth activities, fabricated and decorated personal prayer and intention folders, and explored contemplative prayer and prayer through movement.

A valued relationship with The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie continues to positively impact member engagement in each of the three regions, with spiritual

guidance and leadership provided by a Sister of St. Joseph, or Associate members. Leaders in the League in our diocese are members of the congregation, as a religious sister or as an associate member; a wonderful synergy of sharing, faith, service and unity across two sisterhoods.

Regional Development Days were developed and hosted by a diocesan committee comprised of the vice president and three regional chairpersons. With the generous support of a grant received from the provincial council, members learned more about the pillars of the League, engaged in a League Marketplace of information and resources in a trade show model, and connected with local community agencies and organizations for resources and potential guest speakers to complement council meetings and gatherings. The program for the day included Mass, a brown bag lunch and opportunities for members to connect with others from across the region to share ideas.

It is valued that members of the provincial council were consistently engaged, available and responsive. The support provided through guidance and mentorship had a positive impact. The provincial president attended a member gathering or event in each of the three regions, in the diocese spanning more than 450 kilometers; a tremendous commitment.

An operations manual with tasks and guidelines including a calendar of duties and activities, insurance and risk management, instructed votes and other items, would be beneficial for the office of president. Timely and relevant membership data would assist the president in highlighting potential issues or identifying strengths so as to coach and support membership outcomes. A buddy system for council presidents across the diocese to offer opportunities to engage with presidents of different regions would further enhance team building and connectedness among council presidents.

Vice-President Report

2025

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 22 / 30
Members in Diocese: 1808

Kathleen Niro

Our councils were committed to welcoming parishioners. Introductions and invitations were made. Many councils invited women to the general membership gatherings where the new person was introduced, and a general background was given. At smaller gatherings, all members in attendance gave an introduction. Encouraged participation at gatherings, kept the conversation going. Membership kits were also popular to give to new members, some included the CWL pin. CWL pamphlets were made available in the vestibule of the church. The bulletin announcements extended an invitation to women of the parish and on occasion of a guest speaker, to all parishioners. CWL members were present at the entrance of the parish to greet people, offer assistance and welcome them.

Parish councils have embraced a variety of National and Provincial resources, utilizing the information to organize events in accordance with our Catholic practices. Resources that stand out are the petitions and literature, inspirations for guest speakers such as Mental Health and Well Being, the Welcome program and Validation Program to develop a robust Membership plan. Most vice presidents stated they share the National resources with their councils.

Councils informed their members about the available resources available via:

email and meetings: 81%	telephone calls: 38%
word of mouth: 67%	text: 14%
newsletter, communiqués/directives/memos: 52%	Facebook: 14%

Many councils did not have a vice president. However, the national theme, Here I am Lord, Send Me, inspired councils to use the theme in the spirit of the provincial theme based on scripture "Rejoice in the Lord always" Philippians 4:4, to continue to recruit, retain and regain their members. Membership invitation letters were handed out personally to women of the parish. Some parishes made announcements at Mass, listed the themes in the bulletins, on bulletin boards, on correspondence, agendas, promotions, programs used during the reception of new member ceremony and service awards pin ceremony.

Councils made themselves visible in their parishes, letting members and non-members know The League is present. Many councils had members greeting parishioners as they arrived for Mass which gave the personal contact and invitation to prospective members. Some parishes are small, new women are more easily identified. Councils have established opportunities to engage new or potential members so they can see the hands of The League firsthand. These opportunities include spiritual seminars, gatherings with a

meal with and without other parish/community groups, potluck meals after Mass, recruitment drives, invitation to an event, activities are in the bulletin, social media, on bulletin boards and by personal word of mouth. Some councils organized a CWL weekend and arranged for the president to address the congregation after the Masses providing information about The League.

General recommendations

1. A quarterly letter/email would be a great idea to keep everyone updated on things regarding The League
2. Demonstrate how to access the National website resources with member login
3. Every day is member recruitment day
4. Identify National and Provincial priorities when sending their communications.
5. Draw attention regularly to the workshops available on the websites that councils deliver to their members
6. Let members know that they are valued by small gestures, acts of love and inclusiveness
7. Encourage sub committees
8. Continue engaging seasoned members with new members with mentorship.
9. Stay visible – scarf, pashmina, pins, calendars, CWL events, your smile and laughter

Our Diocese is grateful for the women of faith who have answered their Parish Council's call and accepted the important role of Treasurer. Their commitment and dedication are essential to the effective stewardship of council resources.

Councils across the Diocese continue to demonstrate their faith through service in their local communities. Members embody the heart of Christ, with financial support and hands-on involvement with local food banks; assistance to refugee families through initiatives such as baby showers and assisting in securing safe, affordable housing; preparing care packages for seniors; participation in street ministry initiatives providing meals to individuals experiencing homelessness. CWL members consistently respond wherever there is a need.

Councils also extend their support beyond our local boundaries by contributing to national organisations that serve communities across Canada. These include Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, Catholic Missions Canada, and CNEWA Canada. Such contributions reflect a shared commitment to compassion and social responsibility.

CWL members recognize their role within the global community. Through support of international initiatives that promote the common good, supporting agencies such as the Coady International Institute, councils demonstrate an ongoing commitment to strengthen communities worldwide.

Sixty-two percent of council treasurers reported preparing an annual budget alongside their financial statements. This practice supports transparency and provides members with a clear understanding of council revenues and expenditures. These financial tools assist both executive and members in informed planning and decision making.

Treasurers expressed pride in their role, particularly in providing accurate financial records that support sound decision making. Attention to detail and responsible stewardship were identified as key contributions. One council noted the importance of "doing our best with the woman power we have".

