
ST. LUKE'S CWL



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

COUNCIL #22

St. Luke's Catholic Women's League of Canada Council #22

2020 Annual General Report

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Spiritual Advisor



The spirit of the Lord is upon me
because he has anointed me to bring good
news to the poor."
(Luke 4:18-19)

Dear Members of St. Luke's CWL

April 2021

In the midst of this trying times of pandemic, the Church is still celebrating the joyful Easter Season of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the many people who are trying to help in many ways to maintain the operation of the Church and to serve the people's spiritual needs.

Though the CWL are not operating as a group in the service of the people right now, yet they are visible in all the ministries that help maintain the services of the parish.

As a Catholic Women's League they are thriving and striving to grow in serving the community by doing the basic activities allowed in this time of pandemic.

We have just celebrated the remembrance of the deceased members of the organization on April 18, 2021 was a success and many members came to join and participate in this celebration.

Through this simple but meaningful celebration we see that they are actively serving this community and each of their members.

May the good Lord always bless them as they continue to grow in faith and spirit of service.

Sincerely,


Fr. Fernando Genogaling

President's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ

The year of 2020 will be remembered with some in trepidation by many. It was a year of chaos, fear, joy, happiness, sadness, sorrow, celebration and so many emotions. It was a very trying and difficult year for many of us.

Since our AGM in Feb 2020 it has been a tough year where we have been unable to meet and greet each other with the usual hug or hand shake. I hope that you all have been keeping in touch with members you know and maybe some you don't.

Diocesan and local St. Luke's CWL information is mostly communicated through emails. I know there are some members that do not have emails and may feel they are out of the loop. Please call them if you know who they are and share information.

Do you know what "Ubuntu" means?

The story goes that an Anthropologist proposed a game to African tribal children. He placed a basket of sweets near a tree, and then had them stand a few hundred feet away.

Whoever reached the basket first would get all the sweets.

When he said ready steady go...Do you know what these small children did?

They all held each other's hands and ran towards the tree together, divided the sweets and enjoyed them equally.

When the Anthropologist asked them why you did so?

They said "Ubuntu". Which to them, meant "How can one be happy when all the others are sad?"

A rough translation of the principle of Ubuntu is

"a belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all of humanity."

"I am because we are".

In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu - "A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed."

Let's adopt Ubuntu into our lives this year. Let's be open and available to others so that we can reach out to members and our community. Your help and support in the past has been immensely appreciated. As we move forward in yet another difficult year your continued support, ideas, and participation in anyway is welcomed.

To my sisters and friends, may the peace of Christ be with you everywhere and in all times. May Our Mother Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, guide you in all things and intercede on your behalf to our Lord and Saviour.

Blessing to you all and your families

Pam Wilson

Past President's Message



Dear Sisters in the league

What a blessing you are.

Thank you for being there for each other through your phone calls, emails and mask covered smiles. As sisters in the league its so important to support each other and those less fortunate in our society.

Although COVID restriction did not allow us to meet in person we have learned the power of ZOOM meetings and 6-foot apart prayers in the parking lot.

All your hard work in past years: serving at funerals, baking pies, sewing quilts, organizing garage sales, baking loafs, cookies and crafting has allowed us to continue our donations to worthwhile organizations in need and funding of long term commitments such as the Virginia Klatzel scholarship, Sylvia's Christmas card stamps and our Chalice sponsorship.

Our strength lies in the depth of our shared values and our willingness to serve God, Canada and each other. Let's continue to build on the leadership provided by our current president, Pam Wilson by stepping forward to support our executive and share the load.

Please listen to Our Ladies call to service by talking about the league with friends and family.

Blessings

Karen Bruch

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..

Core Purpose

Uniting Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world.

Core Values FAITH - following Catholic teaching

SERVICE - local, national and international

SOCIAL JUSTICE - actively involved in society

Recording Secretary

Motions Carried in 2020

January 21 to table the 2019 Disbursement List to the February AGM.

Moved by Marie Byers, Second Karen Bruch

February 23 to accept the St. Luke CWL 2020 budget as presented.

Moved By Colleen Strueby Second Karen Bruch

to accept the Disbursement Committee's Recommendations as presented.

