

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League - Goderich

SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



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.

We are 138 Caring Members Strong!

President's Message

Dear Sisters in the League,
It is with prayerful discernment to St. Joseph that I accept the role of President for the 2021/2022 term. We are blessed with members who possess a multitude of gifts and talents that we share amongst each other and in the community. Serving God's people is a distinct mission of our League and it unites and guides us on our faith-filled journey! My prayer for each of you is to "shine from within with your own light". Thank you to our Past President, Joyce, and the Executive for your efforts in keeping business going during the pandemic. Joyce, your leadership and hard work is appreciated by all!
May God bless you and yours, *Joanne Doherty, President*

Past President's Message

Dear Sisters in the League,
As I finish this term as President, I wish to thank you all for your kind words and encouragement during these challenging and difficult times. It was great to have such a fantastic crew to help navigate through the unknown waters of a world pandemic, provincial lockdowns and parish closures. Special thanks to those members who pledged to stay and continue serving another term on our CWL Executive...and to Crystal, Margaret and Mary for accepting God's call to join the team. We welcome your ideas, enthusiasm and willingness to serve! I have much confidence and excitement for the months ahead. I wish to congratulate Joanne on her acceptance of the Presidency of our League. Let us pledge our support and prayers to Joanne and all members of the new executive.
Joyce Essery, Past President

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. *DeAnn Hollis*

Introducing Our New 2021/2022 Executive

Three chairs are vacant, we would love to have members fill these chairs (or co-chair) – *Joanne Doherty*

Fr. Tony Laforet	Spiritual Advisor
Joanne Doherty	President
Tracy van Diepen	President Elect
Joyce Essery	Co-Treasurer(s)
Laurie Glazier	
Joyce Essery	Past President
Colette O'Kane	Recording Secretary
Margaret Roosemalen	Corresponding Secretary
Crystal Brennan-Yeo	Spiritual Development
Tracy van Diepen	Organization
Eileen Sleightholm	Christian Family Life
Mary Nyland	
Vacant	Community Life
Laurie Glazier	Education and Health
Vacant	Communications
Vacant	Resolutions
	Legislation

Reasons to Support Monies to Attend Diocesan Convention

Cam Cadotte, Treasurer, The Catholic Women's League of Canada, London Diocesan Council, provided the following comments at the Annual Membership Meeting, April, 2021:

Our mandate is not to financially support the community or parish. Monies should be used to educate and train members to better serve in the community. Finances should be to think smaller and to think about the education of members.

**Questions or comments?
Email us at steterscwlwgoderich@gmail.com**

Message from the Chair, Communications

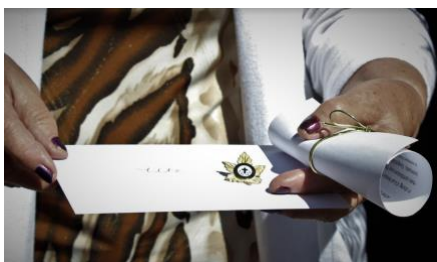
Meeting during the pandemic means the Executive have new roles at Zoom meetings, such as: “moderator”, “volunteer recording secretary”, “co-host(s)”, and several members who share computer screens. We pull together so Joyce can chair the meeting. THANK YOU to the members for attending, participating in and volunteering at Zoom meetings, Zoom Q&A sessions, Friday Zoom rosary sessions and the Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer service. You demonstrate patience as we all learn. THANK YOU, Bob Morris, for the use of your Zoom business account!

Colette O’Kane, Chair, Communications

Maple Leaf Service Pin - Ute O’Donnell

Ute is a 33-year dedicated member of our League and past Chair of Education and Health. Congratulations Ute and thank you for being such an inspiration to all your CWL sisters through your faithful service to others!

On May 13, I presented to Ute the Maple Leaf Service Pin in recognition of her many contributions to the CWL, her parish and the Goderich community. Here she is receiving the pin along with her husband, Pat. Complete written dedication/photos emailed to members - Joyce Essery



2020 Pins, Sunshine and Smiles!

What a privilege it was to deliver pins on behalf of all of us to our fellow CWL sisters who celebrated milestones in 2020. The sun was shining brilliantly on the days I was out making deliveries. It was a real joy to safely visit and honour our members. Several volunteers helped with the delivering and presenting of the Service Pins, such as: Diane Weber, Laurie Donnelly, Evelyn MacInnis, Eileen Sleightholm, Rosemary Mathers and Joyce Essery. We first phoned each member to arrange a mailbox delivery or an “in person” visit. Some chose mailbox and some met us in person. It will be a happy day when we can all “meet in person” again!

Crystal Crowley, Past President (2017-2018)

Recognition of St. Peter’s CWL Members’ Years of Service for 2020

Years of Service	Member
10 Year	Jessica Brindley Teresa Donnelly Judy Lajeunesse Brenda Lycett Gail Vugts
25 Year	Adele Drennan Maureen Sabin
40 year	Mary Ellen Brindley Germaine Wright-Trussler
50 year	Anne Brand Crystal Crowley Cecelia Denomme Karla Hogan Sharon Kirkey Eileen Kuenzig Maxine Merner
60 year	Tina Gallow Margaret Meyer Barbara Rau Marj Smith Joan Walden
65 year	Emma Franken Rita Tigert
70 year	Joan Middegaal

Year of St. Joseph – “Under his protection, may our Church and our country walk the paths of goodness and justice.” Rev. Michael Bechard

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