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“Care for Our Common Home”

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

League Promise

For the glory of God and the good of God's people,
I promise as a Catholic woman to honour, invoke and imitate
our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

I promise to be a loyal member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
and to promote its interest and growth in every way.

I promise to cooperate with officers in all programs under their direction
and to conform to the best of my ability
to the bylaws of the organization in all League activities. Amen

My Dear Sisters in the League;

So much has changed in everyone's lives since we were last able to meet as a sisterhood. As I write this, I am reminded how quickly life changes. Covid-19 has changed everything we do and how we communicate with each other. One of the topics that resonated with me in the annual reports is the lack of communication and feelings of isolation our members feel. We must continue to reach out to members and leave no member behind with intentional companionship. Our councils in the Sault Ste. Marie Diocese continue to share Care for our Common Home in many initiatives.

Many new programs have been developed by the volunteer strategic planning committee. If you are not familiar with the new workshops and documents available to councils, please go to cwl.ca.

Please continue to pray for all your Sister's in the League. Let us continue to live out our Baptismal Call and be ***Catholic and Living It!***

Respectfully,

Cathy McKinney

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Sault Ste Marie Diocesan President's Report

2021

President: Cathy McKinney

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Rex Lumine

Members: 2,145 to date

Councils: 30

Life Members: 11

Regions: 3

- The diocesan council saw a decrease in membership 173 members in 2021. Eighty-six entered their heavenly home and 173 chose to not renew their membership in the League.
- All but two councils had presidents with almost one-half of them between 60-74 years old. Two thirds of our presidents had been presidents in the past.
- Zero survey participants in the age category of 16-44 years of age. Or over 85 years of age.
- 67% of respondents took up the national theme of Care for Our Common Home and one third of the councils were educated on excluding medical assistance in dying from palliative care/hospice facilities because of discussion at general meetings.
- The majority (up to 94%) of members retrieved information from diocesan newsletters, the League magazine, national communiques, the provincial website/newsletters, the national website and parish bulletins.
- Over 50% of presidents did not meet with their spiritual advisor yet say he was supportive of the League. The spiritual advisor was asked to bless service pins, invited to speak at meetings, presided over masses with CWL involvement. Many stated their spiritual advisor was not present at meetings because of the distance to travel for meetings, he was new to the parish, had multiple parish commitments and, of course, Covid 19.
- Presidents used the League's resources when presiding at meetings. (50-83%) used the constitution and bylaws, the council's policy and procedure manual, the national policy and procedure manual, the executive handbook and Robert's Rules of Order.
- Two thirds of the presidents surveyed attended functions as a representative of their council.
- In pre-Covid times, most presidents did not receive funding to attend any events. The following statistics are from previous surveys.
- The majority (85-100%) received zero subsidy to attend conferences, fundraisers/workshops on behalf of their council.
- Over half of the presidents received zero subsidy to attend the diocesan convention as the voting delegate. **page 32 of the constitution and bylaws states; Parish ***councils shall pay the expenses of their voting delegate to the annual diocesan convention.***
- 90% received zero subsidy to attend provincial or national conventions.
- Over 90% of presidents read The Executive Handbook and all stated it was helpful to them.

- The majority (90%) had a parish manual of policy and procedure and those that did not feel that it would be helpful to have one. All presidents stated they would need guidance while making one.
- Half of the presidents gave an annual summary of activities to their membership via oral report, email or in the parish bulletin.
- One third of councils had tea/bazaar committees, 56% had funeral luncheon committees, and many had visitation, fundraising, scholarships, social events, donations, and policy committees in their parish.
- 100% of the councils did not speak to any issues because Covid-19 had shut down all in person meetings.
- One half of presidents thought communication from national and provincial council was usually satisfactory. Upwards of 60% thought that the diocese and region usually communicated well and that the information imparted was relevant
- Half of presidents cited that there was duplication of communication and enough time to action the items sent by national, provincial and diocese.
- The majority of councils found that mentorship was an important resource in their role as president. They relied on other executive members, former past-presidents, president and life members.
- 90% of presidents liked having a national theme to focus their activities on for the term.
- The greatest challenges the presidents faced were keeping members interested, recruitment, not having a full slate of officers, and they felt under-trained, that there was too much paperwork and were intimidated by technology.
- Presidents were most proud of the way the members worked together on initiatives, were supportive of each other, were always generous with their time and how they genuinely cared for one another.
- As president, the biggest challenge was Covid-19.
- The challenge with the reporting process was once again, Covid-19. Because no meetings were taking place and all activities stopped, the presidents felt they had very little to report on.

Organization Standing Committee Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Chairperson: Lisa Henry

Parishes Reporting: 13/30

Recruit Members and Maintain Membership:

- 100% of this position were filled, 46% by election and 54% by appointment
- 85% held this position previously
- 23% of new members who joined were under the age of 40
- Successful recruitment methods included: asking through personal invitations, potluck dinners/teas/socials, advertising in bulletins/on bulletin boards and presentations at masses. The most effective was personal invitations at 31%
- Welcoming at Meetings (69%) and Conversations (62%) were the ways most used to engage new members
- 67% of members were recognized through presentation of service pins and 33% through cards or announcements
- 77% administered member renewals online
- Less than 2% of our members were under 35
- 62% of councils heard of the new National Welcome Program introduced in 2020, 8% downloaded the program, 23% received the program from provincial/diocesan council, 15% were invited to a workshop on the program in their area, 8% implemented the program in their parish

Diversity:

Members identified the following cultural diversity:

- Oceania – 4 people or .31% of the membership
- North American Indigenous – 7 (.54%)
- European - 95 (7.31%)
- Latin, Central or South America –9 (.69%)
- Caribbean – 2 (.15%)
- Other North American – 311 (23.92%)
- African – 0 (0%)
- Asian – 3 (.23%)
- Unknown – 431 (33.15%)
- 39% believed the council membership reflected the cultural diversity of the parish and general community.
- 46% of members heard of *Embracing Diversity: Tools for Council Use*, 15% downloaded the toolkit, 8% received the toolkit from the provincial/diocesan council, 0% used any of the ads found in the toolkit or planned celebrations for any of the multicultural celebrations listed in the calendar.

- Other methods used by councils to encourage a cross-section of members to reflect cultural and age diversity included: parish announcements (73%), bulletin boards (64%), personal invitations (36%), gift memberships (27%)

Leadership Development

- 69% do not know the latest activities of the Strategic Planning Implementation
- 77% set annual goals with member input
- 54% of parishes indicated they have a member in another level of the League
- 31% of councils heard of the new Executive Orientation developed by National, 0% downloaded the orientation, 15% received the orientation from provincial/diocesan council, 8% were invited to a workshop in their area, 0% conducted the orientation in their area.