General recommendations

1. **Membership Development:** Treasurer emphasized the need to promote the League to prospective members and provide education and training to current members, particularly to prepare future leaders as long-serving members step down.
2. **Activities and Resources:** Smaller councils the challenges in meeting executive responsibilities with limited volunteer resources.

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 22 / 30

Colleen Murphy

Most parish councils share minutes, agendas, newsletters or contact members about the need for prayers, upcoming events, etc. through email, using b-cc to protect email addresses. Some parishes are just now collecting email addresses from members. Councils use their parish bulletins, parish Facebook pages, bulletin boards and mass announcements to communicate. Several councils have their own Facebook page and/or newsletter. One council uses power-point presentations at some meetings, while another purchased a device to project information from a laptop to the LCD projector in the church hall. Another secretary informs members of all communiques/memos received, promotes OPC newsletters, encourages members to refer to resources available on the national, provincial and diocesan websites and shares some online information on the tv screen.

Many councils also use a phone tree sub-committee to contact members. When required, volunteers are requested to assist in communication activities, often short-term activities not requiring formal sub-committees. In some councils, subcommittees handle correspondence, the bulletin board, announcements in parish bulletin and at mass as well as Facebook posts. One new executive is establishing subcommittees for their Mother's Day Tea, Funeral Luncheons and Fundraising events. Their Vice-President is responsible for the Facebook page and the newsletter is vetted through the president before distribution. This Vice-President doubles as their computer tech. Subcommittees are also established for event planning.

Secretaries are proud of their detailed, timely and comprehensive minutes. One secretary is most proud of the fact that this role has given her more confidence. She has become more comfortable with public speaking and more willing to put her hand up when asked. Another is very proud of serving the CWL community and providing assistance as secretary for her very helpful executive team. One secretary says her executive is a strong team committed to promoting CWL in their parish, using technology when and where appropriate. Another is most impressed with the way members forward their written reports to be recorded in the minutes. Another is proud of the work of promptly sending out sympathy, thinking of you, and get-well cards to members with a special note added to each. One loves the fact that she is recording the council's history and keeping members updated. By keeping members informed, they are engaged and enthusiastic in living and witnessing to the CWL mission. The positive reactions to cards and phone calls are appreciated.

The 2025 provincial and national themes were implemented by secretaries updating bulletins, bulletin boards and meeting minutes are used to communicate the provincial/national themes. They collaborate with executive and general membership on planning activities related to provincial and national themes. One member used the national theme as inspiration when the position of secretary needed to be filled to say Yes! A council introduced the theme at their Christmas party - the themes were put on a

Christmas tag attached to a treat and explained. Another secretary said by implementing the theme in her personal life, her spirituality is growing stronger every day and she shares that with other people she meets. Another prepares a draft agenda with the theme. The president then introduces the themes at the meetings. The themes are noted at the bottom of each agenda and minute template. One parish celebrated its diamond anniversary and many activities within the parish were focused on the theme. One more council encourages its members to use the 2026 theme as part of their email signature. The theme will also be incorporated into all publications. Secretaries are "sent" to keep members informed. It is through communication that members continue to be informed and inspired!

General recommendations

1. Inform parish members about the Provincial and National Newsletters/ Magazines.
2. Optimize communication of parish, regional, diocesan, provincial and national information and events.
3. For all levels, please do NOT send out any communication in December unless it is an urgent time-sensitive item. Receiving non-essential emails from the CWL is disrespectful of time and resources at a very busy time of year.
4. Keep member email lists up-to-date. Create distribution lists (1 for the executive members and 1 for all members) to send emails more easily.
5. Secretaries have numerous responsibilities. Get sub-committee members to share the load. Write the minutes as soon as possible while everything is still fresh.
6. Gentle reminders are important. Do not "reply to all" when sending responses to emails unless it is important to do so, to avoid multiple unnecessary messages.

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 22 / 30

Lisa Henry

The past president, who is primarily an advisor in a consultative capacity:

- Consulted on policy and procedures including elections? X
- Part of (or will soon be on) the elections committee? X
- Approached by the president for advice or assistance? X

Councils across the diocese demonstrated strong, consistent commitment to preserving their history.

Evidence from the survey:

- *"Minutes are always taken (19)"* – 100%
- *"Minutes are archived (18)"* – 95%
- *"A minutes book is kept (14)"* – 74%

This consistent record-keeping preserved council identity, supported smooth transitions, and protected the League's legacy for future members.

Past presidents lived the national theme *"Here I Am, Lord — Send Me"* through steady, behind-the-scenes leadership.

Key Contributions

- Provided mentorship and guidance *"Advised and guided the council" "Answered any questions and clarified certain procedures."*
- Strengthened governance *"Updating Policy and Procedure Manual. Chair of Elections Committee" "Supporting meeting decorum... identifying opportunities for continuous improvement."*
- Kept members connected *"Consistently posting CWL news or information on Facebook and our parish page."*
- Stepped in during need *"I am both the past president and president since our president became ill."*

Their presence ensured stability, continuity, and alignment with national priorities—especially in councils facing illness, aging membership, or leadership gaps.

Past presidents were most proud of in their role by:

- a)** Being a steady mentor
 - *"I made myself available and offered advice when asked."*
 - *"Attended meetings with President, mentored, took many phone calls and texts."*

They took pride in being the calm, reliable support their councils needed.

b) Provided stability in difficult seasons

- *"I am both the past president and president since our president became ill."*

They were proud to help their councils to continue serving faithfully despite challenges.

