

## The Catholic Women's League

### Holy Trinity Parish

The Covid-19 Pandemic and the following Ontario Health Protocols left many of our members, seniors in the community and other vulnerable individuals enduring isolation and loneliness. They are unable to visit, shop, or interact visually with family members or do not have family that live locally. They are unable to attend church as many depended on family or friends to assist them and due to health measures, cannot exceed numbers allowed. We have encouraged members to phone, text where appropriate, or send a note to anyone in the community that they are aware of that may be lonely. One can drop off books, crafts (i.e. yarn, puzzles)- curbside or just do a wellness check by phone. My response to phone calls has always been positive.

An example took place at Christmas. A group of women in the community asked for donations of \$20.00. With that donation, gift bags were given to all the residents that lived alone in the community, those that had no family support and the residents that lived in the Geared to Income apartments in Englehart. In that bag was a plant, a Tim Horton's Card, a mask made by a volunteer and several other small items. The bag was left on their doorknob. The people were so happy to receive that bag. Because of Covid, many people spent Christmas alone in 2020. Some members contributed to that fund. Some of our members received a bag.

Holy Trinity Parish Council had delayed planting a tree to celebrate the CWL centennial. It is on our "to- do" list so this item will be put on the fall agenda when we hope to meet again in person. Planting probably will not take place until 2022. Members are encouraged to reduce waste, save water, reuse and recycle. A memo was given to all our members with the length of time some items take to disintegrate. Very eye-opening. We had also done a month to see how much water we could save.

With the unused space at Holy Trinity Church some members have been collecting items for Dr. Simone Save the Children Mission and a future rummage sale, another example of recycling and re-use and providing for the vulnerable and needy in our community.

A virtual auction was done for the baskets that CWL members had prepared for the 2020 Diocesan Convention. We were quite successful. The money raised will go to help people in our community through the Food Bank, to the LTC facility in Englehart and other areas where there is a need.

Respectfully submitted

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