Respondents reported participating in the following:

- fundraising – 31%
- meetings – 77%
- social events – 54%
- spiritual events 54%

Annual Reports:

- 54% of organization chairs used guidelines to assist executive members in completing annual reports
- 69% reported the reduced version of the annual questionnaire was a meaningful way to demonstrate the activity of the organization standing committee

Life Membership:

- 62% of councils reported they had an opportunity to gain assistance from a life member

Additional:

Despite the challenges of COVID-19 members reported the following:

- Developed new ways to keep in contact such as virtual means, bible/prayer study, coffee house Zoom socials, and starting newsletters;
- Contacted members through phone calls and emails to facilitate membership renewals
- President-elects reported the following as their biggest challenges:
 - Recruitment
 - Aging members
 - Proposed increase in fund

Spiritual Development Standing Committee Report 2021

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie

Chairperson: Patricia Clizia

Sub-chairpersons: Louise McGuire – Diocesan Book of Life – Sault Ste. Marie Region

Sandra Shymanski – Our Lady of Hope – Sudbury Region

Parishes Reporting: 11/30

- Prepared Directives and newsletter submissions and ongoing communication with parish counterparts
 - Attended virtual and in person Diocesan Executive Meetings
 - Attended CWL Lenten Retreat – Every season has a reason
 - Working with Communications Chairperson, updated the Let's Get Social presentation to include Instagram and showcase the National marketing working group social media campaign
 - Participated in Associate Meetings – CSJ SSM
 - Attended the presentation on Reconciling Relationships between Canadians and Indigenous Peoples hosted by Toronto Diocesan Council
 - Attended Sudbury Region centenary tree planting at Our Lady of Hope
 - Coordinated and packaged a Diocesan spiritual bouquet for Fr. Chad Franklin
 - Developed and delivered a mini spiritual retreat for the Diocesan Executive
 - Attended, presented and provided technical support for the Virtual AAM 2021
 - Attended Executive Orientation Workshops Session 1 & 2 – OPC presented
 - Prepared and delivered Diocesan Advent Retreat – Mary's Yes supported by Sudbury Regional Chairperson
 - Diocesan deceased member reporting sent quarterly to the Provincial Book of Life coordinator
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In all areas, it is noted that the pandemic has had a direct impact. All councils have used creativity, telephone calls, email and technology to remain connected and grow in their faith and spirituality.

Spiritual Growth of Members:

- 55% of the councils spent 1/3 of their meetings on the spiritual growth when they had meetings
- 55% of councils participated in World Day of Prayer.
- The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel was observed by members individually and collectively with mass celebrations, bulletin inserts and participating in the televised Mass. Email was used to encourage prayers and participation in virtual events inviting members to pray from home.

Study of Catholic Teachings:

- Members reported they participated in virtual monthly Rosary prayer, and when permissible under COVID guidelines; hosted a Prayer Service for deceased members, service pin presentations, installation of officers. There were also sponsored masses for the unborn each month, celebrated the feast day of the Immaculate conception, monthly email reminders of upcoming feast

days, Mass offerings for living and deceased members, honour guards at funerals that were held, and participated in the Virtual Retreat Mary's Yes.

Role of Women in the Church:

- Parish Council Spiritual Advisors attended the council meetings 65% of the time and are noted as being very supportive.
- In promoting the partnership of women and men in Christ's mission, members undertook leadership roles in the church including parish pastoral council, diocesan council, parish finance committee, regional pastoral council, and as a pastoral associate.
- 30% of chairpersons were active on the liturgy committee.
- Members continued to be active in all lay ministries in their parishes where permitted under pandemic restrictions and parish guidelines.

Evangelization and Mission Assistance:

- Councils continued to support Catholic Missions in Canada with monetary donations and calendar purchases, and also supported Chalice. In some councils it is noted there were budget constraints. Councils noted that work continued in their own communities to assist the homeless and needy.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours:

- During the pandemic, joint prayer services and council meetings were directly impacted and subject to the limits for gathering. This made it difficult for planning. Councils are encouraged to continue to promote awareness of and participate with the following-Fellowship of the Least Coin, Week of Prayer for Christmas Unity, Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and WUCWO Day in May. It is noted that awareness and prayers for the Indigenous was heightened during this time.

Training and Development:

- It is noted by respondents that there were a wide variety of materials available. Sisters of St. Joseph continued to be a valuable resource for councils. A recorded video or written instruction on how to execute a Spiritual CWL meeting is suggested helpful for newcomers to the position. Regular Diocesan updates have been helpful and a few mentioned that the regional diocesan meetings were missed.

***"This is how you pray continually – not by offering prayer in words, but by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer."* St. Basil the Great**

Diocesan Treasurer Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 13/30

Chairperson: Deborah Hickey

Treasurer's Report:

- Maintained computerized spreadsheets of Diocesan financial books; processed income deposits, expense claims, invoices, cheques and monthly bank reconciliations;
- Perform all on-line banking functions and monitored investment account
- Prepared interim Financial Statements
- Prepared Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and related summaries for delivery to Chartered Accountant for Review Engagement of 2021 financial statements
- Developed 2022 budget for Diocesan Council review and approval
- Receive copy of online Treasurer Annual Report Summary, emailed Council Treasurer's requesting Standing Committee donations, compiled information, completed and Treasurer's Report to President-Elect and submit the Diocesan Treasurer's Annual Summary Report to the Provincial Treasurer
- Ensure that annual financial statements sent at least 21 days prior to convention, to delegates of the 98th Annual Diocesan Convention, who were entitled to vote
- Received funds for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund; will prepare our donation cheque for presentation to Bishop Dowd as directed by Madame President
- Attended the Diocesan Executive meeting held in Sudbury
- Attended two virtual Executive meeting on "Go to Meetings"
- Attended virtual 2021 AGM Convention meeting
- Participating on the 2022 AGM Convention Planning Committee in North Bay
- Went with Diocesan Secretary to re-invest Diocesan Council's GIC as directed by Madame President
- Participated in monthly virtual Spiritual Reflections hosted by North Bay Region

Annual Report 2021 Membership Summary (5-year comparison)

Region	# of Councils	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
North Bay	5	469	501	556	524	545
Sault Ste. Marie	10	476	595	706	747	772
Sudbury	15	958	958	1349	1378	1502
Total	30	2145	2,054	2,611	2,649	2,819

Parish Council Reports:

The Diocesan Treasurer's Annual Summary Report was compiled from the online treasurer's annual reports submitted by each council in our diocese for the year 2020. In addition, parish council treasurers reported standing committee contributions to me via email for the Diocesan Treasurer's Annual Summary Report which will be forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer.