Moved by Marie Byers Second Chinelo Igbelina

to accept the 2019 Annual General Report

Moved by Marie Byers

to accept the Financial Statements as printed in the 2019 Annual Report.

Moved by Lil Gelowitz

December 2 to pay for the cost of stamps for the Christmas Card ministry.(995.13).

Moved Pam Wilson

Corresponding Secretary

Correspondence January 1—December 31, 2020

Cards Sent	Mass & Sympathy	3
	Invitations Sent	1
Cards /Letters Rec'd	Chalice Children	1
	Thank You	6
	Christmas / Other	6
	Newsletters/Pamphlets	2
	Donation Requests	9



*Respectfully submitted,
Angela Hinsberger*



Communications

In an effort to keep our St. Luke's CWL Membership informed we introduced St. Luke's CWL News emails and issued these on a regular basis. These emails contained news from our own St. Luke's CWL but also news from our CWL Diocese. Although we were unable to meet in person due to COVID restrictions, we also introduced general meetings via teleconference and now ZOOM technology as well. ZOOM technology lets us meet face to face virtually. Our CWL Diocese also uses ZOOM technology to connect with members for meetings, prayer and special events. We hope that you will continue to join us and participate in any of our CWL meetings in this capacity until we are able to meet in person safely in the future. We welcome your feedback anytime on how we can better communicate with you our Sisters in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Vierboom

Membership



Once again this year we sold memberships at all masses on our CWL Sunday (Feb 2 @ 12:30), we hosted the February Coffee Sunday after the 8:30, 10:30 12:30 masses and worked the Non-Liturgical Fair (Feb 23) to promote membership in our council.

Our "Adopt-a-Sister" program (buy a gift membership for someone) helps to introduce ladies to our council. Associate membership can be purchased for non-Catholics 16 yrs or older.

Our 2020 council membership was 173.

Our December Fall Newsletter and information on Renewal and New Memberships for 2021, gave us the opportunity to touch base with members. The information from the new membership form will help our council to be more connected and know what members think we could or should accomplish with their help and volunteering. I look forward to your suggestions in the areas of service, faith and social justice.

PAM

In keeping with the National Privacy Policy the sharing of any personal information like address, phone and email with the other members of the St. Luke's CWL is strictly confidential and shall not be shared with people who are not members of the St. Luke's CWL. This sharing of information would help to develop a phoning tree to all of the St. Luke CWL members. This will help to ensure that all our members feel they are part of the whole and there are sisters out there that know them and are there in time of joy, sorry and need.



**Our congratulations to *Joan Sikora*,
who was presented with a
Maple Leaf Service Pin.**

Member Appreciation

Thank you to these long serving members.

80 years	Rita Andrews
60 years	Collette McMullen
55 years	Sylvia Coppicus. Mary McCrae
50 years	Charlotte DiLeandro
45 years	Cheryl Fedoruk, Betty LaPointe,
40 years	Paddy Newman
35 years	Karen Bruch, Lennie Fortier, Christine Stark
25 years	Angeline Donais, Bernie Florence, Lorraine Lavoie, Patricia Hanevy
20 years	Theresa Leier, Jean Morissette
15 years	Teresa Armanious, Salwa Azzam, Donna Bancroft, Del Basaraba, Anita Dick, Monica Taylor
10 years	Peggy Hong, Emily Jacques, Cristina Marcil, Dorothy McGillawee, Rita Mingo Johnson
5 years	Sulochana Antony, Marrieta Cruz, Gina Hindle, Marion Marra, Rosa McDermott, Germaine Nadon, Celiely Ruy, Marilyn Juel Shaw, Helen Slong, Amelia Vermeulen, Isabel Vermeulen, Geraldine Voloni



Due to COVID the Pin Presentation to these members will take place at an in-person meeting in 2021.

*Thank
You*

Our Special Thanks to Rita Andrews who has served the CWL for the last 80 years



League Prayer

***We humbly pray you, God our Father,
to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.***

***Send your Holy Spirit upon us
To give light to our minds and strength to our wills
That we may know and fulfill your great law of charity.***

***Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad,
The good things you have given us.***

***This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ
And the intercession of our patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel.***



Amen.

