

# St. Luke's CWL NEWSLETTER

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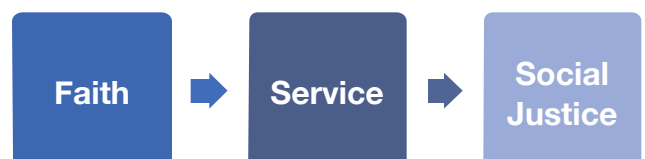


The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts four stylized and graceful figures, in four colours that recall the shades of the rainbow: red, orange, green, and blue. The choice of colours is not random, just as the colour of sacred vestments throughout the liturgical year is not. Red symbolizes love, passion, and self-sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians. Orange expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith. Green is universally recognized as the colour of hope, growth, and rebirth. Blue, finally, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquillity, evoking the sky and spirituality, and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent humanity as a whole, in its differences and similarities. They proceed to embrace each other, expressing the solidarity and brotherhood that should unite the peoples of the world. Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a Cross formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an anchor. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to embrace it. As for the anchor, Monsignor Fisichella himself explained its meaning: "As is known, the anchor has often been used as a metaphor for hope. The anchor of hope is the name given in seafaring jargon to the reserve anchor, used by vessels to perform emergency manoeuvres to stabilize the ship during storms." The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that gives us security and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the Cross, a symbol of Christ and His infinite love for all of us? The presence of small agitated waves at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning, and the Jubilee, with its twelve months of ceremonies and initiatives, becomes a long pilgrimage to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of salvation promised by God.

The winner of the international competition for the logo was Giacomo Trevisani, a young graphic designer from Puglia, who explained his graphic choice and the study behind the creation of the logo with these words: "I imagined people of every colour moving from every part of the earth towards a common future, and towards a Cross that is Jesus himself. I imagined the Pope leading humanity through a Cross that becomes an anchor, and us clinging to him, symbolizing pilgrims of all time."



# WELCOME!

Membership to the St. Luke's Catholic Women's League has many benefits. As we begin our 2025 Membership Drive let us reflect on the next 9 words to Talk about the CWL.

Through the Newsletters we will cover the 52 WORDS to Talk about the CWL.

(Note: The first 7 were covered in newsletters from 2024)

8. **CONFIDENCE** The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident - come walk with us!
9. **CONNECTION** My Catholic Women's League council is parish-based yet connected to Canada's largest women's organization. How connected are you? You will meet women from your region, diocese, province and country by becoming involved in your parish Catholic Women's League council! Your place is among us!
10. **COURAGE** If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.
11. **DIVERSITY** The Catholic Women's League welcomes women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Throughout Canada, you will find Catholic women growing in faith, caring through a wide range of service, and seeking true justice for all. Did you know non-Catholics can become associate members? Want to make a difference but not sure how to get started? Your place is among us!
12. **FAITH** Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living It! Come grow with us!
13. **FAMILY** My Catholic Women's League is like family. Wherever you live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters, mothers aunts and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom. Catholic family values are abound at the Catholic Women's League. Come join our family.
14. **FRIENDSHIP** Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.
15. **FULFILLMENT** If you only knew... joining the Catholic Women's League will help you find fulfillment. This one-stop women's organization focuses on faith, service and social justice. Become active and involved in your area of interest. Your place is among us.
16. **FUTURE** My Catholic Women's League is active in the present and looks to the future with enthusiasm. For more than 100 years, members have been making a difference nationally and even internationally as a member of World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. The future needs you.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this New Year, let it be with hope for renewal of our spirit and faith. Let it be a year of happiness and growth.

It was with great anticipation that 95 ladies met on Tuesday, March 30, 1965. It was a very special day for the St. Luke's Catholic Women's League. It was the day that our council was chartered. All 95 ladies present became charter members.

As the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope begins let us pray that our council will grow in ways we may never have imagined. Let us gather together to lift up and hold our sisters in faith, friendship, fulfillment, family, confidence, courage, connection, diversity and embrace our future.

Congratulations to all the members of the St. Luke's CWL for 60 years of commitment to your sisters, your community, the League and Canada.

Sincerely

Pam Wilson



## QUICK LINKS

Calgary Diocesan CWL  
[calgarycwl.ca](http://calgarycwl.ca)

Alberta-MacKenzie CWL  
[cwlabmk.ca](http://cwlabmk.ca)

National CWL [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca)

Calgary Diocese  
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/>

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### St. Lukes' Meetings: All are Welcome

**January 21 - Afternoon General Meeting -** MPR with Toonie SOUP & BUN at 12 noon followed by meeting and guest speakers

### **January 25/26 - CWL SERVICE WEEKEND**

Come join us at the 8:30am Mass and serve with us

### **February 2 - CWL Hosted Coffee Sunday**

### **February 9 -Annual General Meeting &**

**Brunch** beginning with Mass at 10:30am.

Brunch to follow at 11:45am with meeting to follow with Guest Speaker

**February 22 - Adoration Presentation** The Real Presences of Our Lord. Following the 9am Mass in MPR

**March 7 - Stations of the Cross** lead by CWL members following 7pm Mass

**March 18 - General Meeting -** Painting Friendship Rocks - MPR at 2pm

**April 15 - General Meeting -** MPR at 2pm

**April 26 - Annual Garage Sale** (See details below)

**APRIL 26 - Both 9am & 5pm Masses are for Living and Deceased CWL members in celebration of the Feast of Our patroness - Our Lady of Good Counsel.**

**May 2-3 - Diocesan 103rd CWL Convention -** being held in Lethbridge

**May 20 - General Meeting -** Guest Speaker Kim Walker - MPR at 7:45pm

**June 6-7 - Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Convention** in Grande Prairie.

**June 17 - New Members Welcome -** MPR following 7pm Mass

### **Calgary Regional Meetings: All are welcome**

**Feb 3, April 7, June 2**

Watch for time and place.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# Annual Garage Sale

Saturday April 26 in MPR

Setup on Tuesday April 22 with collection, sorting on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24. Final pricing will be completed on Friday, April 25.

Do you have items that you are trying to donate? Items like kitchenware, cookware, glasses, cups, cook books, jars, candles, baskets, vases.

Sporting goods like baseball mitts, skis, bicycles, etc.

Christmas and other holiday items. Suitcases, hand bags, children's toys in clean good condition.

Pictures, frames, linen, table cloths, jewelry and fine collectables.

Small electronic items IN WORKING ORDER like tea kettles, cameras, lamps, etc.

Volunteers will be required to help make this a successful event.

Watch for further details in March.



# CWL MEMBERS Celebrating Service Awards

St. Luke's CWL council honoured 24 members with Service Pins. Recognized for years of service ranging from 5 to 50. Congratulations to you all for your service and commitment to the League.



10 Years - Mary Balabas and Gabriella Marcil



20 Years - Cassie Gau



45 Years - Sarah Meyer



50 Years - Lorraine Maduck

## 5 years

Man-Wai Chu

## 10 years

Mary Balabas

Frances Coward

Gabriella Marcil

Bonnie Rush

Samia Sargious

Noemi Voilato

## 15 years

Terry Hardjowirogo

Maeve Kavanagh

## 20 years

Cassie Gau

Pat Gillespie

Anna Maria

Kappelhoff

Anne Marie

Schneider

Carol Taylor

Marilyn Woychuk

## 25 years

Carol Pun

Joan Sikora

(posthumous)

## 40 years

Cynthia Kapcala

Avril Ludwick

## 45 years

Evelyn Charchuk

Sarah Meyer

## 50 years

Lorraine Maduck

Unfortunately not all our recipients could attend.

# Virginia Klatzel Scholarship

Virginia Klatzel was our first president. We have honoured her with an annual scholarship to a student who has or is graduating from Grade 12 by June 2025, who is related to a CWL member in good standing, and will go on to continue their education.

Do you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, nephew, niece or cousin that is eligible? Let them know. Better yet - pick up an application form and get them to complete the requirements.



## Membership Drive is upon us. Renew your membership

today. Have a friend that isn't a member, get them to join. They don't have to be Catholic as we have associate memberships too. Membership means many things to many women. Too busy to come to meetings? That's ok.

Do you like the idea of service? Helping out at Ronald MacDonald House Brunch or packing backpacks for the IWIN - I'm Worth It Now organization? There is always room for more members to help out with these events.

Do you like the idea of social justice? Hand writing a letter to the government on one or more of our national resolutions? Advocating for the unborn through the Calgary Pro-Life Walk in May? Helping with the Feed the Hungry at St. Luke's? Donating and delivering of food items to St. Anne's Pantry which is part of the KARA Foundation to help young parents, women and men, to continue their education and learn how to be good parents? There are many avenues to help in our community and church.

Do you like the idea of faith? With the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year, do you have a way you'd like the council to get involved? Does that mean organizing a pilgrimage to the different churches right here in Calgary to worship? Do you want to get involved with the Stations of the Cross during Lent? Do you want to provide opening and closing prayers at the meetings?

There are so many ways to be a CWL member. If it just means meeting new people then that's ok.

Fill in your membership today with payment and mail, drop off, at the church or e-transfer to [st.lukesw.cwl.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:st.lukesw.cwl.treasurer@gmail.com) You will not be disappointed.



## Christmas Market and Raffle

The Christmas Market was a huge success in no small part to Marlene Vierboom and her dedicated team leads. There were many selections for our customers, from the Craft Table to the Bake Table to the Raffle Baskets to the Quilt Raffle, not to mention all the vendors that rented tables. It was a very snowy day and even though our customers were fewer than 2023, they definitely showed their appreciation for the treasures available for their Christmas shopping as we made over a \$100 more than in 2023. And the best deal of all was the Coffee Bar stocked and served by Judi Curran and husband Larry, Jennifer Evangelista and her kids Elizabeth and John and their friend. I have to say it is the best gourmet hot chocolate around. Thanks John!

***A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers and customers. We couldn't do it without you.***



Gisele Pflug and the Crafty Ladies lovingly cut, assembled and sewed together a beautiful Dog Themed quilt for the raffle. It included a couple of dog bone pillows, a pillow matching the quilt, a dog stuffy and a dog book. All proceeds from the raffle were donated to RESET (Rapid Exit from Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking) and to Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids (BB4CK). We were able to donate just under \$1200 to each of these organization to help some of the vulnerable women and children in our community.



# 60th Anniversary of St. Lukes CWL

March 30, 2025 marks 60 years of the Charter of the St. Luke's Catholic Women's League.

Do you have ideas to help us celebrate this most auspicious celebration and honour the charter members whose dedication and hard work started and with the help of new members joining over the years who have kept our council alive and vibrant for 60 years?

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Ladies of the Rockies in Canmore?

An old style fashion show from the 60s and 70s with a social tea?

A visible memorial of planting a tree, installation of a memorial bench or other suggestion?

Collaborate with the KofC for a FEED THE HUNGRY at St. Mary's?

Tentative plan is to have a Mass celebrated on March 30 which is sponsored and served by CWL members.

Please forward all your suggestions to Karen Bruch (403-809-4025 - [kbruch1@telus.net](mailto:kbruch1@telus.net)) or Judi Curran (403-284-3757 - [judicurran@shaw.ca](mailto:judicurran@shaw.ca)).

Help us to make this year a very special year for our 60 years!!!