- Received 13 reports out of 30 Councils
- 12 Councils reports having a Treasurer and one Council report the Treasurer holds combined position as Organization Chairperson on their Executive
- All Councils reported they use their Bank Statements and Deposit Books and require two signatures for cheques
- 12 of the 13 Councils reported using a cheque book, and 7 of the 13 use a receipt book
- 6 Councils use a ledger/columnar book to track transactions, 5 Councils use an Excel spreadsheet, 4 Councils use a computer programme, and 1 Council uses a disbursement book.
- 11 Councils report that a budget is prepared, and 2 Councils indicated that they did not prepare a budget
- All 13 Council Treasurer's reported giving a Financial Report at Council Meetings
- 8 Councils reported having their Council books examined by an independent individual experienced in accounting, 5 Councils indicated that they did not
- 3 Councils indicated that they are always satisfied with the communication from the National Council, 3 Councils indicated they are usually satisfied, and 2 Councils indicated occasionally
- 1 Council indicated that they are always satisfied with the communication from the Provincial Council, 2 Councils indicated never, and 1 Councils indicated occasionally, and 1 Council indicated always
- 3 Councils indicated that they are always satisfied with the communication from the Diocesan Council, 2 Councils indicated they are usually satisfied, and 1 Councils indicated occasionally, and 1 Council indicated never always satisfied, 1 Council occasionally satisfied, and 1 Council never satisfied.
- 3 Councils indicated they are usually satisfied with the communication they received from the Regional Council; 2 Councils indicated they are always satisfied, 1 Council occasionally, and 1 Council never.
- 5 Councils reported that they feel the communication they received at the Parish level from Provincial is relevant, 1 Council reported sometimes, 1 Council reported never
- 5 Councils reported that they feel the communication they received at the Parish level from Diocesan is relevant, 1 Council reported sometimes, 1 Council reported never
- 4 Councils reported that they feel the communication they received at the Parish level from Regional is relevant, 1 Council reported sometimes, 1 Council reported never
- 3 Councils reported that they feel communications from National usually to be clear and concise, 2 Councils reported always clear and concise, 1 Council felt only sometimes, and 1 Council reported never
- 2 Councils reported that they feel communications from Provincial usually to be clear and concise, 2 Councils reported always clear and concise, 2 Council felt only sometimes, and 2 Council reported never
- 2 Councils reported that they feel communications from Diocesan usually to be clear and concise, 3 Councils reported always clear and concise, 1 Council felt only sometimes, and 1 Council reported never
- 1 Councils reported that they feel communications from Regional usually to be clear and concise, 3 Councils reported always clear and concise, 1 Council felt only sometimes, and 1 Council reported never

- 3 Councils report sometimes receiving duplicate communications from National, Provincial, Diocesan and/or Regional Councils, 3 Councils reported never, and 2 Councils reported occasionally
- 2 Councils reported always responding to requested /invitations to participate, 3 Councils reported usually, and 3 Councils reported sometimes

Recording Secretary Standing Committee Report 2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 17/30

Chairperson: Louise Cazabon-Regimbal

Chairperson's Report:

- Attended the Diocesan Executive meeting held in Sudbury
- Recorded and prepared minutes and motions for executive meetings
- Oversaw the signing process for the 2019-2021 motions which took place in Sudbury while maintaining the motions book for the diocesan
- Completed the Annual Member Satisfaction Survey and Smart Phone Survey
- Attended two virtual Diocesan Executive "Go to Meetings"
- Attended virtual SSM Diocesan 2020-2021 AGM
- Prepared and printed various documents for future and upcoming meetings
- Carried out responsibilities as a signing officer
- Attended virtual Diocesan Convention Committee 2022 meeting
- Attended Diocesan Convention Committee 2022 meeting held in North Bay
- Prepared and distributed minutes and treasurer summary reports
- Deposited promotional funds received via e-transfer to the convention account
- Performed monthly online transactions and printed bank statements
- Went to the Royal Bank to sign documents for an ATM client bank card
- Attended several SSM Spiritual Reflections and Webinars

Parish Reports:

- 12 councils had a recording secretary and corresponding secretary, 3 councils only had a recording secretary, 2 councils had one person doing both positions
- 10 secretaries were elected, 6 were appointed and 1 position remained vacant
- 17 councils reported the secretary position was held for more than one term
- 100% reported that the recording secretary took minutes at all meetings
- 81% of the secretaries were signing officers while 19% were not
- 15 councils knew where their council charter was located
- 100% maintained a list of the executive with their contact information
- 12 councils reported having a motions book
- 8 councils reported that they received written reports from the executive
- 88% have a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries from national office
- 53% have a copy of the CWL Personal Writing Guide from national office
- The secretaries faced a major challenge again in 2021 because they were unable to meet in person. Meetings were therefore held via Zoom, and this consisted primarily of the executive members and taking notes/minutes became frustrating when they veered off topic.

- 70% were always satisfied with the communication that they received from National council, 64% from Provincial, 69% from Diocesan, 67% from Regional
- 95% found that the communication their parish council received from National was relevant, 95% from Provincial, 94% from Diocesan, 93% Regional
- 88% always found the communications that was sent from National council to be clear and concise, 98% from Provincial, 88% from Diocesan, 85% Regional
- 65% reported they usually received duplicate communications from national, provincial, diocesan, and regional councils while 35% said they never did
- 82% reported that when they received communications from another level (national, provincial, diocesan, regional) that invites/requests participation, they did not have enough time to do so.

Recommendations:

- That copies of the "Handbook for Secretaries" and "CWL Personal Writing Guide" are available online and should be printed for easy access.
- That all councils have a motions book where all the motion lists are stored.

That recording secretaries receive a short summary report from their executive to facilitate their minute report taking.

Corresponding Secretary Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 17/30

Chairperson: Diane Carmichael

Chairperson's Report:

- Sent out cards of sympathy, congratulations, mass requests, anniversary, thinking of you and get well.
 - Updated directories for diocesan executive and parish councils in Sault St. Marie, North Bay and Sudbury regions
 - Updated council committees, life members, honorary life members, past presidents from inception and surviving, deceased life members, and Bellelle Guerin awards.
 - Helped prepare convention package
 - Attended meetings in the region as available
 - Prepared submissions for executive meetings, and annual report book.
- **Parish Reports:**
- Twelve councils had both recording and corresponding secretaries, but only 2 had one person performing both roles. The remaining 13 corresponding secretary positions were either vacant or not active.
 - Ten women were elected to their positions while 6 were appointed and one was vacant.
 - All 17 women recorded the minutes.
 - Thirteen secretaries were signing officers.
 - Fifteen women knew where their council charter was stored and 16 maintained the executive contact information.
 - Twelve councils have a motions book.
 - Eight of the secretaries received written reports from the executive. The remaining 9 either did not receive the reports on a timely basis or did not receive them at all.
 - Fifteen members had a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries from National office. Two councils did not know if they had the handbook.
 - Nine of the councils either did not know or did not have a copy of the CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide from National.