Spiritual Development

During this COVID-19 pandemic, with No In-person Meetings, with restricted numbers at Mass, Funerals, Weddings and Social Gatherings, our members were called upon to find new ways to pray together.

Weekday Eucharistic Adoration continued,
Registration for weekend Masses began
and these allowed us to see each other at church.

Many members began to watch Daily Mass on their televisions or use their computer to live stream morning Mass on the St. Peters or Ascension Parish websites. Several members attended the Diocesan Advent Retreat.

You Tube provided many religious videos.

By email, members were invited to

Join a prayer chain – 1 million Hail Mary's for those who are suffering from the corona virus and the whole world at risk. Say one Hail Mary and pass on to 10 people.

Join a rosary chain - to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Sign a Spiritual Bouquet - for Bishop Grattan
(to express our thanks for his support)

Join our Provincial President, Judy Look, on Zoom- to pray the rosary each Wednesday evening. She was happy to include our Intentions.

Morning Mass on April 26 was prayed for
the Living and Deceased Sisters of our council.

*During this unsettled time,
we may have changed where we pray,
how we pray, what we pray for,*

REMEMBER

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE



Christian Family Life



In the fall of 2020 we coordinated the Adopt-A-Seminarian project as requested by CWL Diocesan. Our seminarian at St. Joseph's in Edmonton has been wonderful. Six volunteers have been writing to him over the last 6 months. More members are encouraged to consider volunteering to write to our Seminarian one month out of the year (or more if you wish). Yes, this commitment to our council is for the next 7-8 years, this is to ensure contact and support throughout his education and training. We did initially coordinate a schedule so that one sister is not doing all the writing however it seems like our initial volunteers have been corresponding. That does not mean that you can only write once a year we are looking to support as our seminarian as he does not have immediate family in Alberta. A simple letter or card of encouragement and prayers is all that is needed.

This is a program that has been our radar for a number of years, and we are so happy that we have been chosen to make life a little easier for someone who has taken this giant leap of faith.

Please contact Karen at: kbruch1@telus.net or phone her at (403) 286-9095 for more Information. I will gladly answer questions.

Christian family life is always a vital part of our council as it allows us to support families whose children are receiving the sacraments and moving into different phases in their family life. Please consider stepping forward to guide our council along with our members.

Community Life

Craft Donation

The ladies in our craft group continue their good works by donating handicrafts. This year their donation of Quilts and Lap Blankets went to the Veterans Group.

Christmas Card Collection

Again this year our CWL member Sylvia Coppicus has collected Christmas cards, pens, stickers to be distributed to city shelters, for residents living in them to contact a family member or friend. The postage for the cards was donated by our council.

Jewelry Collection

Member Sarah Meyer collected old broken jewelry for distribution to the Drop In Centre ladies after the items have been fixed and cleaned.

*May we be faithful to our League Prayer,
Always aware of the needs of others an seek justice for all,
With love. Amen*

Education

St. Luke's CWL 2020 Virginia Klatzel Scholarship

The St. Luke's CWL scholarship committee received a pair of applications for this award.

As per usual, \$1,000 was given out to a post-secondary student whose application package met the requirements posted on the CWL website.

We were thrilled to award the 2020 scholarship to

Chikwado Igbelina.

It was our pleasure to again serve as the scholarship committee and look forward to the opportunity in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Mingo Johnson
Cristina Marcil
Charlotte DiLeandro



BOOK CLUB

Like everything else in our lives, our book club has been impacted by the Covid pandemic and we were only able to meet twice.

In February, we discussed "Becoming Mrs. Lewis" and, in September, the selection was "Recipe for a Perfect Wife". Since then, it has been unsafe to gather. During these unusual times, we have kept in touch with each other and are looking forward to being able to meet regularly again. We miss the fellowship and stimulating conversations that we enjoy at every meeting.

September 2020 marked the tenth anniversary of the CWL Book Club and we are proud to be going strong for all these years.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Maduck

Health

Healing Prayer

Lord God, Father of goodness and love,
we come before you today in need of your healing hands.

Hear our prayers for our sick sisters and all those in need.

Show your mercy Lord, as you turn their weakness into strength,
Pain into comfort, suffering in compassion and sorrow into joy.

