

**Timmins Diocesan Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**



Annual Report 2022



Timmins Diocesan Council Report 2022

President: Shirley Gravel Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Lemire
Members: 368 Councils: Eight Life Members: Three

Prayers were answered and by the end of 2022, most of the councils had resumed their pre-pandemic activities.

The diocesan convention was held virtually with two satellite locations; Timmins and Englehart. There were twenty-nine registrants; 19 voting delegates, one diocesan Spiritual Advisor, one parish spiritual advisor and seven CWL members in attendance. Linda Squarzolo (President-Elect) was our provincial representative.

The guest speakers were Yves and Leanne Paille. In 2018 they founded Zach's Crib; a haven for those suffering from Mental Health Issues, Addictions etc. The goal of Zach's Crib is to offer safety, support, encouragement, and security to its clients.

A new diocesan executive was installed; president, secretary, treasurer, and four chairpersons. There are four vacant chairperson positions.

The Fall Diocesan Meeting was an in-person meeting. Mary Queen of the World, Matheson, a small council, unable to host a convention, volunteered to host the executive fall meeting.

Winter travel can be an issue and as a result the Diocesan Winter Meeting was held virtually.

The Diocesan spiritual retreat, 'Truth and Reconciliation' was hosted by Holy Trinity CWL, Englehart ON. The presenters were Sr. Margot Genier and Shirley Gravel. Topics and activities were; the Four Directions Prayer, a Smudging exercise, the Blanket Exercise, the 7 Sacred Teachings, Treaties, and local Residential Schools.

Councils effectively addressed the issue of loneliness, made more obvious when members were isolated during Covid. Councils; phoned or emailed members who were unable to leave their homes; sent newsletters updating members on CWL activities; sent out Christmas cards to all of its members; delivered Gratitude Bags to its members. As Covid restrictions were lifted councils resumed community activities and hosted various events; a Blue and Gold Bazaar, a Vendor's Market, a Tea and Bake Sale, a Pasta Dinner; the Lord's Kitchen, and a Christmas potluck dinner.

"Catholic and Living It" was evident with many examples of faith, service and social justice. Councils held prayer services honouring deceased members; organized a Christmas Tree Lighting for deceased parishioners; partnered with local Catholic schools and made cards, and wrote messages for those in isolation; developed a children's choir; purchased clothing for needy students; collected supplies (school supplies, salt, toiletries), and delivered them to the Canadian Food for Children; provided support for Ukrainian families in the community; collected and distributed knitted items to the homeless in the area, and to the Moosonee Catholic school.

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins

PRESIDENT: Shirley Gravel

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

of life members: 3

After COVID, parishes began to return to pre-pandemic activity. Parishes perceived their openness as a percentage in the parish annual survey as follows: (Reference Q5) 1-100% 3- 75% 1-50% 2- 25% 0-0%

Describe how parishes in your diocese approached the changes to the League's structure, how your diocesan executive has supported the parishes to prepare and the response of parishes to that support in the year 2022:(Ref. Q6-8)

- Updated the Policy and Procedure Manual
- Notified members, through the newsletter, about changes to the League
- Discussed changes to the League at general meetings
- Recruited members for the new executive

Describe how your diocese collectively and parishes individually worked with the national theme *Catholic and Living It!!* In 2022. (Reference Q9)

- Added a prayer service for awards and certificates
- Served community through donations, toiletries, mitts, sweaters, hats
- Reached out to non-active members; phone calls, visits, delivered Gratitude bags
- Assisted with sacramental preparation
- Brought communion to those unable to attend Mass
- Sent a Christmas card to each member
- Participated in Mass as Eucharistic minister, lecturer, leader of children's liturgy, choral ministry
- Organized and worked at the Lord's Kitchen

Describe how parish spiritual advisors, and your diocesan spiritual advisor, showed support for the League in your diocese and provide any recommendation(s) you may have for future relationships between councils and spiritual advisors. (Reference Q10)

- Celebrated Mass before the meetings
- Provided a message at each meeting
- Presided at the prayer services and at the installation of officers
- Attends our functions and supports our activities

In point form below, describe any unusual initiatives facilitated by the Diocesan council in 2022 not specific to any standing committee.

- No unusual initiatives undertaken.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting arising from your 2022 experiences including identifying at what level of the League.

- Continue to use one annual survey at the parish level
- Distribute one newsletter per month containing directives from each of the provincial/national chairperson, rather than numerous emails throughout the month.

2022 Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Report

It's hard to believe I am completing my third year as your Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. When I was appointed in May 2020 we were living in the grip of a global pandemic, uncertain of when it would be over, and what the "new normal" would be like. These were challenging times. Nonetheless with faith and trust in God, we soldiered on finding new ways to live our faith and our involvement in the League. We are a resilient people!