Council Challenges:

- The biggest challenge over the year 2021 has been COVID-19. It put a hold on most council activities. Some councils tried to continue with meetings and work through online Zoom calls or emails. However many women are older and do not have the computer skills or computer to access the information.
- There is also an issue with email address not being correct. Councils that use emails need to constantly update member information.
- Communication from National, Provincial, Diocesan and Regional does not seem to be an issue with the councils. Over half of the reporting councils find the communications satisfactory, relevant, clear, concise, and timely.

Recommendations:

- That councils use a motion book.
- It is important that the executive hand in written reports so that meeting minutes are accurate, and their work is recorded.
- That councils get a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries from National to keep with the each of the secretaries' binders.
- That councils have a copy of the CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide from National

Past President/Historian Standing Committee Report 2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie

Chairperson: Betsy Currier

Parishes Reporting: 15/30

Chairperson's Report:

- prepared 2020 diocesan past president annual report, 3 communiques to parish council past presidents, submissions for spring and fall newsletters
- provided support and/or advice to diocesan president and executive
- reviewed information available on provincial and national websites and Facebook
- attended webinars: "*WUCWO Organisations' Involvement in the Laudato Si Action Platform*"; "*Every Season Has a Reason*" presented by Dr. Anne Jamieson, Executive Director, Ontario Institute of Catholic Education; "*Vaccines: Faith and Science/Working Together*", Dr. Moira McQueen, Director of the Canadian Bioethics Institute, & "*Practical Discussion about Palliative Care*" presented by national
- viewed the "Executive Orientation" series online
- attended 12 spiritual reflections (diocesan & regional)
- attended online winter & spring diocesan executive meetings, virtual diocesan Annual Members Meeting & in person fall diocesan meeting
- attended the diocesan "tree dedication" in Sault Ste. Marie
- reviewed and revised 2021 diocesan Annual Members Meeting "Rules of Order"
- worked on diocesan P&P Manual and "Guidelines" revisions
- prepared SSM diocesan elections register and mailed packages to eligible members

Serve in a Consultative Capacity:

- 12 reported the past president position being filled, 8 held the position previously
- 15 have been a CWL member for over 10 years & 15 are over the age of 55
- 10 always attended executive meetings; 8 always attended general meetings; 8 attended socials all the time, 7 attended spiritual events all the time
- 11 reported the president feels supported and encouraged by her help
- other duties performed at the request of the president included: represent the council at conventions; chair executive or general meetings; chair the nominations and elections committee fill the role of a vacant position, check CWL websites for information to share, organize funeral, funeral luncheon, fundraiser event, social event, spiritual event, promote the council in the parish, chair a standing committee or taskforce, prepare agendas, newsletters or correspondence
- 2 had not been asked to perform other duties & none have facilitated a workshop
- 10 sought advice from diocesan executive quarterly or annually; 1 sought advice from provincial executive quarterly; 2 sought advice from national executive quarterly; 2 sought advice from national council
- 7 sought advice monthly, 1 quarterly & 2 annually from spiritual advisor
- none have sought advice from the local bishop
- 2 councils reported seeking advice from life members monthly or quarterly; 13 had rarely or never sought advice from life members
- 10-11 councils were satisfied with communication from national, provincial, diocesan and regional councils; councils reported communication from the regional

or diocesan level was always or usually more clear, concise and relevant than that from provincial or national; duplicate communications were reported occasionally by 10, always by 2 and sometimes by 2

Be Responsible for Archives and History:

- 10 were responsible for their council's archives, others were kept by a historian or life member
- all reported storing their archives at the church - 12 in a CWL room, 3 in the church hall or office
- all reported knowing where their council's charter is located
- archival storage methods included: filing cabinets (15); photo albums (13) scrapbooks (10); memory sticks (6) banker boxes (3)
- 11 reviewed their archives on an 'as needed' basis; 3 reviewed annually or biannually; 1 reviewed every 5 years
- 8 reported their council maintained a history book and 7 did not
- councils kept records as follows: books of life, years of service and labelled photo albums (indefinitely); the length of time the remainder of the records were kept varied from indefinitely to not kept at all: history of deceased members, pin and award recipients, a list of past executives, minutes of general meetings and executive meetings, financial information, annual reports, written reports of executive members, membership renewal data

Facilitate the Study and Implementation of the Constitution and Bylaws:

- All have a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws – 4 councils rarely reviewed it to help guide a decision; the remainder - 11 vary from review multiple times a year to every couple of years
- 14 have a copy of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure; 1 council does not; 8 rarely referred to it to help with policies and procedures; 7 referred to it from twice a year to every couple of years
- 13 have their own manual of policy and procedure – 7 update it every 2 years, 1 annually and 5 whenever there is a change

Diocesan Highlights:

- 9 past presidents supported implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Strategic Planning 2018-2022 by: sharing & updating information, reports & presentations to the council
- one council reported projects – a knitting circle, a get together and *Soles for Hope* group; many participated in spiritual reflections & meetings on ZOOM
- one mentored the incoming president by helping to develop a 2-year plan for executive & general meetings and checklists for ceremonies
- challenges included not being able to have meetings or do any special projects, having to facilitate online communications related to COVID restrictions, decreasing membership, difficulty attracting new members and members willing to do executive positions, having to carry out multiple roles

Christian Family Life Standing Committee Report 2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 12/30

Chairperson: Lorraine Greasley

Chairperson's Report:

- Prepared eight directives.
- Attended (1 virtual) Diocesan Executive Meeting
- Encouraged the promotion of Ontario Coalition of Life.

Parish Reports:

- Of the 12 councils that submitted an annual report four do not have a Christian Family Life chairperson and most are appointed and over 75 years of age.
- Most councils have been restricted in all their activities due to COVID.

Marriage and Family:

- Although Pope Francis proclaimed March 19, 2021 to June 26, 2022 the year of "Amoris Laetitia", no councils planned any events.
- Two councils supported people suffering from domestic abuse.
- A few councils helped at food banks and prayed for marriages and family.
- Four councils held membership in a local pro-life organization.
- No council has attended a presentation on Pope Paul II's Theology of The Body.

Sanctity of Life:

- Five councils participated in: Life Chain events and two councils participated in pro-life masses.
- Five councils donated to the following organizations: Birthright-local and Pregnancy/Family Support services.
- Two councils supported local pro-life organizations, and Campaign for Life.
- One council supports the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.
- Eight councils regularly pray for the protection of life.
- Seven councils have written letters to inform legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia.
- Four councils have addressed the August 19, 2019 United Nations Convention on the "Rights of the Child" [unborn] by educating members, remembering the day of prayer for unborn children and monitoring the Government's response to this resolution.
- CWL councils have supported the covid-19 vaccine and supported the following of covid-19 safety protocols.