Bless our dear sisters and hold their hearts
in your healing hands,
as you renew their minds, bodies and souls.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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GENERAL ACCOUNT - Income Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 2020

<u>General Account - Opening Balance January 1, 2020</u>	\$ 25,025.97	*Charity Donations - 2020	
		**Donations approved in 2019	
REVENUE	\$4,300.00	General Account	
Membership (Next Year 2021)	\$50.00	St. Luke's Roof Repair	\$7,000.00
Adopt a Sister	\$25.00	Calgary's Inter-Faith Furniture	\$500.00
Bazaar	\$0.00	Catholic Mission in Canada	\$500.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	L'Arche	\$500.00
AGM Tickets	\$1,440.05	Calgary Women's Shelter	\$500.00
Missal Sales (2020 & 2021)	\$94.00	St. Mary's Chair	\$500.00
Pro Life Rose Sale	\$0.00	Foundation of St. Joseph Sem	\$500.00
Retreat	\$0.00	Calgary Regional CWL	<u>\$300.00</u>
			<small>Calgary Catholic Education Foundation</small>
		General Account Donations	<u>\$10,300.00</u>
Funeral Income	\$1,926.60		
Total Revenue	\$7,835.65	Funeral Account	
EXPENSES		Elizabeth House	\$192.00
Membership	\$3,970.00	Childrens' Cottage Society	\$500.00
Membership Insurance	\$103.00	St. Luke's Church (Kitchen Supp	\$900.00
Bazaar	\$0.00	Bethany Care Foundation	\$500.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	Fr. Lacombe Care	\$500.00
AGM	\$1,690.76	Feed the Hungry	\$1,000.00
Convention/Workshop/Retreats	\$215.99	Elizabeth House	\$1,400.00
Dues	\$0.00	Chalice	\$792.00
Missals (2020)	\$0.00	Funeral Account Donations	<u>\$5,784.00</u>
Pro Life Roses	\$0.00		
Gen Meeting (hospitality etc)	\$6.25	Combined	<u>\$16,084.00</u>
Mass Cards	\$0.00		
Newsletter (photocopy/postage)	\$299.19		
Postage	\$0.00		
Pastor Gifts	\$200.00		
Scholarship	\$0.00		
Stamps for Xmas Cards	\$989.18		
Stationery	\$152.05		
Service Pins, Name Tags	-\$182.75		
Bank Charges	\$54.00		
Photocopy	\$257.29		
Movie Nights	\$0.00		
Honorarium	\$0.00		
Kitchen Expenses (Funeral)	\$256.50		
Funeral Expenses	\$1,348.90		
Total Expenses	\$9,360.36		
Net Income	-\$1,524.71		
*Charity Donations 2019	\$16,084.00		
General Account Closing Balance - December 31 2020	\$ 7,417.26		

Respectfully submitted
Colleen Strueby

Funeral Receptions

The CWL offers the service of a reception in the parish center, following a funeral for members of St. Luke's parish. In 2020, we served at 6 funerals.



We serve sandwiches, pickles, cheese trays, vegetables trays, fruit trays, squares, tea, coffee, & juice. We also offer a fruit bread, cheese, fruit plates and squares, I suggest this for an afternoon funeral.

The families of the deceased are most appreciative of this service, and most are generous with their donations. I ask for \$4.00 per person for this service -- depending on family means. After our costs plus \$25.00 given to the church for every funeral (to cover the costs of coffee etc.), the remaining monies are donated to charity (supporting two young people through Chalice).

I thank the four teams, who so willingly give of their time and energy to this cause and to the ladies who do the table set-up for each funeral.

More volunteers are always welcome. and anyone wishing to help serve and or donate baking, please call Lil Gelowitz at 403-282-2087.

Lil Gelowitz

Honour Guard



At the request of family members of a deceased League Sister, we are always willing to form an Honour Guard at her funeral. It is a privilege and honour to provide this final tribute to one of our sisters.

In 2020 we formed an Honour Guard for our sister, Edna Hornett. Unfortunately due to the COVID 19 we were unable to do one for several other sisters who passed this year.

Our practice of remembering and honouring our deceased sisters, who died in 2020, at our November General Meeting has to be delayed till next year.

Many thanks to Betty Miller for entering the names in calligraphic script in our CWL Book of Life.