General recommendations

1. Formalize mentorship support: Create diocesan mentorship circles or peer-support groups to strengthen confidence and reduce isolation.
2. Offer governance and parliamentary training: Workshops would support past presidents who guide councils in procedures, elections, and policy interpretation.
3. Support councils without a past president: A diocesan "Past President Companion Program" would ensure every council has access to guidance.
4. Encourage gentle succession planning: Past presidents can help identify new leaders and nurture confidence in potential volunteers.
5. Provide communication templates: Since many past presidents help share CWL news, templates would lighten their workload and ensure consistency.

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
 Parishes Reporting: 22 / 30

Chairperson: Debbie Mattiazzi

Councils explained and shared symbols on prayer cards, praying in parish activities, supporting the needy, participating in street ministry providing meals to the homeless, education on mental health through speakers and providing current information, donations to local food banks. Councils participated in letter writing to the government concerning living conditions in Gaza. Members were engaged in increase prayer, sacrament of reconciliation, practice of corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Participated in locally organized worship events such as Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, March for Life, and National Life and Family Week. Stations of the Cross and Memorial Services for deceased CWL members, Rosary Workshop with the youth, teaching them how to pray the rosary, Senior Christmas Supper & Social. Many councils supported refugee newcomers to find safe affordable housing, care packages to senior centers, Inner City Home Food Bank, and collection of mitts and hats, which continue. Councils visited and prayed the rosary with palliative patients as well as providing a mass for Palliative Care.

Councils supported or promoted religious vocations through prayer:

- for women religious: 11 councils
- partner with religious communities: 4 councils

Councils advocated for the sanctity of life by:

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| • Promoting pro-life events and encouraged member participation | 8 |
| • Including pro-life prayers and reports in meetings | 1 |
| • Participating in March for Life or similar public pro-life gatherings | 8 |
| • Participating in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care | 7 |
| • Writing letters to government against abortion and/or MAiD | 17 |
| • Participating in pro-life webinars or guest speaker events | 1 |

The 2025 provincial and national themes were implemented through the Faith standing committee where councils supported the initiative through workshops, guest speakers and prayer services such as Human Trafficking, Mental Health Awareness, refugees, meals for the homeless, Palliative Care, Life Chain, Pilgrimage to Rome, Food Banks, Rosary Sacrament of Reconciliation, spiritual and corporal acts of mercy, Memorial Services for deceased members, World Day of Prayer and Bible Studies. Councils supported Development and Peace, Catholic Missions in Canada, Lenten charitable activities and Coady Institute.

General recommendations

1. Develop sub committee
2. Work with the other pillars, service and social justice in preparing for General Membership Meetings.
3. Reach out and work with other Faith standing committees in the diocese
4. Reach out to Regional Spiritual Chairs
5. Communicate with the other executive members for assistance
6. Access the National Website

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 22 / 30

Chairperson: Dorothy Boyer

Councils raised awareness about human trafficking, homelessness, mental health and other issues by having speakers from local agencies do presentations at their parish and regional meetings. Some attended webinars or held workshops. Some supported youth in the diocese to attend the pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee year. Some parishes attended the Ontario Provincial Convention. Jubilee Year online pilgrimage.

Members were visible in their parishes with CWL weekends, where members were readers, Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers or collection takers, all while wearing their pins, sashes and scarves. Many parishes participated in funeral services as honour guards and served funeral lunches. Many started coffee Sundays or monthly potluck dinners.

Parish education was shared through meetings, bulletins, newsletters, handouts, petitions, emails, phone calls, Facebook and one on one conversation. All members were encouraged to access the CWL National site and Facebook for information; to attend regional meetings & conventions. Communiques were shared with parish presidents, diocesan executive and service chairs.

Members initiated and/or participated in some of the following activities.

- A sock, shoe and boot drive that brought in more than 1000 pairs. Assisted at Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfasts and suppers at both the parishes and some schools.
- Many members across the diocese assist at food banks or soup kitchens. Most parishes have ongoing food drives.
- Coldest Night of the Year was chosen as a diocesan project to aid the Samaritan Centre in Sudbury, the Gathering Place in North Bay and St. Vincent Place in Sault Ste Marie. It is a Canada wide 2km or 5km family friendly walk raising funds for the less fortunate in our communities. Some parishes have participated in this for years as volunteers, walker or fundraisers.
- Valentines are filled out and signed by members and delivered to local nursing and retirement homes.
- Baby showers or collection of baby items are participated in by many parishes have for Birthright and Pregnancy Care Centres.
- Teas, bazaars and garage sales are common to raise funds for the charities that are supported by the CWL.
- Decreasing waste and removing disposable items from the church kitchens is encouraged.
- 12 Hours for Palliative Care was available in several parishes.

Service encompasses many things. Service transforms faith into action through charitable outreach. Service offers compassion, practical assistance and presence.

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 22 / 30

Chairperson: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh

Councils raised awareness in the areas of Catholic social teaching:

- *Upheld the life and dignity of the human person*
- *Advocated for the poor and vulnerable and their inclusion in society*
- *Advocated for the dignity of work and equal rights of workers*
- *Care for God's creation*

Councils monitored government legislation and acted by:

- Letter writing campaign on Bill C-9, approximately 500 signatures (letters) were given to MP by a local parish priest
- Also, letter writing campaigns were initiated by many parishes throughout the diocese.
- Numerous Petitions throughout the diocese were given to various MP's exact number of signatures is unknown; in North Bay region, 350 signatures so far were submitted to the MP's office

Councils acted on specific League resolutions (identify what level of the League).