Ministry to Seniors:

- Only one council reported continuing services such as bringing communion, calling, visiting, sending cards.

Ministry to the Disabled:

- Nine councils reached out to the disabled through bringing Communion, sent cards, visited or called them.
- Seven councils prayed for them while four councils provided transportation.
- Two councils provided support for caregivers.

Ministry to Youth:

- Two councils encouraged youth to share their gifts in NET Ministries
- Two councils sponsored youth in Sunday school.
- One council supported students in youth conferences and summer camp.
- One council supported youth in World Youth Day

Ministry to Widows and Widowers:

- Twelve councils sent cards of condolence
- Five-six councils called or visited the spouse, arranged memorial services or funeral lunches, and provided prayers and support.
- Four councils encouraged participation in parish events
- No councils have sponsored any informal presentations on the annulment process.
- One council has made copies of the brochure "Annulments Today-Merciful and Just" available in the vestibule.

Vocations:

- Eight councils sent spiritual bouquets
- Six councils adopted seminarians
- Nine councils participated in prayers for vocations
- One council hosted luncheons for priests and religious, and encouraged families to invite same into their home.

Communications Standing Committee Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 13 /30

Chairperson: Kelly Langevin

Chairperson's Report:

- Attended two (one virtually) Diocesan Executive meetings.
- Prepared and distributed electronic copies of the spring and fall 2021 Newsletter.
- Posted Newsletters and Directives / Communiqués to the diocesan website.
- Posted regional events on the diocesan CWL website and Face Book page.

Parish Reports:

- Twelve of the 13 councils reported having the position filled, 7 by appointment.

The *Canadian League Magazine*:

- When asked which articles, of the 3 yearly editions, resonated the most, members chose the President's Message, Pornography Hurts, The Many Faces of Leadership and Honouring the Gift of Service.

Media:

- Councils fell short when promoting faith-oriented programs such as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and World Communications Day (first Sunday in June).
- **Resolution 1978.03 Catholic Press encouraged members to subscribe to and promote Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines.** Councils reported that they subscribed to Mass for Shut Ins, the Catholic Register and Salt and Light TV in their mission to evangelize.
- Half of the councils shared with their members the League sponsored mass on April 26, 2021 in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
- More than half of councils encouraged members to visit the CWL on Facebook and Twitter and promoted visiting **cwl.ca** for current information.
- More than half of the councils have used social media to advertise their activities and events. The most popular are through telephone committees, church bulletin boards, parish bulletins, emails, parish Facebook pages and websites.
- Of the 13 councils, only 4 encouraged members to monitor media content. The inappropriate material that members spoke out against the most was Pornography.
- Only 2 of the 13 councils produced a newsletter. The President or the Communications chairperson prepared it and sent it by email.

Pornography:

- Less than half of the councils participated in the Pornography Hurts Postcard Campaign in 2021.
- Not one of the councils promoted the Over 18 documentary or the film Red Light Green Light.

- **Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornography Websites** was adopted at the 2017 annual national convention. It requests the federal government to enact laws requiring these mechanisms to prevent minors from accessing pornography:
 - 15 % of councils had contacted members of parliament.
 - 46% encouraged members to become educated on Internet safety and responsible and appropriate technology use.
 - 39% made members aware of the lack of age verification controls on adult websites.
 - Only 8% monitored the federal government's response to the issue.
- **Resolution 2004.11 Link Between Violent, Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and the Mechanics of Killing.** It was reported that not one of the councils had written to provincial/territorial government to establish procedures to prohibit the sale and/or rental and/or distribution to minors of videos, movies and games that contain graphic imagery which promotes violence and even killing as an acceptable behavior or ensured that the educational system contains required curricula to provide students with the tools to respond thoughtfully and critically to media content
- **Resolution 2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children.**
 - One council had written to encourage federal government to continue supporting research and development of tools to protect children against offensive content on the Internet.
 - 5 councils had encouraged members to educate themselves and their families on safe, wise and responsible Internet use.

Strategic Planning:

- 69% of councils have shared the strategic planning information.
- 62% have shared the strategic planning information as printed in The Canadian League magazine.
- 62% have been made aware of the strategic planning monthly updates on the national website.
- 23% have recited the strategic planning's Renewal Prayer, found on the national website, at meetings.
- 77% have viewed the national website.

Challenges:

- Councils have reported that one of the biggest challenges is the lack of members willing to sit as conveners.
- Finding a person with the technical skills, many of the members are elderly and cannot access *on-line* material.
- Not being able to hold in-person meetings due to COVID.
- Anticipation of increased membership fees, yet the possibility of the end of the *Canadian League Magazine* in hard copy format.
- Unable to support charities due to lack of funds.

Legislation Standing Committee Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie
Parishes Reporting: 11/30

Chairperson: Geraldine Chateau

Chairpersons Report:

- Attended Diocesan Executive Meetings virtually
- Attended 2020 and 2021 Annual General Meetings virtually
- Attended Spiritual reflections virtually and in person
- Attended Sault Ste Marie Regional tree planting ceremony at St Jerome's Church

Parish Reports:

- 64% reported that the position was vacant, while 36% reported that the position was filled
- 50% were elected while 50% were appointed to the position
- 100% reported that they knew the names of the local, provincial and federal representatives.
- 50% reported receiving mailings from municipal, provincial and federal representatives
- None of those reporting attended any public forums sponsored by governments at any level.
- 75% reported that they were well informed of the issues being discussed by governments at the municipal, provincial and federal levels, while 25% felt that they were somewhat informed.
- 75% reported accessing the federal department of justice website for the review and study of federal legislation, while 25% accessed Hansard, the printed record of federal government proceedings and the LEGISinfo website
- Other resources accessed were Hansard, the printed record of provincial government proceedings
- 55% were very aware of Bill C-7 on medical assistance in dying, while 45% said they had some knowledge of this bill
- 64% reported that they had some knowledge of the federal Bill C-233 on sex-selection abortion while 27% were not aware of the bill and 9% were very aware of this bill
- 64% reported some knowledge of Bill C-268 on intimidation of health care professionals, while 27% were very aware of this bill and 9% were unaware of it
- Other federal bills that were monitored were Bill C-4 measures in response to Covid-19, Bill C-2, provide further support in response to Covid 19, Bill C-15 respecting UN declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Bill S-203 Protecting Young Persons from exposure to pornography, Bill C 210 amend CRA Revenue Act (organ and tissue donation)
- Provincial Bills that were monitored were Bill 13, time to care, Bill 63 timely mental health and addiction care for children and youth, Bill 189 Covid 19

support and protection, Bill 175, connecting people to home, Bill 3 Development of provincial framework on hospice palliative care to exclude MAID.

