

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

ONE **HEART**
 VOICE
 MISSION

One heart – filled with mercy, compassion and holiness

One voice – united in harmony to speak the truth with courage and zeal

One mission – witnessing the Good News of the gospel through personal encounter and joyful service (*National Catholic Women's League of Canada Focus and Theme for 2015-2016*)

January is Catholic Women's League Membership Month.

We invite all women in the parish to become a member of St. Francis C.W.L. Council.

Consider the following:

Why Should I Become a Member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada?

Would you like to join women from all across Canada in an organization that can foster and celebrate your Catholic faith? With our patroness Our Lady of Good Counsel, we walk with sisters in faith on our spiritual journey, praying together with the motto "For God and Canada". As C.W.L. we joyfully affirm that God's presence blesses every aspect of ordinary life including meetings, volunteer projects and celebrations.

I Can Make a Difference: As a C.W.L. member you are part of 88,610 members across Canada called to advocate for human rights and social justice. Through your support C.W.L. promotes awareness and responds to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. We comfort the vulnerable, the needy and the marginalized. We speak for the voiceless in our "Pornography Hurts" campaign. Our individual membership adds power to the C.W.L. voice as the League lobbies government on social justice issues on behalf of a national sisterhood of Catholic women. Do you know that National CWL received 18 resolutions from 7 provincial councils and of these 5 resolutions were readied for presentation to government? Our voice is heard! We are part of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations representing Catholic women and the Church around the globe.

Family is Important to me: CWL recognizes and celebrates healthy family life. We lovingly support life in its entirety. We help people in our community. However, your primary role is parent, provider and caregiver and as such we invite you to attend meetings and events as your time permits. You can take part in activities, listening to speakers and help with fundraising efforts.

But My Time is Precious: Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents? Your commitment could be as easy as maintaining an inexpensive yearly membership, even when you are unable to attend meetings or other events. As time permits, you may enjoy helping with one project. You will soon notice that prayer and a spirit of joy are important parts of CWL projects as members journey together in faith finding fun and fulfillment. Fresh ideas are always welcome; share them with the new friends that await you. Life is a series of new beginnings; make the CWL a priority in your life!

Do You Know: Last year St. Francis Catholic Women's League facilitated the annual Garage Sale in September, the annual Christmas Major Draw lottery and the Christmas Bazaar in November. Through the efforts of the League and the support of parishioners and the community neighbourhood, we were proud to present Father Joseph with cheques totalling \$6390.00. The sum of \$2350.00 was donated to various charities in the community.

We are pleased to announce St. Francis CWL's executive for 2015 – 2016.

Spiritual Advisor – Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

Co-Presidents – Barbara Diemert (519-744-8955, bdiemert@rogers.com)
& Karin Manley (519-576-6587, kmanley@rogers.com)

Past President – Beani Watson

Treasurer – Sandra Paprocki

Membership Convenor – Judith Booth (519-742-0155, giboath@rogers.com)

Corresponding Secretary & Education and Health Chair – Lorraine Poplonski

Convenors:

Spiritual Chair – Sheila Mathews

Christian Family Life – Alice Preiditsch & Helen Shantz

Community Life – Evelyn Romero

Vacant Positions:

Recording Secretary Communication Chair Resolutions Chair

Maybe you are hearing the quiet call of the Spirit to volunteer in these positions?

We welcome your suggestions for meetings. We are available for any further information at any time. We encourage email addresses so we may keep our members up to date with occasional e-newsletters. Our Calendar of Events is in the planning stages and will be coming to you shortly.

Join us for our Valentine Fun Night on Feb. 11th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We pray together; we laugh together; we have fun together.

Lenten Retreat – March 11th, Stations of the Cross followed by a Retreat Evening with Father Joseph. All parishioners are welcome! We look forward to being with you!

Annual fundraiser for Birthright a fun night of Bingo (see upcoming Calendar of Events for date)

May we have Mary's heart of tenderness, contemplation and concern for others as we go forward with One Heart, One voice, One Mission.

Membership Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Membership Fee: \$30.00 – cash or cheque payable to St. Francis C.W.L. (use either the blue envelope in your parish collection boxes or a plain envelope marked C.W.L. and drop in the collection basket.)

My suggestions for meetings, speakers, day trips are:

