



*Ever-loving God, Creator of each human being
in Your image and likeness,
help me to see the face of Christ
in friend and stranger alike.
Give me an open, listening mind
and an understanding heart,
so that I may be a true companion
to everyone I meet,
as I try to answer Christ's call to
'LOVE ONE ANOTHER'.
May Your Holy Spirit
guide my thoughts and actions
and those of my sisters in
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
so that, through us,
Your light will illumine our world.
I ask this in the name of Jesus,
Your Son, our Lord.
Amen.*



Humboldt CWL

Spring 2008

Mission Statement

***The Catholic Women's League of Canada
is a national organization rooted in gospel
values calling its members to holiness
through service to the people of God.***

All women alike are welcome to be members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. The CWL fiscal year begins January 1st annually. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together. When put into action, this faith brings the values of Christ into the world.

All member participation must be acknowledged in the League at the parish council level. The acceptance of women in diverse situations and circumstances is very important in the "fabric" of the League.

- Fully active members. These members pay dues, attend meetings, take part in business procedures with voting privileges, serve on committees, and can take advantage of the many opportunities for personal and spiritual development offered by the League.
- Partially active members. These members pay dues, but cannot always attend meetings or functions. They are willing to help when needed, on a task-by-task basis. They want to be part of the organization and make a difference but have limited time to offer.
- Financially supportive members. These members pay dues to support the national organization and the local council. They cannot be fully or partially active currently, but may become more involved in the future. They wish to stay informed of events and educational updates through the CWL website and *The Canadian League*.

- Prayer partners. These members pay dues, taking part spiritually as a prayer partner—either with a specific person, or generally for the members. In turn, they are included in all CWL prayers.

Each of these members offers a unique and welcome voice, representative of all Catholic women.

Dear Members of St. Augustine's Parish CWL

I would like to thank you for the wonderful work and leadership the CWL offers to this parish. You give of yourselves generously to many causes, thus providing an example of Christian dedication to all members of our community.

May the Lord inspire many young women to join your ranks to carry on your mission.

May the Lord bless your efforts and grant you the spiritual rewards of your contribution to this parish.

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Emile April

Dear Sisters in the League,

Congratulations to you for your many hours of hard work and service for God and Canada. Your annual reports in this Newsletter indicate how busy you've been. Thank you!

God has called each one of us to be His disciple in the Church today. Some of us have a prayer mission in our older years; others are to reach out in love and service in our parish, in our city, our country and even internationally. Our League magazine provides enriching reading regarding the CWL outreach.

I encourage you to move forward with new Life that our Risen Savior has and continues to give us; to live in Hope and Love and be faith-filled disciples as our Lord calls us each day, to be witnesses of His greater honor and glory!

Sister Loretta Konlup, OSU
Spiritual Advisor

Agencies or Organization supported by St. Augustine's CWL

St. Augustine Parish Building Fund; Humboldt Music Festival Association; Carlton Trail Teen Aid; Special Olympics; Catholic Health Association (member); Performing Arts Council; Save a Family; Royal Canadian Legion (wreath); Prairie Messenger; Esk-O-Mi-Mission North; flowers for the church; Development and Peace; Poor Fund; Chalice (Christian Child Care International); Catholic Christian Outreach; Partners for Rural Family Support; Coady Institute.

Report on the 2007 Provincial Convention

St. Augustine's Parish CWL Council hosted the 59th annual Provincial CWL Convention June 4th & 5th, 2007 at St. Augustine Parish Center. There were a total of 283 people registered with an attendance of 266 including 1 Archbishop, 1 Bishop and 17 priests.

Reports, speakers, the election of new executive members, and a resolution about hospice palliative care were featured throughout the two days.

The National CWL theme "Love One Another" was explored in presentations by keynote speaker Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton and Sister Anna Aulie, coordinator of Scripture resources for the Saskatoon Diocese.

Opening and closing Eucharistic celebrations were held. There was a German themed banquet followed by entertainment provided by our local Bier Tent Gang. A most relaxing evening after a very busy opening day!

Local members provided and served for the coffee breaks and continental breakfast. Apple strudel made by the members was a tasty afternoon treat for coffee break. Many registrants went home with a door prize provided by local members and business places in the city.

A sincere thank you to all the members who worked so hard to make a successful convention and to all the donors whose generous support was much appreciated.

To Angie Punk and Linda Reineke of the parish office staff for all their efficient assistance in preparing for the convention with registrations, and everything else we needed help with.

Assist with funeral lunches.

In co-operation with Knights of Columbus, members assisted with the celebration for the Sisters of St. Elizabeth to recognize them for their many years of service to the parish and city.

Communications—Tanya Schuler

For the year 2007 I continued to submit the times set for monthly meetings of the CWL executive and general meetings.

Made sure all fundraising activities were announced in the bulletin and local papers.

October entailed the organization of the White Ribbon Campaign.

A newsletter was planned and published.

Organization and Membership – Caroline Rohel

There are currently 241 members, down 20 members from 2006.

10 deceased members.

1 new member.

