

Our Mother of Perpetual Help CWL Report to 2021 Annual General Meeting

We continue to carry on with our National theme of "Care for our Common Home" along with the Provincial theme of "Loneliness".

Pope Francis says, ".....let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment".

With the introduction of the National theme "Care for our Common Home" our thoughts turn to finding ways to protect our planet and reduce the footprint for our future generations. As a president I have noticed how much paper I use. I try to reduce my printing and do more saving digital files on the computer.

On March 11, 2020, before the Pandemic, we had a speaker on the theme of recycling. There is more to recycling than I thought. I am more conscious what we throw out and think more of reducing and/or reusing. Reuse is the third subject. Use paper wisely; I now use both sides. By using reusable grocery bags, there will be less one-use plastic ending up in the garbage dump.

Loneliness is a great concern everywhere. Before Christmas, we called all members and asked how they were. It was well appreciated.

Our plan for this year is to collect clothing for Zach's Crib, a local homeless shelter. In addition we plan to plant a tree this year as a sign of respect to the environment.

Respectfully submitted

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