

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2015**

***"ONE HEART, ONE VOICE, ONE MISSION"***

Thank you for renewing your CWL membership and welcome to new members. If you have not yet sent in your membership, there is still time. We miss you and need your support. Please take a moment to fill in and return the attached membership form.

Looking forward to Spring, we have planned an interesting mix of speakers and activities. On April 8<sup>th</sup> Dee Sproule, a Chaplain with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board will speak on the present family life program in our Catholic schools and how the new sex education program will be implemented in September.

On April 29 from 7:00 am to 8:30 am, St. Francis CWL is sponsoring a table for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitchener-Waterloo & Area Interfaith Community Breakfast at the Waterloo Inn and Conference Hotel. The Speaker is Debbie Lou Ludolph, *Inshallah*, the WLS Community Choir, "Singing Our Way towards Building Community." If you would like to join us and meet others from neighbouring faith communities, please call Karin Manley 519-576-6587. The cost is \$18.00.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jason Catania, a former Episcopalian priest in the U.S. who was ordained as a Catholic Ordinariate priest 2 years ago, will speak about building bridges between Catholic and Anglican traditions.

May 19<sup>th</sup> a special fundraising Card Party and Shower for Birthright promises to be a fun-filled evening. Donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is our annual Pot Luck. Fr. Joseph will be sharing his experiences of Italy. This is also the time that members choose a Secret Sister. By choosing a secret sister, you agree to pray for her and to let her know you are thinking of her by sending a Christmas card, a Birthday card, an Easter card and/or a note. We reveal our identity and if we wish, present a small gift at the next pot luck in June, 2016.

Learn more about the Catholic Women's League by attending the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton Diocesan Convention, May 29-31 at the Delta Hotel, Guelph. If you would like to join us for one or more days, please contact Barbara Diemert 519-744-8955 for further details.

On a more serious note, St. Francis CWL and the national CWL are working to inform ourselves and when appropriate, take action on issues of concern including sex education in Catholic schools, physician assisted suicide, palliative care, human trafficking and awareness and treatment of the mentally ill.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 8	7:00 pm Dee Sproule, Chaplain, Waterloo District Separate School Board. "Implementation of the new family life program in our Catholic Schools."
April 29	7:00 – 8:30 am 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kitchener-Waterloo & Area Interfaith Community Breakfast, Waterloo Inn and Conference Hotel.
May 13	7:00 pm Rev. Jason Catania, "Building bridges between Catholic and Anglican traditions."
May 29-31	95 <sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton Diocesan Convention, Delta Hotel, Guelph
June 10	6:00 pm St. Francis CWL annual pot luck supper with Fr. Joseph sharing his experience of Italy

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

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**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Membership is \$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, etc.

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