



## NEWSLETTER of the CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

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### Care for our Common Home

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Sisters of St. Peter's Catholic Women's League,

Well, we finally did it! With the collaboration of Father Jim, Brian Galea and Peter, on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> after the noon Mass our tree to commemorate National's 100th anniversary of the League was planted.



The native tree "Hackberry" is now on the grounds of St. Peter's, a place of honour to help the environment and to be enjoyed by our community. It doesn't have much growth today being the fall, but will grow up to 15m tall. The tree is extremely hardy and tolerant of a wide range of moisture, sun and soil levels. Easily identified by the ridges in its bark which perhaps is the most interesting of our trees, looking like a 3D landscape. The purple berries ripen in late summer and continue into the winter, creating winter interest and providing food for a wide variety of birds and is often used as a nesting tree.

As this tree grows, let it remind our members of how rooted the League is in its history and that the organization will continue to branch out into the future. Many thanks to Father Jim, Brian and Peter.

Effective January 2022, the new national theme will be, **Catholic and Living It!** Included in the newsletter is a prayer card to go with the theme.

Encourage you to regularly check out the National and Provincial web sites to stay current with initiatives and see the many resources available.

**We will be holding a virtual general meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6.** Watch for the link in your email.

#### **MEMBERSHIP - Important - please note**

**Memberships are due by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year**, and are payable to the National office by February 28. Please complete the **2022 membership form enclosed**. Call Jo Guth at 519 672-7479 or email Jo – [jguth@execulink.com](mailto:jguth@execulink.com) if you have any questions. Communication is for CWL purposes only!

In order to conform with Covid -19 restrictions we are enclosing **2022 membership forms - to be completed in full to verify all information**. You may use the Sunday collection, drop off at the mail slot at 533 Clarence or mail to 533 Clarence St., London N6A 3N1; in each case please clearly mark the envelope "**CWL**". If you wish, you may post-date your cheque for a January date. **Please return the completed form as soon as possible!!!**

CWL National has requested that we ask members if they wish to receive The Canadian League magazine. **Please indicate 'yes' or 'no' on the membership form**. The magazine is available on line [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) click on "to inform" scroll to and click on "The Canadian League."

## **RECENT EVENTS - 2021**

**Pin Awards** - we have been catching up to award service pins for both years 2020 and 2021.

**Recipients of 10 year pins for 2020** are: Carla Brizzolari, Sandy D'Avirro, Valerie Grant, Jane Jeffery and Charmaine Konecny, **25 years:** Irene Frank and Helen McCaffrey, **60 years:** Yvonne Keith and **75 years:** Bernadette Diesbourg.

**Recipients of 10 year pins for 2021** are: Carol Jarvis, Margaret-Ann McCarthy and Janice Vollmer, **25 years:** Kathleen Pasquini and Marie Sawa, **50 years:** Lois Branch, **60 years:** Gina Alevato and **70 years:** Mary Black.

**Virtual Rosary** – It has been over a year that CWL members have been participating in reciting the rosary. It is offered virtually once a week to all. You can connect using a desk top, laptop, ipad or iphone by clicking on a link provided in an email or a phone number is provided to call in. If you do not have along distance phone plan, contact one of the attending CWL members to connect using your phone and their computer. An email link is sent out giving the time and day, each week. Julie leads in reciting of the Scriptural Rosary, the mysteries are prayed on the allocated day of the week selected. Requests for prayer intentions are always accepted.

### **In Memorium**

Beth Tellaeche - March 20, 2021

#### *The Power of Prayer*

The day was long, the burden I had borne seemed heavier than  
I could bear. And then it lifted - but I did not know  
someone had knelt in prayer; had taken me to God that very hour,  
and asked the easing of the load, and He, in infinite compassion  
had stooped down and taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray, for some bewildered one, hurt and  
distressed, the answer comes, but many times,  
those hearts find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand, took hold of God,  
and brought Him down that day!

So many, many hearts have need of prayer;  
Oh, let us pray!