

Catholic Women's League of Canada

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 (fundamental beliefs that influence action): **Faith, Service** and **Social Justice**

Report of St. Basil's Council for 2018-2019:

Faith:

During Lent we led parishioners in Mary's Way of the Cross twice.

To underline the importance of life and family, we organized a marriage blessing for couples who were celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019.

In October a Muslim woman, Saafa Fouda described many aspects of her faith and its similarities with Christianity.

Service:

An information sheet on palliative care was compiled and distributed to parishioners.

Six funeral receptions were organized by members of the CWL.

The annual bake sale was held in December.

Social Justice:

Cornerstone, a local women's shelter, was the focus of our opening meeting. We learned about its services and provided financial support.

We collaborated with the Knights of Columbus in putting on a brunch at Carlington Community Chaplaincy, a disadvantaged neighbourhood.

Toiletries were collected and donated to St. Joe's Women Centre.

In response to *Laudato Si*, Care for Our Common Home, we challenged our members to reduce unnecessary water usage. We took steps toward improving recycling in the kitchen. We also collaborated with the Green Team in hosting a speaker on Water.

With funds raised from our bake sale and funeral receptions we were able to support many charities:

Internationally, we supported CNEWA (Christians in the Near East Welfare Association), Velma's Dream which is an orphanage in Palestine, and a senior's home in the Dominican Republic.

Nationally, we contributed to Catholic Christian Outreach and Chalice.

Locally, we donated to Cornerstone Housing for Women and the Multifaith Housing Initiative.