**Timmins CWL Diocesan Fall Reports, October 15, 2022**

**Activity Report:**  Lynne Rowlandson, President Holy Trinity Parish,

* In May, 2022, Holy Trinity CWL hosted the Diocesan Annual Report/Convention for the southern half of our Diocese.
* In June, Gratitude bags were given, delivered, or mailed to all of our CWL members along with items of upcoming events for the CWL and our Parish.
* Over the summer we sold tickets on a quilt and table placemats to raise funds for our community charities. The tickets were drawn at our 60th CWL Anniversary Celebration which we celebrated in September.
* We also celebrated Father Justin’s birthday in September by giving him baked goods, frozen entrees, desserts and baking in a cooler to supplement his cooking.
* In September we hosted the Annual CWL Diocesan Retreat to become more knowledgeable regarding the spirit and culture of the Indigenous peoples. Sister Margot did the presentation which included a smudging and blanket ceremony. It was very informative.
* In October we celebrated with Father Justin, his 25th year of the priesthood with a Spiritual Bouquet.
* The Lord’s Kitchen will resume in October.
* During the month of October we are saying the rosary before mass.

**Activity Report:** \_\_Our Mother of Perpetual Help parish- Audrey Shelton –

We reorganized our funeral luncheon services in that all food is now madeat the church or bought ready made

* A handout was provided to the parish secretary to give to families who request a funeral luncheon explaining our menu and fees
* We had a prayer service for the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4 which included the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and dying.
* We had a meal catered by Subway in June with a ceremony to welcome our new members
* We collected school supplies, salt and soap for Canadian Food for Children in August and September
* We passed a motion to increase our membership fee to $40.00
* Life Chain was held in New Liskeard with about 20 people attending
* After speaking to the Temiskaming Health Unit, we decided not to have a bake sale at our October Bazaar. Instead of serving sandwiches, pickles and desserts, we will be serving pie and ice cream. This will make it easier to follow Health unit regulations
* We will be asking our members to contribute toiletries for the church Christmas hampers for a “Go Make a Difference” theme
* Fr. Wayne suggested leaving winter hats, mitts and scarves with a note from the CWL down town for the homeless to take as another project for the provincial theme.

**Activity Report:** Margaret Johns (President Sacred Heart Parish, Timmins

* May meeting: theme was Social Justice: Rights of Workers and the Dignity of Work. Discussion was concerning how we as individuals can promote worker’s rights and dignity
* June: Donated $400.00 in bursaries to graduating students of O’Gorman High School
* October Meeting:
  + luncheon meeting – promote fellowship among our members
  + pinning ceremony – to honour two 60 year members and a 25 year member
* Currently making plans for a Tea and Bake Sale November 26th
* Currently making plans for an Advent Social

**Activity Report: St. Anthony of Padua CWL Colleen Landers President**

**“Go and Make a Difference”**

* May Feast St. Anthony of Padua June 13th. The St. Anthony of Padua CWL provided an honour guard. Our Spiritual Development Chair Maureen-Graham Szewczyk honoured on her retirement at this celebration.
* Newsletters sent to all CWL members by e-mail or hand delivered in May, August, and September to keep members informed.
* Since May, nine bags of knitted items made by members and parishioners sent to the Timmins & Moosonee Catholic English Schools and for the needy in our community.
* Soaps/Shampoos and Toiletry items collected and donated for the poor in our community to the Good Samaritan Inn, Living Space, and Women’s shelter.
* CWL Members contacted those members who were socially isolated by phone and they expressed their pleasure for this contact as well as their gratitude.
* Two General meetings held, one in May and one in September where we discussed the increase of membership fees, results of resolutions at the National Annual Meeting and the changes in committee structure. Our membership fee was $30.00 and was raised $10.00 so now $40.00. We are in the process of collecting the 2023 fees.
* We hosted the Timmins site for the Diocesan meeting at St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral.
* Members assisted in cleaning the church kitchen for the June 13th Diocesan event as it had been closed for two years.
* Two teams of members along with students and friends baked “Smiley” cookies for two sessions to help the Lord’s Kitchen in its fundraiser.
* Truth and Reconciliation for Indigenous in Canada information shared with out members.
* Father Michael Omojola holds a Bible Study every Tuesday after 7 pm mass and members encouraged to attend.
* A donation sent to the Catholic Missions.

**Activity Report:** Pat Bigelow - St. Patrick’s CWL Cobalt

* Cobalt has been very quiet but we still attend our weekly Wednesday mass and chat about cwl issues when needed.
* The increase will hurt us for sure but a few of us will continue to pay the higher cost
* A membership meeting has yet to be scheduled to discuss this increase and I hope to have that in the next few weeks.
* In April, I mailed out greeting cards to stay in touch and in that mail out, we advertised for our Bake less Sale which brought in $590.00
* The tree project we discussed with the diocesan executive is complete.
* The Linden tree has been planted at the Cobalt Coleman Catholic Cemetery
* Our next fundraiser is planned for November 26, 2022. It’s our Christmas Vendors Market and Bake Sale and that is being held at St. Pat’s school gym.

