

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

Christmas Issue

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**



WELCOME

Merry Christmas to all, peace, joy and happiness in 2023! This is a new format that we are trying for our newsletter. The template was developed by National and we are encouraging you for your input for future newsletters and feedback on this edition.



Message from Father Raj, Spiritual Advisor

My dear CWL friends,

I remembered this funny story while meditating for the Christmas preaching.

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!" "That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man. "I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse." "You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

Friends, yelling at someone silently or explicitly is one of the by-products of absence of forgiveness. So, one of the advent/Christmas spirituality that I want to remind you of is forgiveness. Forgiving one another and forgiving oneself.

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The aim of Jesus' birth and death was one and the same. It is everything for forgiveness the world. God sent His only son for the forgiveness of the world and Jesus did it perfectly on the cross, "**Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.**"

So, the best help that we do during this season is to forgive everyone who has hurt you. It may seem like wrong to you, but remember when you forgive someone you forgive them for you. So, you can let go, free your heart and move on with your life journey.

May baby Jesus, grant you lavishly the gift of forgiveness to you and through you, everyone whom you meet on this season.

Merry Christmas!

Fr.Raj

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members for their support during 2022. You certainly can be proud of your accomplishments and service provided to the Parish community. If we didn't have our faith family, I wonder where we would be today! Peace and love to all! Julie

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Winter Welcome

January 21, 2023

CWL General Meeting

Dates: January 7, 2023

(Joan Bolt, Guest Speaker)

February 7, 2023 (Wilf

Brockmann, Guest Speaker)

March 4, 2023

April 15, 2023

Diocesan Convention -

Sarnia April 24-26, 2023

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Social Justice

How did we assist the voiceless in 2022?

Witnessing to life, peace and social justice –members attended or viewed the videos on the Diocesan website to learn about CWL Legislation and Resolutions process. Resolutions are an active part of the mission and advocacy of the League. As a collective use of our voices, we speak out, write letters and petition our constituents and support legislation that protects our earth, the sick, the elderly and the unborn. If you were unable to attend when videos were viewed, they can be found on the Diocesan website. www.cwllondon.ca

FAITH

How have we deepened our spiritual life?

By taking the opportunity to spend the day in prayer at Merlin in June; members attending CWL meetings where we provide spiritual reflections and by attending programs for Lent, Fall Regional and the Advent season.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

What have we done this year?

Works of mercy, the forgotten the suffering or vulnerable – 250 breakfast bags for Ark Aid, socks and toiletries for 519 Pursuit, making blankets for those living on the street, supporting St. Joseph’s Hospice and organized 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, praying together weekly the rosary and volunteering at the organizations that provide meals and comfort.



QUICK LINKS

National CWL of Canada
<https://cwl.ca>

Ontario Provincial CWL
<http://www.cwl.on.ca>

London Diocesan CWL
<http://www.cwllondon.ca>



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.

SERVICE



GRATITUDE CORNER

Breakfast bags, 250 of them! As our Lenten project, led by Marian Strom, every Wednesday, we came together at the Parish Centre to prepare breakfast bags for Ark Aid to give to the homeless. We are grateful for those ladies who contributed their time and the donors of food items each week.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Teresita Oliveros, 25 years of CWL service, also a member of the Legion of Mary, and a volunteer at Ark Aid, plus, plus, plus.

CWL action speaks louder than words! How?

Through our acts of kindness, donations of material items and money to those in need, for example, Children's Aid Society, the Ukraine, St. Paul's Food Bank. St. Peter's CWL was involved and attended World Day of Prayer service, 40 Days for Life, Rosary Rally and Earth Day.



Knitted items for Children's Aid Society Welcome Program