- None of those reporting used the legislation workshop "Faith in Action"
- 50% were unaware of this workshop, while 20% stated that they had not received the Workshop from the diocese or provincial levels, 20% plan to use it next year and 10% said it was due to lack of interest among members
- Chairpersons brought to the attention of members directives coming from National and recommend letter writing on various issues
- The biggest challenge was the lack of dedicated chairpersons. The past two years with Covid-19 and no meetings made it very difficult to keep members informed.
- Respondents recommended that we continue to monitor and discuss Bills presented in Provincial and Federal government.
- The biggest challenge in completing the survey was the uncertainty with completing some sections because of the fact that we had no meetings and were unable to keep up with what was happening at provincial and federal level, therefore not using any resources.

Resolutions Standing Committee

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie

Chairperson: Geraldine Chateau

Parishes Reporting: 4/30

Chairpersons Report:

- Attended Diocesan Executive Meetings virtually
- Attended 2020 and 2021 Annual General Meetings virtually
- Attended Spiritual Reflections virtually and in person
- Attended Sault Ste Marie Regional tree planting ceremony at St. Jerome's Church

Parish Reports:

- 50% reported not having resolutions standing committee
- 50% reported that the position was filled by election while 50% was filled by appointment
- 100% stated that this position was shared with the legislation standing committee
- 100% of the surveys were completed by members of the executive of the parish council
- 75% reported that the biggest challenge for this committee was trying to generate interest while 50% reported that the challenge was not having a standing committee chairperson
- None of those reporting contacted local government representatives by letter, phone, e-mail or in person visit
- None of those reporting contacted provincial government representatives by letter, phone, e-mail or in person visit
- None of those reporting contacted federal government representatives by letter, phone, e-mail or in person visit.
- 50% reported that they had attended Find Your Voice workshops.
- None of those reporting developed a resolution. 100% reported that they referred to communiques and/or annual reports from other levels.
- Those reporting found the communiques helpful in that they provided direction on where to go and what to access to clarify bills that are being discussed in Parliament. As well they found them to be a valuable reference to keep informed about resolutions progress at the Provincial and National levels
- No issues that might become resolutions were considered
- None of those reporting consulted with Diocesan or Provincial Chairpersons for guidance
- Two issues were reported as being issues that the council was particularly passionate about. These were pornography and youth mental health.

- Research and development of a resolution was not undertaken for several reasons, such as no chairperson, no interest and council too small.
- 50% reported that they had become familiar with the resolutions that required action as listed on cwl.ca
- None of those reporting had undertaken any action to support resolutions adopted at any level.
- Two of those reporting participated in the virtual diocesan convention
- One of those reporting found the annual report on resolutions helpful as she was able to get the opinions of the provincial and National levels and see what challenges were faced and what points were important and what action to take

Education & Health Standing Committee Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 10/30

Chairperson: Colleen Murphy

Chairperson's Activities:

- Developed Directive #3
- Forwarded Directives from Provincial Education & Health Chairperson
- Prepared submissions for spring and fall newsletters
- Attended Fall diocesan executive meeting in person and several online
- Prepared a Diocesan Convention presentation
- Amalgamated 2019/2020 parish activities for the National Strategic Plan Implementation Committee to promote the League

Parish Reports:

- Out of the 10 parishes reporting, 5 had this position filled, with 2 being elected and 3 appointed. Only 2 chairpersons have held this position previously.

Catholic Education:

- Catholic Schools and Catechesis
 - Several councils became informed about the quality and availability of Catholic religious instruction in their parish (4) and local schools (2).
 - 2 parishes actively encouraged parental participation in all areas of school activities.
 - 1 council reported they investigated the needs of local schools and contributed by participating in breakfast or lunch programs, extracurricular activities, and providing school supplies.
 - 1 council helped with the Relay for Life at the school
- Rites of Christian Initiation
 - 3 members were involved in the Rites of Christian initiation

Literacy and Continuing Education:

- One council had a list of Catholic universities or colleges in our diocese available to members

Scholarships and Bursaries:

- 4 councils had a list of available scholarships and bursaries for Catholic women to further their education
- 8 councils presented bursaries and scholarships to elementary (5), high school students (4) and university/college students (1).
- 1 council donated to Net Ministries
- 1 council promoted the National Bursary Fund, and noted it can be included as a legacy in wills

- 2 councils contributed to the National Bursary Fund and 3 contributed \$800 total to the Coady International Institute.

Wellness and Sickness/Disease:

- Resolutions: 3 councils acted on 2015.02 Ban Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products, 2 on 2002.10 Biopatenting, 1 on 2018.02 Setting a Standard for Products Marketed as Flushable, 1 on 2015.03 Banning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides,
- One council participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign; 5 councils were not aware of this campaign
- Councils supported national and international organizations including Alzheimer's Society of Canada, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Red Cross, Relay for Life, Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Mental Health Association, Heart & Stroke Foundation, MaterCare International, plus Meals on Wheels, Soup Kitchens, John Howard Society, Elizabeth Fry Society, Infant Food Bank.
- 1 council member donated blood through the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life program; 2 councils were familiar with registering for the program.
- 5 councils encouraged members to participate in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care; 1 council used the Palliative Care postcard
- 1 council provided information on advance care planning

Environment:

- 4 councils participated in the Care for our Common Home initiative
- 2 councils participated in plastic and waste cleanup
- 1 council cleaned up parish grounds, developed a pollinator garden
- 7 members committed to eliminating Plastic bags and straws and reducing garbage
- 2 councils planted a tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the League
- 1 council sent out an appeal to support St. Vincent de Paul paired with a chapter in Nicaragua for potable water
- Councils reported they acted on the following environmental issues: Eliminating plastic water bottles, recycling, reduced the use of Styrofoam cups, eliminating plastic straws, green bins for organic waste, reducing paper and water use, composting, and climate change.

Genetics:

- 5 councils rated their knowledge regarding the advantages and disadvantages of technological development considering the teachings of the Catholic Church as Fair (1), Good (1), and Poor (3).
- 1 council reported they would like to bring more information to the league on mental health for the aging community through this pandemic.

Community Life Standing Committee Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Parishes Reporting: 11/30

Chairperson: Kathleen Niro

Chairperson Report:

- prepared and sent Directives
- attended virtual executive meetings
- attended fall in person executive meeting
- participated in other CWL virtual events
- attended the Provincial and National virtual AMMs
- organized and attended the Centenary Tree Planting in Sudbury
- contributed to the Diocesan Spring newsletter

Parish Reports:

Of the 11 councils that submitted an annual report for Community Life, three did not have a chairperson; of the eight filled positions, four were elected.

