

Members of St Faustina CWL 2019

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Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Tom Donohue

Heureux les miséricordieux,
car ils obtiendront miséricorde!
Matthieu 5:7

No Matter What

Song Lyrics by Ryan Stevenson

No matter what you've done
You can't erase His love
Nothing can change it
You're not separated
No matter where you run
He's always holding on
You're still a daughter, you're still a son
No matter what

I don't know what you've been taught
Don't know what you've been told
All I know is my God
Will never let go of you, no
And I don't know what you've seen
Don't know what you've been through
All I know is my God

Calendar of Events:

Month of October: Recite the rosary before all Masses

October 5th: Feast Day of St Faustina

Saturday October 5: Celebration of the beginning of St Faustina Parish 4pm mass at St Faustina followed by dinner at St Patrick Catholic School, Rockland

Sunday October 6, 10am: CWL St Margaret Mary anniversary and retirement mass and creation of CWL St Faustina. Social after mass.

October (date to be confirmed): CWL Diocesan Holy Hour at Our Lady of Fatima church, 153 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa

Tuesday November 5: CWL meeting at 7pm

Wednesday November 6: All Souls Day Mass at 7 pm, St Faustina

Saturday November 30: CWL Diocesan Advent Retreat at Divine Infant church, 6658 Bilberry Dr, Orleans, 930 am to 330 pm

Month of November: Month to pray for our deceased loved ones and CWL membership drive

Tuesday December 3: CWL Christmas dinner, location and time TBD

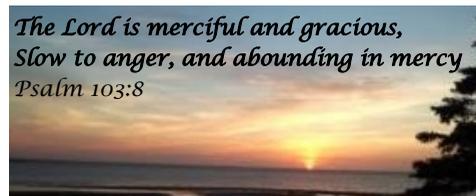
Tuesday January 7: CWL meeting at 7pm

Tuesday February 4: CWL meeting at 7pm

Tuesday March 3: CWL meeting at 7pm

Saturday March 21: CWL Diocesan Day of Reflection at Divine Infant church, 6658 Bilberry Dr Orleans, 9am to 3 pm

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy
Psalm 103:8*



Catholic Women's League St Faustina, Cumberland



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Welcome to the first newsletter of the new St Faustina CWL

All women of the St Faustina parish are welcome to join us any first Tuesday of the month in the parish hall at 7 pm. We start our evening with a liturgy of the Word and then meet, enjoy each others company and plan activities. Come join us for one evening, or many!



St. Margaret Mary CWL Parish Council history began when a small group of women formed the "Rural Women's Club" February 23, 1949. Soon after, they decided to join the Catholic Women's League and their Charter dated October 5, 1949 identifies Reverend Paul Mondou as the first Spiritual Advisor, Mrs. N. (Margaret) Paquette as the first President, and Miss Bertha Fitzpatrick as the first Secretary. For Canadian history buffs, that's the same year that Newfoundland (including Labrador) became the tenth province of Canada! And, only twenty years after the historic decision (October 18, 1929) to include women in the legal definition of "persons"!

How does one give justice to such a rich history of service? The collection of photos and minutes of meetings doesn't even scratch the surface! Back in 1949, there was no Roman Catholic church in Cumberland; Mass was celebrated in a private home; and members of the community were praying and raising funds to build St. Margaret Mary church. Today, as we retire the name of St. Margaret Mary CWL Parish Council, we celebrate the myriad of accomplishments we have collectively realized. Under the spiritual guidance of nineteen successive Spiritual Advisors, and the leadership of twenty-seven devoted Presidents, St. Margaret Mary CWL Parish Council has continually drawn on the many talents and gifts of its members to respond to the need of the poor and the marginalized in our community, across Canada, and around the world.

As we continue to journey together in faith with Our Lady of Good Counsel, our newly formed St. Faustina CWL Parish Council will make a difference: through our united talents, efforts and prayerful service to our new parish of St. Faustina, our community, country and the world!

Submitted by Marie-Claire Patterson

A message from our spiritual advisor: Deacon Tom Donohue

October 5th 1949 The St. Margaret Mary Catholic Women's league received their charter. Who knew then, all the changes that would take place and they could not have imagined the positive impact that they would make 70 years from their inception. Sometimes we make a mistake and take for granted the dependency we have on some groups of people. I think in the past The CWL has suffered from being taken for granted.

I am sure at the time in 1949 the ladies who pioneered this Council never thought of the difference they would make to the parish and the Cumberland community. 70 years ago, this community was very different than today. But you ladies, the ladies of the CWL, are carrying on a legacy of service to our community. I think all members should consider at this time that the CWL has been a pillar in our parish for 70 years. I am sure there were struggles and challenges. I am sure there were times when people wanted to give up and to quit. I am sure there were many times when people just persevered.

But have you ever considered the number of people you may have influenced? The number of people who have watched you work, quietly, never acknowledged or identified, who were encouraged by your sacrifice and the efforts that you and the women past have exemplified?

We often overlook the obvious. We often minimize our efforts. But I think we need to remind ourselves that we carry on a tradition and we owe you and those ladies in the past a great deal of thanks.

The CWL is rooted in the Gospel and strives to lead us all to holiness
Its primary goals are

- ♦ to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
- ♦ to protect the sanctity of life
- ♦ to enhance the role of women in church and society
- ♦ to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere



You do this through efforts such as the white ribbon against pornography, through your financial support to the women served by Cornerstone shelter, or Miriam Center for Mothers In Need. How many eyes have you opened with guest speakers on homelessness and human trafficking? Hardly the fun topics or the popular charities but ones that need to be addressed.

I wonder how many people, men, women, and children, have been reminded of our faith because of the example you have given. I am sure there are many.

Have you ever considered the Priests you have served? Have you ever considered how you supported, assisted and lightened their load over the years? I suspect you are not even aware of the times you may have raised your hands to the Pastor and said we will do this, at a time when the Pastor may have needed you most? Have you ever considered the impact your leadership has provided other groups? And you haven't stoppedin 70 years. Even as you come to this anniversary your decision to change the name of our council to St. Faustina is an excellent example of loyalty to our parish and leadership to our community. I assure you your decision has impacted Fr. Gerard for you have demonstrated again your support of our church and our clergy.

Please don't dismiss this as nothing. This decision to change the name will send a message to our whole community that we are one, that we have embraced the changes so that no one is left behind. It will not diminish the work done by either the St. Edith Stein CWL or St. Margaret Mary CWL. If anything, it will again provide in your own way an affirmation that you lead this parish quietly but determined with the strength of Our Lady of Good Council and the drive that will carry this council through another 70 years.

God Bless you all, the past, the present, and the future women who serve our church so faithfully.

Our Lady of Good Council – Pray for Us.