**Activity Report:** \_\_Shirley Gravel Diocesan President\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Requested Diocesan Presidents to submit description of Gratitude Project
* Met with CWL member to discuss maintaining her parish CWL after a vote was taken to disband
* Shared the calendar of events used in my parish with CWL members in another parish as a guideline as they move toward reviving their council.
* Hosted a Zoom meeting with the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and Past Diocesan President; created a list of topics for ParishSpiritual Advisors
* Met with the Spiritual Retreat presenter, Sr. Margot Genier. Topic: to Better Educate ourselves about the Indigenous People; create an outline of the agenda.
* Met with Keepers of the Circle Coordinator, Shyanne Polson (Seven Teachings, Treaties, use of drums….)
* Emailed list of suggested topics for CWL meetings to Parish Spiritual Advisors ; Monthly Christian Events; Monthly Social Justice Events
* Attended Holy Trinity CWL 60th anniversary banquet
* Attended Community Feast & Ceremony, hosted by Keepers of the Circle
* Co – presented Spiritual Retreat; Better Educate ourselves about the Indigenous People
* Attended CWL Fall Provincial Meeting
* Used a Power Point presentation to explain Per Capita increase to Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart and OMPH councils

**Activity Report:** Yvette Van Lankveld Spiritual Development Chair

* Reported to Provincial the deaths of Jean Waldron from Holy Name of Jesus Parish and Jean Jackson of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for the period of April 1st to June 30th.
* Forwarded emails, re: Spiritual Bouquet for Rev. Pierre Olivier Tremblay, new appointed Bishop of Hearst – Moosonee Diocese
* email asking Councils to participate in the Rosary Rally on Oct. 15h

“Go Make a Difference”

Only 18 people were present in New Liskeard this year for the Life Chain. We have a population of approx. 20,000 persons in the Tri-Town alone. The only clergy present was Rudy,the Minister from the Baptist Church in Earlton. I have already brought the subject up at our CWL Oct. meeting. I am going to call the local priests and write a letter to the Bishop to see how we can have more support in the coming years. I also want to bring up one pro-life concern at our CWL general meetings. I am hoping this will cause our members to feel the importance of their participating in the Life Chains in the future.

**Activity Report:** \_Lynne Rowlandson Timmins Diocesan Organization Chairperson

* Attended 1 Zoom meeting hosted by Colleen Martin, CWL Provincial Chairperson.Discussions took place on how we can attract new CWL members, ideas were shared.
* Monthly Zoom meetings are planned.

**Activity Report:** Armida Millions Recording Secretary

* Attended a Zoom meeting with Anna Tremblay (the Ontario Provincial Council Recording Secretary). In keeping with the theme “*Go Make a Difference”* a discussion, collaborative meeting was held on how we, as Recording Secretaries, can make a difference. Many ideas were discussed/shared among the group with the intent of all League members to “*Go Make a Difference”*
* Catholic and Living It! The Catholic Women’s League of Canada (Toronto Diocesan Council) presented “Our Lady of Guadalupe” (History of the Circle and its impact on us as CWL members) and “Finding our Place in Reconciliation” (with focus on the Papal Visit in July), in recognition of “National Indigenous Peoples Day” (Tuesday, June 21, 2022). Featured Guest Speakers included Graydon Nicholas (Consultant to Knights on Indigenous Relations Wolastoqiyik First Nation Member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle) and Colleen Martin (CWL Ontario Provincial Council 1st Vice President/Christian Family Life Member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle)

Assisting in planning phases of Sacred Heart Tea and Bake Sale, November 26th and our Advent Social, December

**Activity Report:** Education and Health Standing Committee

Marie Black, Standing Chair

Chaired Holy Trinity Council’s Gratitude Project. Each member of the council received a Gratitude Bag in appreciation for their support over the years and their continued membership (thank you card, homemade cookies, tea bag, a MERCI chocolate, newsletter informing of upcoming events).

* Co-chaired Holy Trinity Council’s 60th Anniversary Celebration.
* Phoned and visited council members in the hospital and those home alone
* Received two directives from Hilarion Mitchell, Provincial Education and Health (E&D) Chairperson and an updated list of E&D diocesan chairpersons in Ontario.
* Participated in a Zoom meeting with provincial chair and other diocesan E&D chairpersons - a meet and greet and asked to think of topic ideas for this standing committee directives plus project ideas to address provincial theme “Go Make a Difference”.
* Plans: send diocesan E&D directive, recruit 1 or 2 ladies for E&D subcommittee, submit project ideas to provincial chairperson re the provincial theme and choose one for our diocese.

**Activity Report:** \_ Annette Kelly - Past-President/Historian

* Received materials from former Past/President and did a quick review
* Attended Provincial Convention in Ottawa, July 10-14
* Participated in Zoom meeting with Provincial Past-President and Diocesan Past-Presidents.  We will ‘make a difference’ by working on the Archives in our own dioceses
* Provided information and support when called upon by President

**Activity Report:** \_\_\_\_Anne Plaunt Life Member Liaison\_\_\_

* As diocesan life member liaison my main activities have been to keep our diocesan life members informed and up to date of all the material I receive from our National  and Provincial counterparts, as well as sending Sympathy, Get Well and  Thinking of You cards to life members around the province.
* In our parish, I was involved in the organization and planning of our 60th anniversary celebration.  I participated in our Gratitude Project and in the preparations of our annual diocesan meeting which was hosted by Holy Trinity parish this year.