Jean McColl

In Our Book of Life

*we remember and
pray for these CWL Sisters.*

Edna Hornett

Theresa Craig

Amy Conroy

Vivienne Hiltermann

Sheila Barnett

Ann Taylor

*May their souls and all the souls of
the faithful departed
rest in peace.*



Guide to Virtual (Online) Meetings During COVID-19

The following are guidelines to be used by councils holding virtual (online) meetings if meetings cannot take place in person during the COVID-19 pandemic. The League is governed by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, and at the moment, the by-laws do not allow councils to have "official" online meetings. The following is a summary of how meetings can take place, decisions can be made and councils can move forward.

- 1. Online or virtual meetings of parish, diocesan and provincial councils can be held.*
- 2. Business can be discussed and decisions can be taken.*
- 3. The secretary or other person who would normally be recording minutes should take "notes" of the meeting.*
- 4. Decisions that do not require a motion but simply approval by those present can be made and acted on by the council.*
- 5. If an "item" would normally require a motion to confirm the action, then it should be submitted to the meeting, discussed and a vote taken.*
- 6. The "item" is either accepted or rejected. If rejected, it goes no further.*
- 7. If accepted, then a vote should be taken that the "item" be recommended for approval at the next in-person meeting of the council. If this is rejected, it goes no further.*
- 8. If accepted, the council may take any action required on the "item" recommended for approval. For example, the treasurer requested that a donation of \$200.00 be made to the national voluntary fund for Catholic Missions In Canada. This "item" was voted on, discussed and accepted. The treasurer then Requested the donation of \$200.00 be recommended for approval at the council's next in-person meeting. This was accepted. A cheque for \$200.00 can be written and sent to national office for this donation.*
- 9. When an "item" has been recommended for approval, it should be added to a list to be maintained by the secretary (or other recording individual). These accepted "items" should be submitted as motions at the next in-person meeting of the council for formal approval and insertion in the official minutes of the in-person council meeting where they are passed.*
- 10. All "items" requiring a formal motion can be processed in this way, including other donations, approval of council official minutes, etc.*
- 11. The "notes" taken at virtual meetings should be kept for future reference (similar to minutes) so that there is a record of what has taken place by the council during all virtual meetings it holds.*

Meetings, Programs & Parish Activities

January General Meeting
Installation of our new CWL Executive after Mass with Fr Anthony
Our Meeting Greeter was Salwa Azzam

February Annual General Meeting & Brunch
Guest Speaker Greg Hovdebo Bethany Care Foundation.
Maple Leaf Pin presentation— Joan Sikora
Mission Cards Collection Information
Members helped with the Mass of the Sick

March Second Friday of Lent we led the Stations of the Cross

GENERAL MEETINGS **March—December—CANCELLED**
Virtual Meetings WILL BE HELD

Members of our council continued to volunteer in liturgical ministries at the church.

Many of our planned programs and events were cancelled.

3 Cups of Tea—*March*

Parish Garage Sale—*April*

Mother's Day Roses & Hike for Life —*May*

Stampede Breakfast—*July*

Bazaar—*October*

Pornography Hurts Postcards

Our Care-to-Share Christmas—*December*

Christmas Hampers

REMEMBER

NOT CANCELLED

Faith — Hope — Charity

Prayer — Kindness

Love — Joy



Celebrating 100 Years with Members across Canada!



Catholic women were first organized in Canada when Katherine Hughes founded the Catholic Women's League of Edmonton in 1912. Its initial purpose was to welcome the influx of immigrant women and help them find suitable housing and work. These pioneering members planted the seeds of faith and service that later sprang to life in cities across Canada, beginning in Montreal in 1917.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
was formally established in Montreal, Quebec on June 17, 1920.

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Core Purpose

Uniting Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world.

History has been made, the future is ours!

The 100 Year Anniversary Celebration scheduled for August of this year in Montreal was cancelled due to the pandemic.

***May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us, as we celebrate
our centennial and strategically plan for the
League of the future.***

Let us continue to **Care For Our Common Home.**
2019—2020 *CWL National Theme*



As we leave 2020, **thank you** to all who have attended meetings in person and on the computer via Zoom.
Also to all the members who stayed in touch with each other.

It has been a trying year for all of us.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and inspire you in this coming year.