Dignity and Rights of Persons:

- Six councils were familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Councils made donations to support those incarcerated, suffering from domestic violence, homelessness, human trafficking, and poverty.
- Some councils volunteered with those suffering from homelessness, human trafficking, and poverty.
- One council had a guest speaker on human trafficking.
- The chairpersons were aware of the struggles of Indigenous women and some councils were aware of Bill C-262 (*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*).
- Chairpersons were aware of the fight against human trafficking and limited opportunity to share information with council members due to COVID.
- One council kept up to date with the Canada Summer Job applications for wording to ensure community organizations are supported.

Social and Economic Justice:

- Nine councils were able to provide supplies, participated in the work or other support of organizations caring for the needy.
 - Prayerful support was given by all councils.
 - Financial support was given to anti-poverty foundation or campaigns, before, during or after school programs, clothing drives, drop-in centres, emergency shelters for homeless and domestic abuse, food banks, and soup kitchens.
 - Volunteered at anti-poverty foundations, clothing drives, drop-in centres, emergency shelters, food banks and soup kitchens.
- One council supported an organization that assists Indigenous peoples.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 was recognized by three councils by wearing an orange shirt, mentioned at Mass and sent an email to members with information.

- Further, five councils recognized the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation held on September 30, 2021. They recognized this day by reciting the prayer for truth and reconciliation at meetings. An email was sent to members reminding them of this day and attached the Bishop's letter, sent out resources from Provincial CWL.
- Some councils participated in Orange Shirt Day.
- Councils continued to pray for Christians in the Middle East and Holy Land

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship:

- One council reported they are informed about Canada's official immigration and refugee policies to be able to explain to others.
- Council members had a fair understanding of the needs of immigrants and refugees regarding employment, English language courses, financial assistance, countries of origin, and population in the community.
- Most councils could explain the difference between temporary foreign worker, immigrant, and refugee.
- Council members participated in Remembrance Day services, supported the poppy campaign, and wore red on Friday in support of the Canadian troops.
- Some councils continued to review Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, An Amendment to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, for the government's response.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP):

- Most councils are familiar with the League's program for CCODP of donating 1% of the price of luxury items they purchased during the year to CCODP. Not all councils took part in the annual 1% program.

Developing Countries:

- One council indicated interest in Mary's Meals following the article in The Canadian League magazine. Other councils needed to have a vote to give this support.
- Most councils are somewhat aware of conditions of child labour in developing countries, implications of trade laws, the economic difficulties of developing countries, have criticized structures that put profits before people.
- One council has considered inviting guest speakers from developing nations to meetings.
- Councils continued to support Chalice, Save a Family Plan, World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Childhood Association, Canadian Red Cross, Operation Christmas Child, and Pennies for the Poor

Recommendations:

- During the continued restrictions of COVID-19, encourage chairpersons to reach out to their President and Spiritual Advisor for support to be able to continue to fulfill the mission of the CWL in faith, service, and social justice.
- Reach out to members for projects or ideas that can be done safely in our current conditions.
- Encourage the use of email, telephone, postal correspondence, and virtual gatherings to take care of our members who are isolated and feeling lonely.

North Bay Regional Annual Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste Marie

Chairperson: Deborah Hickey

Councils: 5

Spiritual Advisor: Sr Rita Godon

Recording Secretary: Betty Silver

Treasurer: Betty Silver

Spiritual Development: Debbie Jones

Chairperson's Report:

- Presidents from four of the North Bay Region, as well as the Regional Chair, have participated in the Convention Planning Meetings. The 2022 Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Convention will be hosted in North Bay April 22-24, 2022.
- Attended virtual and in-person Diocesan Executive Meetings
- Attended Presidents Meeting November 8, 2021
- Assisted in monthly prayer and reflection offered on ZOOM

Presidents Meeting:

- November 8, 2021 hosted by St Alphonsus Liguori at 1:30 p.m.
- Informal meeting to check on the wellness of the Councils, how each Council has been coping with the COVID restrictions to keep in touch with their members.
- Worked through the Instructed Vote document to prepare for presentation to their Councils
- It was decided to meet for another Presidents meeting in the New Year and combine it with a luncheon at the Davedi Club in North Bay.

Regional Meeting:

- Due to COVID restrictions the Regional Meetings were cancelled.

Sault Ste Marie Region Annual Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Chairperson: Colleen Murphy
Councils:10

Spiritual Advisor: Sister Pat Carter
Secretary: Maureen Gooderham
Treasurer: Elisa Caputo
Spiritual Development: Vacant

Chairperson's Report:

- Prepared an Oral report and Power Point presentation for Diocesan Convention
- Helped our Spiritual Advisor, Sr. Pat, present a May Spiritual Reflection
- Forwarded diocesan requests such as prayer requests to parish councils
- Submitted Spring and Fall Newsletter reports for the Sault Ste. Marie Region
- Purchased a Red Maple for Sault Ste. Marie Region 100th anniversary Tree Planting and arranged delivery
- Conducted a Tree Blessing Ceremony at St. Jerome parish on Sunday, October 17
- Attended Diocesan October executive meeting
- Conducted a Sault Ste. Marie Regional November Presidents meeting
- Sent an update of our fundraising inventory to Diocesan
- Supported parish councils with various queries

Sudbury Region Annual Report

2021

Diocese: Sault Ste. Marie
Chairperson: Kathleen Niro
Parishes Reporting: 15

Spiritual Advisor: Ruth-Anne Ingram
Recording Secretary: Julie Lackmanac
Treasurer: Bev Michaud
Spiritual Development: vacant

Chairperson's Report:

- Attended the Diocesan Executive Meetings held virtually
- Afternoons of Spiritual Reflection co-led with Ruth-Anne Ingram held virtually
- Attended Diocesan Executive meeting in person October 15/16, 2021
- Attended Diocesan AGM October 30, 2021
- Chaired the President's Meeting on November 14, 2021
- Assisted with the Centenary Tree Planting June 27, 2021
- Attended Provincial (July) and National (August) Annual Members' Meetings
- Assisted with the Diocesan Advent Reflection December 12, 2021
- Updates of diocesan activities and news sent to Presidents via email
- Sent Christmas cards to the Sudbury Council
- Attended various virtual presentations and spiritual activities offered by National, Provincial, and Diocesan Councils
- Attended webinar presentations with the Blue Community

2021 President Meeting:

- Sun., Nov. 14, 2021, at 1:30pm at Our Lady of Hope, Sudbury
 - Topics discussed were the 102nd Annual Diocesan convention in North Bay, confirming we will celebrate our 100th.
 - Instructed vote – requirements for councils and deadlines
 - Elections – to forward the new executive and their contact information
 - Compassionate Committee for Sudbury – introduction of this committee and the lead Diane Legault

2021 Regional Meetings:

There were not any regional meetings.