The 2025 national and provincial themes were implemented through the Social Justice standing committee by:

- Speakers on Mental Health: 40%
- Speakers on how to get help: 40%
 - Talks on how mental health affects homelessness, job security and violence
 - Numerous donations to food banks
 - Street Ministry - involves food truck
- Speakers on themes: 39%
- Workshops involving the themes: 39%
 - Had presentation about the symbols
- Gave out bags of essential items to needy
- Sock and boot campaigns for the homeless
- Mitts and hats to the schools for winter warmth

General recommendations

1. More workshops
2. Increase awareness of possibilities of social justice
3. 2 applications have been submitted for Social Justice Award

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Life Member Liaison: Louise Gamelin

Total Number of Life members: 13

The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie has welcomed Cathy McKinney as our newest Life Member. Cathy brings with her a great love and dedication to the League. This now brings the total number of Life Members in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie to 13 amazing ladies.

Life members are members who have been Diocesan President, allowed their name to stand for Provincial Council elections or have held an elected position on Provincial Council. The Diocesan Council applies to National Council for consideration of presentation of a Life Membership. It is a huge honour.

The Life Members in our diocese are valued mentors to our councils. They continue to offer their services, share their experience, knowledge and provide support wherever they can. They are often the first welcoming face to a new member, sometimes the voice of reason and guidance and always a steadfast anchor and supporter.

Some Life members in our diocese hold positions on Provincial Council, National Council and National Committees. Life members play a role during Diocesan election time. They may also be called upon by their Diocesan President, Provincial Council and National Council to participate in special projects and committees.

Life members are active in their parishes as Sacristans, Lectors and Ministers of The Eucharist. They sit on various committees within their parish and help whenever needed.

Life members are also very active within their communities. They belong to organizations within the community such as local food banks, The Alzheimer's Society, hospital boards, and too many more to mention.

It has always been my thought that our Life Members are the "energizer bunnies" of our organization.

If you are fortunate enough to have a life member in your council or in your region, I encourage you to draw on their experience, expertise and wealth of information. They are a valuable resource.

As Life Member Liaison, I keep our Life Members up to date on what is going on in The League at all levels. I let Life Members know of special diocesan initiatives that they may be interested in becoming involved with. To help us stay connected as a group, I try to send cards for special occasion and send get well and sympathy cards as needed.

North Bay Region Chairperson Report

2025

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Chairperson: Annette Dutrisac
Spiritual Advisor: Carol Williams Boegel/Ruth Godin
Secretary: Christine Osborne
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette

Parishes Reporting: 5

In preparation for Spring and Fall Presidents' and Regional Meetings, locations were sought, booked and arrangement made for set up and take down at those locations. Volunteers were assigned, advertised in bulletins, on Facebook and requests made of Presidents to include dates at gatherings and emails sent as gentle reminders. Decisions were made as to refreshments and luncheons and follow up arrangements were made, closer to the date. Agendas were created, speakers determined and sought.

Spring

- February 1, 2026, Presidents' Meeting - St Alphonsus Ligouri
- March 1, 2025, Regional Development Day, The League 411 - Holy Name of Jesus, postponed due to inclement weather
- Faith Encounter, although, unable to attend, arrangements were made for volunteers and refreshments, as requested by spiritual advisor and facilitator, Carol Williams.

Fall

- October 1, 2026, Presidents Meeting - Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.
- October 24, 2025 - Regional Development Day, The League 411, worked with Vice-President, Kathleen Niro, in development of program, created posters with presidents, arranged hall set up for location of the pillars of the League, sought speakers, volunteers, created a luncheon menu, prepared and served. This was a brown bag luncheon, but soups and desserts were served.

Attended several Zoom meetings presided by Diocesan President, Patricia Clizia. Also, met in North Bay with President and local Executives.

Maintained contact with presidents, by emails and phone calls, advising of dates set for meetings, events and gentle reminders, answering questions or referring them, if necessary.

Sudbury Region Chairperson Report

2025

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Chairperson: Dorothy Boyer
Spiritual Advisor: Michelle McGuire
Secretary: Cathy Keaney
Treasurer: Lisa Quaiattini

Parishes Reporting: 16

Our council made an impact with our regional development day that provided speakers and literature from multiple agencies in the Sudbury area, in a trade show fashion.

There was information on:

- mental health resources
- palliative care resources
- Alzheimer's disease
- women's shelters
- plasma donations
- senior services to counteract loneliness (The Parkside Older Adult Centre)
- homelessness services
- Sudbury Police Services
- Sudbury Women's centre

Information was given re The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) as a diocesan project. Members from all parishes were encouraged to participate in CNOY. Members could volunteer to work at the event itself, fundraise and/or walk at the event. Several councils had teams involved and the Sudbury region raised more that \$21,000.00 for the Samaritan Centre which is our local soup kitchen. I can see this moving forward each year and the event becoming bigger and bigger.

Sault Ste. Marie Region Chairperson Annual Report 2025

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Chairperson: Marlene Sawko
Spiritual Advisor: Sr. Pat Carter
Secretary, Chris Bot
Treasurer: Sr. Pat Carter

Parishes Reporting: 9

The chair attended numerous zoom meetings through out the past year. There were five with the Diocesan Chairs in Sudbury and North Bay concerning our Regional Development Days, Coldest Night of the Year and President's meetings and luncheons. Seven were subcommittee meetings concerning updates to the Diocesan Policy and Procedure Manual and four were executive meetings. This is a timely and effective way to do business as well as a means of keeping in touch.

The Diocesan Convention was held in North Bay May 23 – 25 and the Chair participated in the service workshop and organized the award for the first time attendee from the Sault as well as arranging transportation for several members.

All councils in the Sault participated in Jubilance on June 18. This was a huge event to celebrate the Jubilee Year and included a mass, a short pilgrimage and a reception. It was attended by over 1,000 faithfuls. This event required two meetings with Sault Presidents.

A Regional Development Day was held in the Sault on October 4 at Precious Blood Cathedral. The Chair arranged for the venue, the speakers as well as a light lunch. There were two meetings with local presidents in preparation of this. Our Diocesan Vice President presented a workshop, and the local speakers were much appreciated. For a busy time of year, the day was well attended, and all local councils were represented.