Thankfully as we look back on 2022, we have seen many signs of light and this brings about new hope and new life. While still mindful that things are not back to normal, 2022 has brought the return of many activities and routines in our lives, churches, and councils. Praise God!

As I look back on this past year, three highlights quickly come to mind when I reflect upon my involvement with the League as your Diocesan Spiritual Advisor.

First, has been the opportunity to meet face to face with many League members throughout the Diocese at various meetings and gatherings. It is always a joy to be with members, to see them "in action", and hear of their work they are doing as a Council. There is so much good that is being done in our parishes, communities, and country because of the CWL and you are truly living this year's theme, "Catholic and Living It!" We are truly going and making a difference.

Second, was being able to gather last July in Ottawa, with some two hundred other CWL members and spiritual advisors, for the 75th annual provincial CWL convention. It was great to be back in person and be with one another. The convention blended the national theme (Catholic and Living It!) and the provincial theme (Loneliness) with a variety of inspiring presenters (Fr. Mark Slatter, Fr. Daryold Winkler, and national president Fran Lucas), meaningful liturgies, and joy-filled opportunities for fellowship. The League is alive and vibrant!

Lastly, was the opportunity to work closely with the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Council in Kirkland Lake during a time of uncertainty and transition for them to ensure the viability of the Council. Thankfully with the support of our diocesan president and myself, we were able to assist them in forming a new executive and continuing the long and fruitful tradition of this local council.

These are just a few highlights of this past year and my involvement with the League as your Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. Certainly, much more could be said. We are truly blessed as a Diocesan Council by the leadership of our diocesan president, Shirley Gravel, as well as the other members of our diocesan council.

I look forward to meeting with many of you in May at our Diocesan Convention as well as the other opportunities as I travel throughout the Diocese. May Our Lady of God Counsel continue to inspire and guide you in all you do for God and Canada.

God Bless,

Fr. John Lemire

Timmins Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins Diocese

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

STANDING COMMITTEE: Spiritual Development

CHAIRPERSON: Yvette Van Lankveld

For each of the following, describe ways parish councils and diocesan council assisted members:

In their communal and personal prayer life in 2022? Reference Q23

How does your council support women and men discerning their vocation?

- Spiritual programs (e. g. using resources from the national website's strategic plan) (83%)
- Use a variety of prayer styles (67%)
- Retreats, days of reflection, online webinars of a spiritual theme (50%)
- spiritual reading, book club (33%)
- Other (33%)

In their growth in Catholic faith? Reference Q24.

- Sharing information from Catholic sources. (67 %)
- Courses, programs, workshops, guest speakers. (50%)
- Study/reading of Vatican II documents (e. g. Gaudium et Specs). (33%)
- Websites, online communities. (33%)
- Other. (17%)

In being up to date on the role of women in the church? Reference Q25.

- Websites (67%)
- Study of Catholic documents on women in the church (e. g. news from the Vatican, bishops' conferences) (33%)
- Guest speakers (33%)
- Other (0%)

Describe ways parish councils and diocesan council supported women and men discerning their vocation? Reference Q26.

- Members participated in the mass to pray for vocations
- We donated to the Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary fund
- We have a Mass intention for vocations each year Prayers are offered.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Spiritual Development? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- No. Refer to the Catholic Women's League of Canada Constitution & Bylaws

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Spiritual Development at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- Offered a one-day Diocesan retreat "Learning about our Indigenous People"

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Spiritual Development position including identifying at what level of the League. None to report.



**Deceased Members 2022
Timmins Diocese
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**Holy Name of Jesus, Kirkland Lake
Corinne Wincikaby
Joan Waldron
Mary O'Connor**

**Holy Trinity, Englehart
Shirley Schaffner**

**Our Lady of the Lake, Larder Lake
Florence Bortot**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help, New Liskeard
Theresa Willard
Jean Jackson
Rita Leclair
Myrna Breault
Mary Bastien
Denise Brennan**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Timmins
Louisa Brazzoni, Susan Barney**

**St. Anthony of Padua, Timmins
Shirley Edmonds**

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

STANDING COMMITTEE: Organization

CHAIRPERSON: Lynne Rowlandson

For each of the following, describe ways parish councils and diocesan council supported recruitment and retention of members:

Annual Membership Drive (Reference Q27)

- New membership pamphlet
- Speaking at masses where we invited all women to join
- Messages in e-mail, newsletters, phone calls, Christmas cards
- Membership Sunday, a special envelope included in our Sunday collection envelopes.
- A draw for a free membership for members who pay before Dec. 31st.
- Personal outreach and announcements in Parish Bulletin.

Info sessions for members? (Reference Q28).

- Provide updated information at our General Meetings and through newsletters.
- Share links to retreats and on-line sessions with members.
- Minutes of meetings and updated information sent on-line by secretary to members.

Info session for prospective members? (Reference Q29)

- Have welcome and information packages.
- Notices in church bulletin and newsletters inviting new members.
- Attempt to draw new members by our example.
- Membership increase.

What resources/assistance would parish councils like to have? (Reference Q31)

- In membership recruitment, in Spiritual Development and ways to raise money.
- Attendance at church= membership recruitment. We feel we would benefit from more people attending church and are not sure how to make that happen.

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of President-Elect/ Organization? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- Asked what are the duties of this chairperson and future steps involved. I obtained info, was mentored by previous members, who had been in that position

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as President Elect/Organization at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Preparing these reports and sending them off properly was a learning curve as I am not proficient in my computer skills! Our Diocesan President was very helpful.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to President-Elect/Organization position including identifying at what level of the League.

- At this time, there are no recommendations.
- Happy with the level of communications and the help received.

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

STANDING COMMITTEE: Christian Family Life

CHAIRPERSON: Contact – Annette Kelly

For each of the following, list actions by parish councils and diocesan council to:

Support marriage and families. (Reference Q32)

- Offered a gift to married couples
- Provided Baptismal stoles
- Served refreshments after Confirmation
- Worked with families to prepare for sacramental preparation
- Provided warm winter clothing for needy students, for the homeless and needy and for a family who lost their family home

Uphold or advocate for the sanctity of life. (Reference Q33).

- Articles and notices in our newsletters; members participated in Life Chain
- Gave donations to several pro-life charities

Support youth. (Reference Q34)

- Assisted in sacramental preparation
- Provided knitted items to students in need
- Provided high school bursaries
- Had Catholic School students serve as volunteers at luncheons, servers at Masses
- Reached out to a Grade 3 class to make cards with greetings to be sent to CWL members in isolation as part of 'loneliness project'
- Assisted with a Youth Mass for immigrants
- Gave a graduation donation to Elementary students.
- Supported the Breakfast program and also sponsor some children
- Invited students to assist with parish activities, thus providing them with volunteer hours
- Donated towards playground equipment at the Catholic school
- Assisted at school Christmas dinner
- Provided awards for a student in each class at 2 schools

Reach out and provide ministry to others. (Reference Q35)

- Called members who live alone (Loneliness Project)
- Donated winter wear to schools and homeless people.
- Sent Christmas cards to our senior members.
- Collected salt, soap, and school supplies for Canadian Food for Children
- Read at Mass
- Made hospital and home visits; brought Communion to shut-ins
- Assisted with Sunday prayer service at nursing home
- Provided meals for the community in hall

Support and/or promote religious vocations. (Reference Q35)

- Held a Mass for Vocations
- Donated to Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary fund
- Offered prayers

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Christian Family Life? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- None

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Christian Family Life chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- None – no chairperson

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Christian Family Life position including identifying at what level of the League.

- None at this time

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

STANDING COMMITTEE: Communications

CHAIRPERSON: Colleen Landers

Did councils use the following methods or tools: (Reference Q49-Q54):

Social Media: twitter, Instagram, Facebook Yes or No 4

(Indicate # of parishes and X # if diocesan)

Website available in 2022: Parish 0 Diocese 1

Use national website in 2022: Parish 4 Diocese 1

Used a newsletter in 2022: Parish 4 Diocese 0

Aware of resolutions related to inappropriate Internet use and the behaviour associated with it? Parish 4 Diocese 1

Distributed the "pornography hurts" postcard: Parish 0 Diocese 0

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Communication? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- None

In point form below, list any unusual activities undertaken as Communication chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Forwarded directives from National & Provincial Communications Chairpersons;
- Sent a group of surveys to National regarding the League Magazine;
- Completed the Training and Development Survey put out by National CWL;
- Completed the National Communication Survey questionnaire;
- Sent pictures received from all Diocesan Presidents for the October Provincial newsletter as the Timmins Diocesan Council featured;
- Prepared documents for 2021 Annual Reports and emailed to all Diocesan Executive and Council Presidents.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Communication position including identifying at what level of the League.

- As most councils do not have a communication chair, this was included under the Secretary or President elect.

List the # of councils participating and answers to subsequent question for parish councils and diocesan council:

Promoted/assisted Catholic education (Reference Q43): 3 # of parishes

Bursaries or Scholarships (Reference Q44):

3 # of parishes • (list levels of education provided to) secondary

Blood Services Canada National League Partnership (Reference Q46)

0 # of parishes • (what did you learn?)

Did your council participate or act on the following (Reference Q45 and Q47)?

Mental health post card campaign	Yes 3	No 4	Unaware 0
Palliative care post card campaign	Yes 3	No 4	Unaware 0
Webinar on palliative care May 7	Yes 2	No 1	Unaware 4
12 hours of prayer for palliative care	Yes 2	No 2	Unaware 3
World Water Day, March 22	Yes 1	No 6	Unaware 0
Earth Day, April 22	Yes 1	No 6	Unaware 0
Earth Action Initiative, September 20	Yes 7	No 0	Unaware 0

List any other significant campaigns or speakers related to helping the environment (Reference Q48).

- Researched and distributed information on composting and recycling, recycled and composted regularly (individuals and parish)

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Education & Health? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- None

In point form below, list any unusual activities undertaken as Education & Health chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Promoted Bell Let's Talk Day, Earth Day (reduce, reuse, recycle projects), Palliative Care Webinar in May, initiatives to address loneliness, planning a project to educate and ***Go Make a Difference***

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Education & Health position including identifying at what level of the League.

- Reporting: diocesan level - required help to do this report (to download, to write on it), will do better next time; diocesan president helped
- Careful we are not being overwhelmed with communications/directives from provincial; so far not too bad for this standing committee.

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

STANDING COMMITTEE: Community Life

CHAIRPERSON: Vacant – President Shirley Gravel reporting

List the # of councils participating and answers to subsequent question for parish councils and diocesan council:

2nd National Truth and Reconciliation Day – September 30, 2022 (Ref. Q37)

2 of parishes: Attended a session on line. Wore an orange shirt. Attended a spiritual retreat on the subject.

National Food Bank Project (Reference Q38)

3 of parishes: Parishes donated to the local Food Banks. Donated to Mary's Meals

National Webinar on Human Trafficking by Joy Smith (Ref. Q39)

0 of parishes: No answers

Assisting Ukrainian refugees in transition to their new life in Canada? (Ref. Q40)

5 of parishes: Donated gift cards. Made quilts. Offered support through transportation, translation, assisted with school enrollment

Did parish councils use the following?

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada brochure to promote projects supported by the League? (Reference Q41) YES ___ NO X

Catholic Near East Welfare Association brochure to promote projects supported by the League? (Reference Q42) YES ___ NO X

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Community Life? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

No questions asked.

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Community Life chair at the diocesan level in 2022.

- Community Life chair is vacant.

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Community Life position including identifying at what level of the League. None

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins

Life Member Liaison: Anne Plaunt

Number of life members - 4 Number of Deceased Life Members – 0

Current Life Member Activities Over the Past Year:

- Assisted with restarting the Lord's Kitchen in parish, after Covid, adding the element of warm clothing i.e., hats, mittens etc., which attendees were free to take.
- Worked at the Lord's Kitchen preparing take out breakfast. Prepared food for monthly luncheons and a Christmas dinner.
- Served as parish president, and attended virtual diocesan meetings.
- Assisted with the preparation and delivery of Gratitude Bags in the parish.
- Prepared a newsletter for parish to update members on activities being restarted after Covid.
- Made and donated a quilt as part of a fund raiser for parish to help replenish funds depleted during Covid.
- Involved in the plans and preparations for parish 60th anniversary.
- Assisted with and made arrangements for an information day on the history and culture of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in surrounding communities.
- Attended the virtual, Timmins Diocesan Annual Meeting and Convention.
- Served on parish hospitality team as a greeter and operating of the elevator.
- Volunteered with Horizon Palliative Care Team.
- Provided rides to church meetings etc. to parishioners and CWL members.
- Attended CWL meetings and events, in person and/or virtually.
- Participated in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, for peace in Ukraine, via an 8:00 a.m. daily Zoom meeting.
- Appointed Diocesan Organization Chair.
- Completed 3-year term as Diocesan President and began Diocesan Past President position providing support for the new president and team.
- Attended the 2022 Provincial convention in Ottawa.
- Participated in Zoom meetings with Diocesan Past Presidents and Provincial Past President,
- Took advantage of other Zoom presentations, offered by some Diocesan Councils in Ontario.

Diocesan Life Member Liaison Activities January 1- December 31, 2022

- Kept Diocesan Life Members informed of all materials, prayer requests received from the Provincial and National Life Member liaisons.
- Sent cards of condolence, get well and thinking of you to Parish, Diocesan. Provincial and National Life Members on behalf of our Diocesan Life Members.
- Attended Parish meetings and events, when possible, as well a Diocesan Zoom meeting.
- Participated in the planning committees of our Diocesan Annual meeting/Convention as well as the planning committee for our Parish's 60th anniversary.
- Assisted in the preparation and delivery of the Gratitude Bags for our parish members.
- Served as a lector and Eucharistic minister at mass and in bringing communion to a home bound parishioner.
- Took part in a variety of Zoom presentations presented by Ontario councils.
- Organized several Lord's Kitchen monthly luncheons as well as a Christmas dinner.
- Participated in several Spiritual Bouquets.

- Completed the Reconciliation Education course.
- Followed the "Permission" Advent presentation given by The Companions of The Cross, as well as Fr. Allen MacDonald's, "Sipping on the Sabbath" and "Advent Minute", also from Companions of the Cross.
- Followed the Daily Advent reflections, given by Fr. Michael Coutts, from The Daily TV Mass.
- Enrolled in the Ascension podcast, "The Bible in a Year," given by Fr. Mike Schmitz.
- Continued to collect items for Dr. Simone, Canadian Food for Children program, arranging for delivery to the Toronto warehouse.

Biggest Challenges:

- Getting people involved. It has become even more challenging, since Covid kept people away from Church and projects had to be put on hold. It is extremely difficult to get members to take on executive positions at parish and diocesan levels. We never seem to be short of helpers but no one wants to be in charge or oversee things.
- Biggest challenge is use of my computer.
- Fortunate to have a very helpful husband in this area.
- Having an aging membership, where our younger members do not want to replace or take over roles, also a decrease in church attendance is limiting involvement of younger members.

Greatest Accomplishments:

- Being able to keep our CWL councils operating as well as we are;
- Offering our members opportunities to learn more about our Indigenous brothers and sisters through presentations, guest speakers and involvement in their activities; and
- One parish's Gratitude Project, mentioned above definitely had an impact on many members.

Comments or Suggestions:

- Cannot come up with any suggestions on how to motivate and involve more members.
- Experience in my home parish seems to be relatively static, as activities are planned, information about everything we do is distributed, there is personal contact and yet our meetings are attended by a small portion of members and no one wants an executive position, so we run the risk of recycling presidents etc. which does not make for a dynamic council.
- Parishioners are supportive of the CWL and all we do, but once again our workers are getting older and running out of steam so to speak although many keep joining in because we seem to have so much fun working together.
- Laughter and fun can be a great motivator. 😊 We continue to pray and remain open to all suggestions and assistance we receive.

**Respectfully submitted,
Anne Plaunt
Timmings Diocesan Life Member Liaison**

ONTARIO ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

DIOCESE: Timmins Diocesan Council

of parishes responding: 7 of 8

STANDING COMMITTEE: Recording Secretary

CHAIRPERSON: Armida Millions

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What did parishes do in your diocese to keep their members up to date in 2022? (Reference questions Q11-13).

- Newsletters, emails, executive and general meetings.
- Telephone communication available as required.
- Minutes are emailed to members; paper copies are available to those with no email address or prefer a hard copy.
- Parish bulletin.
- Monthly minutes (emailed/hard copy) are provided prior to meetings to read.
- Any reports, events, membership issues, meetings etc. are shared and provided at the request of the Diocesan President.

Parish secretaries shared specific comments of note on their position as follows: (Reference Q14)

- Monthly minutes are not read at each meeting but minutes are sent to the executive to read before the scheduled meeting.
- Membership is kept up to date with special events as requested by the President via e-mail.
- No quarterly reports sent

Were there frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the duties of Secretary not answered by policy or guidelines? Describe the FAQs and how you answered or assisted with obtaining an answer.

- None

In point form below, describe any unusual activities undertaken as Secretary at the parish or diocesan level in 2022.

- None

List any recommendations for improvements in policy, guidelines, or reporting related to the Secretary position including identifying at what level of the League.

- We are presently in the process of revising the Policy and Procedure Manual.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Diocesan Standing Committee Annual Report
For the Period of January 1st 2022 to December 31st 2022
Treasurer Report 2022

Dioceses: Timmins

Chairperson: Peggy MacInnis

Parishes Reporting: 7 of 8

Sub-Chairperson: None

- The Treasurer's position for councils reporting was 100% filled;
- Councils reported donations to local, provincial and national groups as well as their parishes;
- Total donations from all councils this past year was over \$7315.00; and
- Donation in 2022 at the AGM was to Zack's Crib and we gave \$738.00.

Respectively submitted

Peggy MacInnis

Diocesan Treasurer

Timmins Diocesan CWL Financial Statement

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Opening Bank Balance January 1/2022		\$5269.28
INCOME:		
Per Capita final for 2021	\$ 5.00	
Per Capita for 2022	1840.00	
Registration for Convention	185.00	
Donation to Zack Crib-Cash	<u>235.00</u>	
		<u>2265.00</u>
Total Income		\$7534.28
EXPENSES:		
Insurance to Provincial	\$ 250.00	
Insurance to National	14.25	
Zoom Meeting expense	135.60	
Registration for Diocesan Conv	55.00	
Registration Prov Conv-SA	1090.84	
Gifts and Awards	212.50	
Postage	5.02	
Photocopies	12.00	
Donation -Zack's crib	235.00	
Travel - mileage	323.70	
Misc. Supplies	37.28	
Mass	25.00	
Bank Charges	<u>48.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$2444.19</u>
Bank Balance as of Dec. 31/22		\$ 5090.09
Savings with Timmins Diocese as of Dec. 31/22		\$ <u>5763.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$10853.35</u>

Books and Annual Report 2022 audited by Michel King March 22 , 2023

HOLY NAME OF JESUS COUNCIL
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Members 70

Spiritual Advisor Fr. Justin Dawson

- Holy Name Council experienced a year of uncertainty and change. Due to declining active members and an initial lack of members willing to take on leadership roles, the difficult decision to disband was made;
- In the fall, a small group of volunteers came forward and the council was revitalized. All members of the parish were provided with a letter updating them on the developments with respect to the CWL Parish Council moving forward;
- We held an inaugural meeting December 2, 2022, with three executive positions acclaimed;
- Activities throughout the 2022 year included the following:
 - ✓ Building a strong relationship with the two Catholic schools;
 - ✓ Baking provided by members for the school bake sales;
 - ✓ Turkey luncheon prepared and served at both Catholic schools;
 - ✓ School choirs were led by a CWL member and performed following the December 11th and 18th masses;
 - ✓ Members were involved in the children's liturgy at masses;
- Newsletters were distributed to all members throughout the year;
- The parish council contributed to the planning of the 90th anniversary of Holy Name Parish;
- The council continued their work with funeral luncheons for parish members; and
- Pneumonia vests were crafted as well as hats and mittens which were donated to the Catholic schools.

Respectively submitted by

Karen MacGregor

President Holy Name of Jesus CWL

Holy Trinity COUNCIL
Catholic Women's League of Canada
2022 Annual Report

Members: 68

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Justin Dawson

- Resumed Monthly meetings and by September had resumed most of the pre-pandemic events including home visits and socializing again;
- Hosted the Annual Diocesan CWL Convention (South end) virtually in Englehart in May;
- Led the Rosary before Sunday masses in May and October;
- Made and delivered "Gratitude Bags" to all of our CWL members (active and non-active) along with a newsletter that shared all upcoming events;
- Celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the CWL in Englehart in September; we held a successful raffle in conjunction with the event;
- Also, in September our council hosted a CWL Diocesan Retreat with Sister Margot Genier as the presenter. The topic was on Truth and Reconciliation to help us learn more about the indigenous culture and traditions;
- Parish council members visited and took communion to shut-ins;
- Resumed the monthly (fourth Friday of the month) "Lord's Kitchen" with an added feature; a table with toques, scarves, mitts, socks and books will be available, free of charge, to people in need who attend the lunch;
- Held 2 successful Rummage sales and a Bazaar;
- Hosted "Snack and Yaks" after Sunday mass monthly (last Sunday) and weekly during advent;
- Held the annual memorial service for deceased CWL members from Holy Trinity Parish Council;
- Members were recognized for 65,60,50,40,25 and 10 years of service; and
- Assisted with the purchase of children's winter clothing for a family in need.

Respectfully submitted

Bernice Duncan

**Mary Queen of the World
Catholic Women's League of Canada
2022 Annual Report**

Members: 9

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Pierre Mafanda

- Every third Sunday of the month is a CWL Sunday; the CWL prayer is said and the CWL flag is on display;
- The Spiritual Advisor has been very supportive of the CWL;
- The council purchased Easter flowers for the altar;
- A microphone cable for the church was purchased;
- Two bursaries were given to two parishioner's children/grandchildren, heading on to post-secondary education;
- Council donated to The Catholic Missions, and the Bingham Hospital;
- Members supported the Matheson Food Bank;
- Members continued to be sacristans, and lectors;
- CWL members worked with the priest to prepare music for Sunday Mass;
- Hosted the Fall CWL Diocesan Executive Meeting;
- Held a Christmas Tree Light campaign. Lights were purchased in honour of a deceased person. Council made a profit of \$1000.00; and
- The council gifted their Spiritual Advisor at Christmas.

