

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
JANUARY 2017 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 Good News of the gospel through personal encounter & joyful service

**LAUDATO SI**

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women's League is proud to host Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB to speak to our parish on Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" on **Wed. Jan. 11 at 7pm in the Church Hall**. Fr. Rosica is a well-known and respected biblical scholar, lecturer, speaker, retreat preacher and author. Highlights of Fr. Rosica's distinguished service as a priest and communicator include CEO and National Director of World Youth Day 2002 and the Papal Visit of Pope John Paul II; founding CEO of Salt and Light, Canada's first national Catholic television network; the Vatican's English speaking Media Attaché and Consultor as well as the English language assistant to the Holy See Press Office. He continues to relate on a daily basis with English language media around the world.

"**Laudato Si**" is a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand the destruction that man is rendering to the environment and his fellow man. While addressing the environment directly, the document's scope is broader in many ways as it looks at not only man's effect on the environment, but also the many philosophical, theological, and cultural causes that threaten the relationships of man to nature and man to each other in various circumstances. The document is in many ways the epitome of Pope Francis. It is an unexpected topic. It presents Gospel truths. And it provides a challenge for every believer (and non-believers too). Kevin Cotter. Fellowship of Catholic University Students, 2015.

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHARITABLE DONATIONS DECEMBER 2016**

Catholic Missions in Canada	\$ 250.00	Canadian Food for Children	\$ 250.00
Carmel of St. Joseph	\$ 500.00	Pornography Hurts	\$ 260.00
Parents for Community Living	\$ 200.00	Development and Peace	\$ 250.00
YWCA	\$ 400.00	House of Friendship	\$ 100.00
Working Centre	\$ 300.00	Save-A-Family	\$ 240.00
Marillac Place	\$ 150.00	Region of Waterloo Hospice	\$ 250.00
St. Monica House	\$ 150.00		
K-W Right to Life	\$ 100.00		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>

In addition to these donations, the St. Francis CWL also presented the parish with two cheques totaling \$6,600, proceeds from the annual Garage Sale and the Major Draw. These funds will be used for parish projects.

**CWL MEMBERSHIP:**

We were very pleased that almost half of our members renewed their CWL membership early. Betty Corrigan was the winner of the Early Bird Membership Draw. The CWL's strength is in its members and we urge you to renew your membership or join the CWL this month.

It is easy – just fill in the envelope from your parish envelope box and enclose a cheque for \$30.00. If you do not have a parish envelope simply use a plain envelope with your name, address, telephone # and email address. Make sure you mark it "CWL Membership". Our Membership Chair would really appreciate it if you could get your membership in this month. Thanks

**PORNOGRAPHY HURTS:**

Once again CWL is asking you to support our Pornography Hurts post card campaign. There have been some changes to this year's campaign because the government has indicated that no response will be made to petitions and cards that do not address a particular question or concern. Therefore, when you pick up your post card please consider asking a question of your MP in order to garner a response and let him/her know that pornography is a concern.

Some points you might like to consider regarding the dangers of pornography:

- The booming demand for trafficked women and children in recent years is due in part to the proliferation of pornography.
- The use of new technologies such as the Internet has created unique challenges and problems: computer pornography is an increasing concern, especially because dissemination of such material cannot generally be controlled. There are also issues regarding the potential liability of the owners or managers of computer networks, such as universities. Although criminal charges have been laid regarding the distribution or possession of pornography on the Internet, to date there has been little judicial guidance on the issues involved.
- The Criminal Code of Canada prohibits the production, distribution and sale of 'child pornography' and also makes it an offence to possess such material. However, there is little else in federal law that purports to control sexually explicit or violent material.
- Companies and organizations need to stop promoting and profiting from sexual exploitation.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017**

January 11	Fr. Tom Rosica "Laudato Si"	March 29	CWL Executive Meeting
January 22	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service (hosted by our parish)	April 12	CWL General Meeting – Speaker TBA
January 22	Pornography Hurts Campaign	April 14 - 16	Easter Triduum
January 25	CWL Executive Meeting	April 26	Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the CWL Executive Meeting.
February 8	CWL General Meeting: "Cupcakes for Valentines" with Chrissie Kozak	May 3	St. Francis of Assisi CWL Card Party Interfaith Community Breakfast
February 22	CWL Executive Meeting	May 10	CWL General Meeting – Speaker TBA
March 3	World Day of Prayer	May 26 – 28	Annual Hamilton Diocesan Convention – Crowne Plaza Hotel
March 8	CWL General Meeting – Stations and Retreat with Fr. Philip Shano SJ, Director of the Spiritual Direction Programme, Regis College, Toronto	May 31	CWL Executive Meeting
March 18	CWL Hamilton Diocesan Spring Regional Meeting, St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira	June 14	CWL General Meeting and Pot luck
		June 28	CWL Executive Meeting and planning session

**PLEASE WATCH YOUR BULLETIN FOR FUTURE INFORMATION AND/OR ANY CHANGES TO THESE DATES.**

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you always as we walk together as sisters helping those who cannot help themselves.

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