The presidents were contacted regularly to keep them informed particularly with events in the various parishes to enable support of each other. They were advised of online seminars and workshops and encouraged to attend. A Faith Encounter on February 15 was very well attended as well as teas, parish anniversaries, funerals, advent dinners, baby shower fund raisers etc.

The planning for The Coldest Night of the Year for February 28, 2026, actively took place locally since early fall. This is a Diocesan wide event.

Local councils struggle recruiting new members and elections. They have been made aware of the work shops and information available on our websites.

Diocesan Executive and Committees Term 2024 – 2026

Executive

Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Jeff Shannon
President	Patricia Clizia
Vice-President	Kathleen Niro
Secretary	Colleen Murphy
Treasurer	Deborah Hickey
Past-President / Historian	Lisa Henry
Faith Chairperson	Debbie Mattiazzi
Social Justice Chairperson	Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
Service Chairperson / Sudbury Regional Chairperson	Dorothy Boyer
North Bay Regional Chairperson	Annette Dutrisac
Sault Ste. Marie Regional Chairperson	Marlene Sawko
Life Member Liaison	Louise Gamelin

Regional Spiritual Advisors

North Bay	Carol Williams-Boegel
Sudbury	Michele Caruso McGuire
Sault Ste. Marie	Pat Carter, csj

North Bay Regional Committee

Chairperson	Annette Dutrisac
Secretary	Christine Osborne
Treasurer	Vicki Doucette
Spiritual Advisor	Carol Williams-Boegel

Sudbury Regional Committee

Chairperson	Dorothy Boyer
Secretary	Cathy Keaney
Treasurer	Lisa Quaiattini
Spiritual Advisor	Michele Caruso McGuire

Sault St. Marie Regional Committee

Chairperson	Marlene Sawko
Secretary	Christina Bot
Treasurer	Pat Carter, csj
Spiritual Advisor	Pat Carter, csj

Keeper of the Diocesan Book of Life

Louise McGuire / Debbie Mattiazzi

Diocesan Subcommittees

Ex officio on all committees Diocesan President

Patricia Clizia

Finance Committee

Chair / Treasurer

Deborah Hickey

Past Diocesan Treasurer – Financial Records Reviewer

Ann Koivu

Past Diocesan Treasurer

Bev Michaud

Faith Committee

Chair / Faith Chairperson

Debbie Mattiazzi

Faith Chair – Pro Cathedral of the Assumption

Ruth Godon

North Bay Regional Spiritual Advisor

Carol Williams-Boegel

Sudbury Regional Spiritual Advisor

Michele Caruso McGuire

Sault Ste. Marie Spiritual Advisor

Pat Carter, csj

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Fr. Jeff Shannon

Resolutions Review Committee

Chair / Social Justice Chairperson

Shirlene Condie McVeigh

Life Member

Betsy Currier

Life Member

Cathy McKinney

Vice President

Kathleen Niro

Regional Development Day Committee

Chair / Vice President

Kathleen Niro

North Bay Regional Chairperson

Annette Dutrisac

Sault Ste. Marie Regional Chairperson

Marlene Sawko

Sudbury Regional Chairperson

Dorothy Boyer

Policy & Procedure Manual Review Committee

Chair / Past President

Lisa Henry

Life Member

Anna Tremblay

Life Member

Cathy McKinney

Vice President

Kathleen Niro

Secretary

Colleen Murphy

Sault Ste. Marie Regional Chairperson

Marlene Sawko

Parish Council President

Leah Pierce

Coldest Night Diocesan Engagement Committee

Chair/Service Chairperson/Sudbury Regional Chairperson

Dorothy Boyer

North Bay Activation Team

Annette Dutrisac, Christine Osborne,

Leah Pierce

Sault Ste. Marie Activation Team

Marlene Sawko, Colleen Murphy,

Pat Carter csj

Sudbury Activation Team

Dorothy Boyer, Kim Monaghan,

Cathy Keaney

Diocesan Officers and Chairpersons

2024-2026 Term Summaries



Kathleen Niro – Vice President I attended my first parish council celebration at Holy Family Council’s anniversary Mass at the end of May. I travelled with President, Patricia Clizia, which provided an opportunity for mentorship and relationship building. This set a positive tone for my new role within the CWL.

At orientation, we embraced the diocesan theme “Be the Light” to guide our actions and interactions throughout the term. We shared our light with Sudbury Region Presidents, Provincial Council members, and a Spiritual Advisor over dinner. Our light was illuminated at the provincial convention in July at the Provincial Convention, where our resolution on the Mature Minor Doctrine in Mental Health was adopted. The fall executive meeting commenced with community service at the Elgin Street Mission extending our light before our evening activities.

Over our term, I delivered three workshops in each region: “1” FOR ALL and ALL FOR “1”, “The Joy of Leadership: Module 2 – Strategies to Engage Members”, and “Mentoring Workshop”. A highlight was the successful presentation of the Regional Development Days, The League 411, providing practical tools and inspiration to empower participants and strengthen their councils. Members gathered to learn, connect, and strengthen our mission. The 2025 Diocesan Convention also offered workshops, demonstrating our dedication to fostering growth for all members.

“Be the Light” remained central to our activities—from the Paschal candle to our vigil candles, extending to our families and communities, we recognized the light of Christ entered the world. The Diocesan Council has fully embraced the light of Christ, making it a foundational part of our mission, sharing it with every member and person we encounter.