Anna Andrews

President Mary Queen of the World

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Women's League of Canada 2022 Annual Report

Members: 11

Spiritual Advisor: None

- Difficult year was had with the pandemic;
- Lost our parish as of February 19th, 2023;
- Had a couple of meetings in 2022;
- Had a a very successful Christmas Tea and Bake sale at the end of November;
- Membership was 11 members, in our little group, with very dedicated members;
- As a member for 40 years and president for most of those years, wanted to thank all the others CWL groups that we have had the pleasure of meeting with over the years. Your friendships and enthusiasm always helped our group make it through "one more year".

Respectively Submitted by:

Patricia Bodick,

CWL President,

Our Lady of the Lake,

Larder Lake

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP COUNCIL
Catholic Women's League of Canada
2022 Annual Report

Members: 82

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Wayne Mills

- Parish Council collected winter wear (hats, mitts, scarves & socks) for the homeless and others.
- Sent bags of items to our local Catholic Elementary school, our high school, the Pavilion Family Centre and the New Liskeard Library where they have a basket of items for the public;
- Installed our new executive in February;
- Valentine Cards were made and delivered to the residents at the Northdale Manor Retirement Home. In March, we made St. Patrick's Day cards for them. We sent Gratitude cards to 27 people and businesses in the area;
- Parish council hosted the Stations of the Cross one week during Lent and had a prayer service to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. We also had a prayer service and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Sick and Dying to recognize the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care in May;
- Several members attended the Diocesan Convention in Englehart and a Spiritual Bouquet was sent for Pope Frances through our National Council;
- Shirley Gravel, our Diocesan President, delivered a presentation about the membership fee increase at the October meeting. An explanation was written up and included in our Fall Newsletter that was inserted in the bulletin and sent out by email. Two newsletters were sent out in 2022;
- About 100 pounds of school supplies, salt and soap were donated by the parishioners and CWL members in September. It was delivered to Toronto to the Canadian Food for Children warehouse;
- The Blue & Gold Bazaar took place in October and was successful;
- The November meeting started with a prayer service for our deceased members. Six of our members passed away in 2022. We provided funeral luncheons and Honour Guards for several of their funerals;
- We helped with the Retirement party for Deacon Larry Duke and gave him a gift and Spiritual Bouquet;

- Christmas cards were sent to our homebound members;
- The displaced Ukrainian family that has settled in New Liskeard attends our parish and members of our council have been visiting them and praying for them and their loved ones in Ukraine. The council paid for a sleeping bag, boots and gloves for a Ukrainian soldier at their request;
- Three members of the council made live table centre pieces as a fundraiser in December. A \$500.00 profit was realized; and
- It was a busy year and we were glad to be able to hold meetings and support our parish and community.

Submitted by Audrey Shelton: President

SACRED HEART OF JESUS COUNCIL

Catholic Women's League of Canada 2022 Annual Report

Members: 34

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Lemire

- General meeting for instructed vote (February 6, 2022);
- Our Lady of Good Counsel April 26, 2022. Members were asked to pray the rosary;
- General meeting May 29, 2022. Presentation and discussion regarding the CWL initiative of the Dignity and Rights of Workers;
- June 2022, donated \$400.00 in bursaries to O'Gorman High School;
- Developed on honour guard protocol for funerals;
- September: CWL took the lead in cleaning and reorganizing the parish kitchen;
- General meeting (luncheon meeting) October 2, 2022 with Shirley Gravel, Diocesan President as guest speaker;
- Presentation of service pins with 2 members receiving 60-year pins;
- General meeting (luncheon meeting) November 13, 2022 with Linda Squarzolo, Provincial President as guest speaker;
- Tea and bake sale November 26, 2022;
- Advent dinner December 15, 2022;
- Awarded the Maple Leaf service pin to a long-time member;
- Masses for deceased CWL members and their families; and
- CWL members participate in Mass by: reading, providing music, being ushers, bringing communion to those who cannot attend Mass.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Johns

ST. PATRICK'S COUNCIL
Catholic Women's League of Canada
2022 Annual Report

Members: 20

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Wayne Mills

- Fundraising continues to be our source of income. The parish council hold 2 to 3 events per year. The Annual Christmas Vendors Market, A Bake Sale and White Elephant hosted by Coleman Township and a successful "Bakeless" Sale;
- Parish Council offered a small bursary to the St. Pat's School Grade 8 Graduation;
- Council presented a gift to Father Wayne at Christmas and Easter;
- The members held the Stations of the Cross during Lent with a half hour of adoration;
- The members decorated the church for Christmas and Easter;
- The Council President sent out a personal note to announce the next meeting or to advertise for the next fundraiser;
- Council presented Deacon Larry with a gift for his retirement;
- A funeral luncheon is something we will continue to do should someone request it;
- Parish Council were happy to help the Diocesan Council with the tree planting project that was planted at the Cobalt Catholic Cemetery; and
- Council had no member pass away in 2022.