2 transferred members.

We honored our Jubilareans with a mass & social: 70 years—Agnes Zintel; 60 years—Ann Deager & Clara Hackl; 50 years—Lucille Baron, Marion Burton, Loretta Doepker, Rose Gray, Martha Lins, Rosemarie Lins, Kay Michel, Sally Muench & Clara Saretsky. We also recognized one new member.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE JAN. 1ST. Caroline Rohel will gladly accept your membership fee of \$20.00. Call her at 682-5747.

Upcoming Events

Provincial Convention North Battleford—June 2 & 3.

CWL meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. preceded by Mass, except during July and August.

President's Message

A sincere thank you is extended to all who donated food and worked so hard at all our fund raisers. Also, thank you to the public—your support is greatly appreciated.

Funeral lunches are now a parish function and therefore groceries for funerals will no longer be charged to the CWL account. Funeral lunches will have an account of their own. Catering fees are now paid to the parish.

My sympathy to those who lost loved ones. They will be remembered at our monthly masses.

Congratulations to all who had special birthdays or anniversaries.

My warmest welcome to all the ladies that transferred from another council or have just joined the League; I invite you all to join us at our monthly meetings. CWL meetings are held every second Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings start after the 7:00 p.m. Mass; if there is no Mass we start at 7:00 p.m.

Have a very good summer and let's work together for God and Canada.

God Bless You.

Marion Suer

Education and Health—Kathy Tumback

Parish Council and individual members wrote letters in support of the Bishops in promoting a continued influence in the delivery of Health Care Services in Sask.

We jointly sponsored newspaper ads in support of retaining Catholic Health Care.

Members attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to initiate prayer for healing spirit in the city.

Members attended the meetings being held between the Horizon School Division and Saskatoon Greater Catholic School Division regarding governance of Humboldt Collegiate Institute. An agreement between the two school divisions has been reached and it respected the community's sincere desire to have Humboldt Collegiate jointly operated.

A donation was made to Chrystal Home in Malaysia. The request was made for financial assistance to help educate the young girls at the Home.

Community Life—Ruth Hiebert

Our Council has adopted 2 children, one from India and the other through Chalice (formerly Christian Child Care International). We also supported Chrystal Home School in Malaysia.

We looked at resolution 07.01. Each community has their own by-laws regarding costs of background checks. Even with all those checks done, someone can still fall through the cracks.

On International Women's Day, we looked at how women fare in Canada. The Status of Women states that women are entitled to work and education, not poverty and abuse.

The snowmobile ride for breast cancer raises funds and awareness.

Christian Family Life—Margaret Angelstad

A booklet recommended by Diocesan Family Life Director Adele Giblin titled "*Where are the Saints of the 3rd Millennium*" (COLF). Ten copies of this booklet were handed out at a CWL meeting.

Some members of our Council participate in Familia Course; a 4-year plan to help young parents in their Christian vocation.

A DVD (28 minutes) "*Turning the Tide/Fighting for our Lives*" is available for viewing/discussion from Carlton Trail Pro-Life, which we support.

Four sets of Fisher Price toys were donated on behalf of the CWL to the Humboldt Play School after their facilities were flooded.

We remember our members who died in 2007.

Eternal life grant unto them Lord. May they rest in peace.

Florence Egger, Agnes Saretsky, Margaret Jaeb, Laura Sarauer, Hilda Albers, Pauline Longen, Julia Kalthoff, Florence Abel, Helen Pomedli, Frances Hartl, Mildred Stroeder, Emma Giesbrecht, Marie Stuckel.

Spiritual Development – Magdalen Dagenais

Spiritual Growth of Members:

The rosary is said before mass on meeting days. Mass is offered for all CWL members living & deceased. Members provide the ministries for this mass. Each meeting has a short spiritual program.

Special masses were said for the Feasts of the Annunciation of our Lord and Our Lady of Good Council and the Immaculate Conception.

Some members participate in the Prayer Circle Program.

Members attended special Lenten and Advent programs.

Special adoration of the Eucharist was held during the year and members attended the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Saskatoon in October.

Evangelization and Mission Assistance:

Donations were given to:

Save a Family Plan

Eskimo Mission North

Catholic Christian Outreach

Development and Peace

Poor Fund

Adopt a Child

Chalice (formerly Christian Child Care International)

Temporary Fund for International Eucharistic Congress 2008.

Lay Ministries:

Members assist as Lay Presiders and participate in all parish ministries.

Members bring communion to hospital patients.

Provide volunteer services in Spiritual and Palliative Care.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavors:

Archbishop Exner spoke on the importance of the CWL in today's world.

Members supported and participated in the Prayer for Christian Unity Week.

Spiritual Advisor and members were in charge of organizing this year's World Day of Prayer.

Parish Participation:

Provide "My Christian Passport" as a gift to all newly baptized children.

Members become prayer partners for Confirmation children.

Members and their families were encouraged to us Nativity-themed postage stamps and send religious Christmas cards.

Members continue to knit and provide prayer shawls for Palliative patients.