Colleen Murphy – Secretary

At our 2024 Diocesan Convention in Sault Ste. Marie, I was honoured to be chosen as Diocesan Secretary. This term is the first to comprise the amalgamated positions of recording secretary, corresponding secretary and communications chair. My previous diocesan chair position was Communications, so since that was absorbed into the Secretarial position, I could keep that hat on! The position is now a big one and I was encouraged to find sub-committee members to help me in my responsibilities. However, I am reluctant to bother others, so I have toiled away on my own.

I have appreciated getting to know more about the inner workings of the CWL. Minutes, motions, directories, correspondence, newsletters, social media, website, elections register, conventions. All of these are essential to the day-to-day successes of the Catholic Women’s League. So much work is done behind the agendas, posters,

workshops and meetings that we see. There is much thought put into each paragraph, email and memo. I am in awe of the ingenuity, enthusiasm, dedication and faith of each diocesan executive member as well as the parish executive members that I have met. Each one is a blessed soul that gives so very much, despite personal challenges.

From the orientation meeting, the retreat, the workshops, the efforts to reach those in need, to this closing convention, I value the commitment that so many Catholic women dedicate to the League. We are a far-reaching organization that touches our hearts and homes. God is with us!



Deborah Hickey – Treasurer I was incredibly honored at the 2024 Diocesan Convention to be re-elected for a second term as Diocesan Treasurer. The Treasurer position is unique as it is the only Executive position that a member may be elected two terms in the same role. During my tenure, I have worked diligently to maintain the finances of our Diocese, keep our financial position at the forefront of decision-making, and prepare and presentation of all financial statements. It has been a position of responsibility, accountability, and transparency—one I have been worked hard to fulfill with the support of my fellow members of the Diocesan Executive.

Although my position involves numbers and reports, it has also provided opportunities for growth, sharing, and strengthening in my walk with Christ. It has allowed me both to mentor others and to be mentored in return—to help others build on their strengths, and to help them find their strength when in doubt.

I am always in awe of the incredible faith, strength, compassion, and love shared within the sisterhood of the CWL, of their commitment to our Lord and to His service. I am truly blessed to be counted among the members of this amazing organization, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve in the future. Walk in His peace!



Lisa Henry – Past President As I look back on my term as diocesan past president, I am struck by how often God’s light revealed itself in quiet, steady ways. It seemed to shine most brightly in the moments of transition—those times when councils were discerning new leadership and women were wondering whether their gifts were needed. Walking with them through the election process felt like accompanying them along a path lit by the Spirit. God equips those He calls.

That same light guided my work in supporting the diocesan president whenever I was called upon. Her leadership often illuminated my own steps, reminding me that service in the League is always shared.

This term also brought the important work of reviewing and revising our diocesan policy and procedure manual. What began as a detailed administrative task soon became a collaborative effort filled with insight and wisdom from many women. Their willingness to contribute their light—through experience, clarity, and thoughtful reflection—helped shape a resource that will support our diocesan governance process.

God's light also shone brightly in our collective diocesan experiences. The energy and unity of our orientation day, the quiet renewal of our fall retreat at Villa Loyola, the compassion shared at the Elgin Street Mission, and the rich learning of last year's convention all revealed how our individual lights grow stronger when we stand together.

As I conclude this term, I do so with deep gratitude. The light we tended together—God's, mine, and yours—continues to shine across our diocese, guiding the next women who will answer the call to lead.



Dorothy Boyer – Service Chair – Sudbury Regional Chair

As a regional chair, I had increased contact with the presidents in the Sudbury Region. As chair, you assist and collaborate with the president with communication among the parishes. This position allows you to network with the other presidents and their parishes. This is a two-year role which is appointed by the president. With the assistance of the diocesan council, you chair 2 presidents' meetings and organize 2 regional development days.

I have assisted to a small degree in the restarting of the St Andrew's CWL, having attended some meetings there. I have attended as a guest at some parish CWL meetings. I represented the president at their CWL 60th anniversary presenting words and certificates from the diocesan and provincial councils. I enjoyed sharing the Christmas dinner and sing-along at St Kevin's parish in Val Caron.

With the mail interruptions - emails were common. Also, items were delivered to the households or parishes across the region as gas was cheaper than postage. This position gives you the opportunity to share your gifts of leadership, organization and mentorship. When and if asked, say YES! It is a great opportunity to learn about the League.



Debbie Mattiazzi – Faith Chair

I certainly have experienced my passion ignited over the past 2 years. The opportunities and experiences as Faith Chair in our diocese allowed me to share the gifts God has given me as well as increasing my faith and love for God and the Catholic Women's League. We are a beautiful sisterhood. I feel blessed to have had the support of our Regional Spiritual Advisors, Sister Pat Carter, Michele McGuire, Carol Williams and our president Patricia Clizia, on the Faith Encounter Committee.

The commitment to sharing their gifts through the many Faith Encounter meetings in all three regions in our diocese, supporting Pilgrims of Hope in 2025 Jubilee Year and this year, St. Francis 2026 Jubilee. I am also grateful to Ruth Godin, my subcommittee member, who continues to support me with prayer services.

I sincerely appreciate all the women who accepted the position as Faith Chair on their councils. Having the opportunity to reach out through phone calls and cards allowed us to journey together, getting to know each other and build respect and trust. Sharing our excitement in the Lord, encouraging and sharing our journey, and thanking one another, helps each of us to grow in Faith and Love for our God. Our Provincial Faith Chair, Claudette Langdon, supported the Diocesan Faith Chairs with regular virtual meetings, giving all Faith Chairs in our Province an opportunity to collaborate and contribute to our roles as Faith Chairs.