***Pat Bigelow* President**

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA COUNCIL
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Annual Report 2022

Membership 91

Spiritual Advisor Father Michael Omojola

- 2022 Treasurers books reviewed and filled;
- Donations were made to O'Gorman Bursaries, National for Catholic Missions, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 88 Remembrance Day Wreath, and St Anthony of Padua Clergy;
- St Anthony of Padua executive had the following positions filled in 2022: President; President-Elect; Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Chairs for Spiritual Development, Education & Health; Community Life;
- Mailed birthday cards and get-well cards to members;
- E-mailed and hand delivered seven newsletters to keep members informed and were greatly appreciated by our members;
- Updated 2022 Policies and Procedures 2022 and they were reviewed with members;
- Membership cost was raised to \$40.00 for 2023 by motion;
- Held general meetings in person in Feb., March, May September and November and Executive meetings held virtually in January, February, April, August, and October;
- Members attended Webinars on Palliative Care, virtual retreats, education sessions from other councils and National Truth & Reconciliation Day;
- Reviewed "National Amendments to By Laws" and voted on by members and a report submitted;
- Members donated wool and knit hats, mitts, scarves for children in our local English Catholic Schools & for the homeless;
- Soaps, shampoos and other toiletry items were donated by members and distributed to the "Good Samaritan Inn, Living Space and Women's Shelter";
- Acted on Bill C-7 by writing letters and calling our MP and MPP;
- Held a December prayer service in person where the 2022 executive were reinstalled; service pins presented to members, certificates of congratulations for service presented & a service held for a deceased member with a social following;
- Started a "Loneliness Project" where members isolated or living alone were called we and partnered with a school that handmade cards that were mailed to members in December;
- Members assisted in sacramental preparation, served as Eucharistic ministers; lecturers, and cantors at the church;
- Members assisted with Ukrainian and Syrian families transition to Timmins;
- New members received a welcome package and profile sheet so we could know them better;
- CWL members volunteered baking Smiley Cookies as a fundraiser for the Lord's Kitchen where over \$37,000. was raised;

- Even though Resolution, Legislation, and Christian Family Life portfolios were not filled information from Provincial and National reports were shared with members in newsletters and all links to Bills and resolutions were shared in the President's report in newsletters;
- Hosted the 2022 Annual AGM Virtual site in April in Timmins;
- Formed committee to host the 2023 AGM and Convention and meetings held virtually in April, May and October;
- Submitted pictures for the Provincial Newsletter and for the Timmins Diocesan site;
- Hosted at St. Anthony of Padua on Dec 27th, Bishop Poitras 10th Anniversary Social and assisted with mass providing a CWL guard of honour, lecturers, coral ministers and ushers and hosted a social afterwards; and
- Had a speaker on the "SYNOD" process and discussion occurred at a general meeting and report submitted.

**Respectively Submitted,
Colleen Landers, President**

2022 Timmins CWL Membership
50 to 70 Year Anniversaries

Holy Trinity, Englehart

50 years: Dorothy Callaiezzi;

60 Years: Odette Boileau; Maureen Connolly; Lillian Mlodozenc; Anne Plaunt

65 years: Jeanette Deacon;

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, New Liskeard

60 years: Denise Brennan;

55 years: Lorraine Blair; Peggy Beauchamp.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Timmins

60 years- Anna Loreto; Elena Mascioli.

St Anthony of Padua, Timmins

65 years - Audrey Palmer

ANNIVERSARIES for TIMMINS DIOCESAN COUNCILS

60th Anniversary: Holy Trinity, Englehart

70th Anniversary: Our Mother of Perpetual Help, New Liskeard

Timmins Diocesan Executive 2022

President	Shirley Gravel
Spiritual Advisor	Fr. John Lemire
Treasurer	Peggy MacInnis
Recording Secretary	Armida Millions
Spiritual Development Organization	Yvette VanLankeld Lynne Rowlandson
Christian Family Life	Vacant
Communications	Colleen Landers
Community Life	Vacant
Education & Health	Marie Black
Resolutions & Legislation	Vacant
Past President & Historian	Annette Kelly
Life Member Liaison	Anne Plaunt
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Holy Name of Jesus, Kirkland Lake	Karen MacGregor
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Mary, Queen of the World, Matheson	Anna Andrews
Our Lady of the Lake, Larder Lake	Patricia Bodick
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