Afternoons of Spiritual Reflection – Virtual:

February 21, 2021 – First Sunday in Lent

June 14, 2021 – Mother and Queen of All Creation, Joyful Mysteries - Laudato Si

October 3, 2021 – Seasons of Grace

Blue Community – Sisters of St. Joseph and Paul Baines – Virtual:

April 14, 2021 – Junction Creek Walk

April 22, 2021 – Water is the First Medicine

May 25, 2021 – LU Trails and Greenspace

June 14, 2021 – Lords of the Water Documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3ZcLcey7tM>

June 23–25, 2021 – Water Summit – Zhaabwiitoodaa Nibi – Let's Protect the Water

November 10, 2021 - Junction Creek Stewardship project, information distributed at Sudbury Presidents' meeting.

Diocesan Officers
2019 – 2022

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor	Rev. Rex Lumine
Diocesan President	Cathy McKinney
President-Elect / Organization Chairperson	Lisa Henry
First Vice-President / Spiritual Development	Patricia Clizia
Second Vice-President / Sudbury Regional Chairperson	Kathleen Niro
Recording Secretary	Louise Cazabon-Regimbal
Corresponding Secretary	Diane Carmichael
Treasurer	Deborah Hickey
Past President / Historian	Elizabeth “Betsy” Currier
Christian Family Life Chairperson	Lorraine Greasley
Communications Chairperson	Kelly Langevin
Resolutions & Legislation Chairperson	Geraldine Chateau
Education & Health	Colleen Murphy
Community Life	Kathleen Niro
<u>Regional Chairpersons</u>	
North Bay	Deborah Hickey
Sault Ste. Marie	Colleen Murphy
Sudbury	Kathleen Niro
<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	1969-1971	Mrs. Verna Morgan
1922-1923	Mrs. Alyce Shepherd	1971-1973	Mrs. Rose Moher
1923-1924	Mrs. J. Hand	1973-1974	Mrs. Alice Maher
1924-1926	Mrs. J. Murphy	1974-1976	Mrs. Anne Grogan
1926-1927	Mrs. J. Racicot	1976-1978	Mrs. Lucille Cullen
1927-1929	Mrs. Hannah Surtees	1978-1979	Mrs. Olive Plaus
1929-1930	Mrs. H. Grace	1979-1981	Mrs. Betty Nori
1930-1932	Mrs. L.A. Greene	1981-1983	Mrs. Maureen Crema
1932-1934	Mrs. R.A. Fee	1983-1985	Mrs. Rita Souliere
1934-1936	Mrs. M.J. Coughlin	1985-1987	Mrs. Kay Cecile
1936-1938	Mrs. T.P. Doyle	1987-1989	Mrs. Joan Durand
1938-1940	Mrs. H. Matheson	1989-1991	Mrs. Rochelle Chartier
1940-1942	Mrs. J. Lafrance	1991-1993	Mrs. Connie Zimbalatte
1942-1945	Mrs. M. Lynch	1993-1995	Mrs. Anne Gallagher
1945-1949	Mrs. Marie Young	1995-1997	Mrs. Shirley Marcotte
1949-1951	Mrs. Ella Dunn	1997-1999	Mrs. Ann Dube
1951-1953	Mrs. H. Carroll	1999-2001	Mrs. Margaret Rondina
1953-1955	Mrs. C.B. Reynolds	2001-2003	Mrs. Louise Gamelin
1955-1957	Mrs. Agnes McMahon	2003-2005	Mrs. Paulette Smith
1957-1959	Mrs. Claire Merchant	2005-2007	Mrs. Evelyn Theriault
1959-1961	Mrs. Jean O'Connor	2007-2009	Mrs. Vivianne Frankish
1961-1963	Mrs. Kay Dignan	2009-2011	Mrs. Theresa McGuire
1963-1964	Mrs. Loretta Hytonen	2011-2013	Mrs. Linda Squarzolo
1964-1966	Mrs. Ann Rabeau	2013-2015	Mrs. Anna Tremblay
1966-1968	Mrs. Kay Banks	2015-2017	Miss Karen McDonald
1968-1969	Mrs. Vera Quinn	2017-2019	Mrs. Betsy Currier
		2019-Present	Mrs. Cathy McKinney

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 – 2019-2022

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
Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
Maureen Carriere
Marcelle Beaulieu

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
Denise Armstrong
Louise Bichler
Leah Carson
Patricia Turgeon
Sabina Raymondi
Emma Bonin
Rhonda DeGraw
Sandy Punch
Rose Linklater

Sudbury Region

Christ the King
Holy Redeemer
Our Lady of Hope/St. Anthony
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
Pauline Zarichney
Suzanne Quackenbush
Valarie Vondette
Pat Hinds
Angelika Beauchamp
Sandra Boyd
Kathy Smorhay
Faye Wafer

DECEASED CWL MEMBERS FOR 2021

LEDIA ANDREWS	MYRTLE DeYOUNG	LENORE MCILMOYLE
MARIE ANTONELLO	KATHLEEN DONNELLY	MARIE MILLER
PHYLLIS ARSENEAULT	HELEN DROHAN	INES MUCKLOW
RACHEL AUBIN	FRANCES DUBE	GINA MUTO
ELDA BALDELLI	IRENE DUGAS	ELFREIDE NOWAK
CLAIRE BEAUDRY	FRANCES DUROCHER	JOAN O'LEARY
ANNE BELFRY	BARBARA ANN FARRELL	BEVERLEY OSBORNE
CONNIE BENNETT	SHEILA FLANNERY	ROSALIA PAULL
GLENDA BIAGINI	VIVIANNE FRANKISH	LUCILLE PELLETIER
LUCIENNE BIGRAS	HELEN ANN GERMAIN	VIRGINIA PERRI
MARY BOIVIN	HENRYKA GORECKI	BARBARA POLANO
VERONICA BOIVIN	JEANNE GRAVELLE	NORA PERRON
STELLA BOUDREAU	COLETTE HARTMAN	YOLANDE PROSPERI
CELIA BURNS	ANNE HARVEY	MILDRED PUDDISTER
BRENDA CAINE	EILEEN HEBERT	THERESA RANGER
VELIA CAMPANELLI	STELLA HOEG	GUISEPPINA ROSSET
MILDRED CAMPBELL	LAURA HOOVER-FOWLER	CECILE ROY
SANDRA CAPPADOCIA	TERESA IORFIDA	NORAH RYAN
ANDONETTA CARIATI	DIANE JACQUES	JUDITH SAIKKONEN
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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***