Pope Leo's opening remarks resonated with me when he spoke about building bridges, importance of dialogue, humility, peace, reminder that God loves everyone, discipleship, walking hand in hand with God, the World Needs His Light. I pray that the Catholic Women's League continues to live out our mission together with the Pope Leo's message. This year 2026 Pope Leo proclaimed St. Francis Jubilee Year, who's life of poverty, peace and devotion of Christ. St. Francis reminds us that renewal begins with conversion of heart, trust in God. How fitting that our National Theme symbol is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I pray that God continues to call women to service the Catholic Women's League with love and compassion.



Shirlene Condie-McVeigh – Social Justice Chair It is hard to believe that the 2024-2026 term at the diocesan level has come to close. I was fortunate to be asked to be the Social Justice Chairperson for a second term. The majority of my career in nursing was dedicated to psychiatric care which fed my interest for social justice.

In my first term for Social Justice we were presented with a resolution, the first one in our diocese in 11 years. How exciting! The process of taking the resolution, fine tuning it with an amazing team of women willing to be on the review committee and then presenting it to the Provincial CWL is one exciting. Know what is more exciting? Having it accepted, knowing it will be presented to Provincial government to advocate change.

We advocated to government with petitions and letter writing. This position has taught me so much more than I ever realized about the social justice platform that I know I barely scratched the surface. There is so much more that I could have done and now it awaits the one to follow me.

The support from others is constant and appreciated. Quarterly meetings via Zoom conducted by our Provincial Social Justice Chair, keep us in the know, announcing important dates and sharing ideas. Learning from the other councils in the group what they are up to and how they keep social justice alive is enlightening and a great resource. It is an amazing learning experience and a great source of ideas. I have learned you are never alone. Help is there and always available. SISTERHOOD is alive and thriving in this organization. It is good!

Looking at social justice as a fair and equitable distribution of resources, opportunities and rights within a society. It focuses on removing barriers for marginalized groups and addressing systemic injustices including economic inequality, racism and gender discrimination, aiming to ensure every individual can participate fully and prosper regardless of background.



Annette Dutrisac – North Bay Regional Chair In a short period after the 2024 Diocesan Convention in Sault Ste Marie, I received a telephone call from President Patricia Clizia, inviting me to join her Council as North Bay Regional Chair. I was honored to accept this position. I am grateful to past Regional Chair Deborah Hickey for her guidance and support as I set up a supporting team of Secretary Christine Osborne and Treasure Vickey Doucette and following that beginning my term.

I am fortunate, as I was already on a first name basis with the Presidents in all North Bay Councils, having met with most of them over the many years of being a member of the Catholic Women's League for 35 years. Becoming Regional Chair and setting up meetings was much like inviting sisters to do lunch. My goal was to gather my sisters in the League in a warm and welcoming atmosphere where updates, information, ideas were shared. We did have new Presidents after elections and time was set aside for questions and answers time. It gave me pleasure to watch the sharing of ideas, the suggestions, the laughter and the Sisterhood of the League in action.

My experience in this term was rewarding as I continue to grow personally in knowledge of the League, in sharing all that I learned through our Zoom meetings and especially gathering in our first Executive Meeting. I am grateful for the guidance, support, assistance of my sisters in The League these past two years, as we share our God-given gifts and talents in His name.



Marlene Sawko – Sault Ste. Marie Regional Chair I was thrilled to become Sault Ste. Marie Regional Chair at our 2024 Diocesan Convention in Sault Ste. Marie. I have previously served on the Diocesan Executive as Corresponding Secretary and Chair of Education and Health. The Regional Chair's position has given me a unique appreciation not only of what is happening at the ground level but at the Diocesan level as well. Councils are struggling with filling executive positions, recruiting new members as well as an aging

membership. I found all councils willing to step up when needed and are supportive of each other.

Participation on the Diocesan Executive from our orientation session, our retreat, our service mission and our Zoom meetings has been another level of engagement that has been lively, faithful and enriching. I have found my diocesan sisters to be dedicated, supportive and so faithful. We have had two busy years! City-wide we supported many common projects unique to our city as well as diocesan projects which were hugely successful to local food banks and Coldest Night of the Year. Each city also put on successful Development Days and workshop luncheons. Locally councils were also heavily involved with Jubilance, our Jubilee Year Pilgrimage.

For me the highlight of my tenure has been getting to know the local councils. We are involved with the same agencies and face similar challenges. We are not alone in this and can depend on support from all levels of the League.

Diocesan Presidents 1920 – 2025

1920-1922	Mrs. J. Kehow	1973-1974	Mrs. Alice Maher
1922-1923	Mrs. Alyce Shepherd	1974-1976	Mrs. Anne Grogan
1923-1924	Mrs. J. Hand	1976-1978	Mrs. Lucille Cullen
1924-1926	Mrs. J. Murphy	1978-1979	Mrs. Olive Plaus
1926-1927	Mrs. J. Racicot	1979-1981	Mrs. Betty Nori
1927-1929	Mrs. Hannah Surtees	1981-1983	Mrs. Maureen Crema
1929-1930	Mrs. H. Grace	1983-1985	Mrs. Rita Souliere
1930-1932	Mrs. L.A. Greene	1985-1987	Mrs. Kay Cecile
1932-1934	Mrs. R.A. Fee	1987-1989	Mrs. Joan Durand
1934-1936	Mrs. M.J. Coughlin	1989-1991	Mrs. Rochelle Chartier
1936-1938	Mrs. T.P. Doyle	1991-1993	Mrs. Connie Zimbalatte
1938-1940	Mrs. H. Matheson	1993-1995	Mrs. Anne Gallagher
1940-1942	Mrs. J. Lafrance	1995-1997	Mrs. Shirley Marcotte
1942-1945	Mrs. M. Lynch	1997-1999	Mrs. Ann Dube
1945-1949	Mrs. Marie Young	1999-2001	Mrs. Margaret Rondina
1949-1951	Mrs. Ella Dunn	2001-2003	Mrs. Louise Gamelin
1951-1953	Mrs. H. Carroll	2003-2005	Mrs. Paulette Smith
1953-1955	Mrs. C.B. Reynolds	2005-2007	Mrs. Evelyn Theriault
1955-1957	Mrs. Agnes McMahan	2007-2009	Mrs. Vivianne Frankish
1957-1959	Mrs. Claire Merchant	2009-2011	Mrs. Theresa McGuire
1959-1961	Mrs. Jean O'Connor	2011-2013	Mrs. Linda Squarzolo
1961-1963	Mrs. Kay Dignan	2013-2015	Mrs. Anna Tremblay
1963-1964	Mrs. Loretta Hytonen	2015-2017	Miss Karen McDonald
1964-1966	Mrs. Ann Rabeau	2017-2019	Mrs. Betsy Currier
1966-1968	Mrs. Kay Banks	2019-2022	Mrs. Cathy McKinney
1968-1969	Mrs. Vera Quinn	2022-2024	Mrs. Lisa Henry
1969-1971	Mrs. Verna Morgan	2024-present	Mrs. Patricia Clizia
1971-1973	Mrs. Rose Moher		

Honorary Life Member

1990	Lucille Cullen	Sudbury
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
2023	Elizabeth (Betsy) Currier	Sault Ste. Marie
2025	Cathy McKinney	Sault Ste. Marie

Bellelle Guerin Award Recipients

Lorraine Atchison	North Bay
Jane Chaput	Sault Ste. Marie
Geraldine (Gerri) Chateau	Sault Ste. Marie
Vivianne Frankish	North Bay / Sudbury
Barbara Lawrence	Sault Ste. Marie
Denise Moreau	Sault Ste. Marie
Rose Moher	North Bay

Parish Presidents 2025

North Bay Region

Holy Name of Jesus	North Bay	Frances Ann Mallette/ Susan Plamondon
Our Lady of Sorrows	Sturgeon Falls	Barbara Colombe/ Lynn Ouellette
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption	North Bay	Mary-Lynn Truchon/ Leah Pierce
St. Alphonsus Liguori	Callander	Debbie Jones
St. Peter the Apostle	North Bay	Christine Osborne/ Anna Tremblay (acting)

Sudbury Region

Christ the King	Sudbury	Catherine Luoma
Holy Redeemer	Sudbury	Julie Lackmanec/Lynda Joanisse
Our Lady of Hope	Sudbury	Annette Vas
Our Lady of Peace	Capreol	Marlynn Paul
St. Alexander	Chelmsford	Sherry St. Onge
St. Andrew the Apostle	Sudbury	Alize Pierog
St. Bartholomew	Levack	Terry Rapsky
St. Bonaventure	Killarney	Alice Knopczyk/ Peggy Burke
St. Francis of Assisi/St. Sebastien	Walford	Cheryl Phillips
St. John the Evangelist	Garson	Marie Bardswich
St. Jude	Espanola	Valarie Vondette
St. Kevin	St. Therese	Mary-Catherine Tremblay
St. Patrick	Sudbury	Zenaida Odense/ Cathy Hopper
St. Paul the Apostle	Coniston	Sandra Boyd
St. Pius X	Lively	Kathy Smorhay/ Claude Regimbal
St. Stanislaus	Copper Cliff	Barb Stachulak

Sault Ste. Marie Region

Holy Family	Sault Ste. Marie	Margaret Hammond (acting)
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Sault Ste. Marie	Lois Lemieux/Susan Brett
Precious Blood Cathedral	Sault Ste. Marie	Moyra O'Pallie / Maureen Gooderham
St. Ambrose	Thessalon	Leah Carson
St. Gerard Majella	Sault Ste. Marie	Josephine Bennardo
St. Gregory	Sault Ste. Marie	Emma Bonin
St. James the Greater	Blind River	Lise Maeck
St. Jerome	Sault Ste. Marie	Linda Mizzi
St. Veronica	Sault Ste. Marie	Rose Linklater

Deceased Members

Dorothy Aultman	Rose Greco	Elaine Nadon
Dorothy Battistoni	Viola Gregorie	Nella Narduzzi
Elena Bennardo	Sharon Grubber	Vivian O'Bumsawin
Margaret Teresa Bouchard	Eunice Howard	Janet O'Connor
Donna Bos	(Joyce)May Kelly	Giannina Ongaro
Noreen Cahill	Judy Kelly-Manary	Reva Ovens
Judy Callahan	Marlene Kiley	Margaret Pilon
Marie Chambers	Lorraine Konowalchuk	Barbara Pineau
Beverly Charron	Jean Lajambe	Marguerite Roberti
Noella Cheaney	Eileen Lewis	Ann Scarfone
Carmen Curran	Teresa MacEachen	Kathleen Ann Sherry
Annette D'Aoust	Pat Maltby	Barbara Spadoni
Gabriella DiBerardino	Barbara Marinelli	Helen Sudac
Sr. Marilyn Duff	Joan Matte	Ann Sullivan
Bernadette Dwyer	Lucille McFarland	Mary Sullivan
Lucille Frick	Kaye McGuire	Judy Terrick
Yolanda Garon	Evelyn McLelland	Sr. Alma Thorne
Eliette Gauthier	Lorraine Mei	Audrey Vaillancourt
Jeannette Gaydos	Mafalda Ann Meyers	Noreen Vezina
Inez Germain	Gina Milani	Lois Warena
Marlene Girolametto	Sr. Patricia Milks	Kathleen White
Susan Godin	Norma Milligan	Laurette Woodliffe
Emma Goedhuis	Gloria Miron	Agnes Yorke
Dora Grannary	Sandra Moore	Neda Zega



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to witness to the love of God
through ministry and service."**