



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



*"Care for our Common Home"*

### **OUR MISSION:**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

### **LEAGUE OBJECTIVES:**

The objects of the League shall be to unite Catholic women in Canada:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development.
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church.
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life.
4. to protect the sanctity of life.
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society.
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere.
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world.
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

I have started this newsletter with a reminder of why the Catholic Women's League exists and the principles by which we serve God and country. Our members are our strength and their involvement is crucial to ensuring our continued presence at St Francis.

We encourage every woman in our parish to join our League and become an active participant. The ways of becoming active are many. Some may enjoy an executive role where they can decide on the future of the League and guide its many activities. Others may enjoy a more focused role and volunteer on one time events such as the Bazaar, the Garage Sale or the Community Hymn Sing. Still others may volunteer to keep in touch with members who may be unable to make meetings and events. Whatever your level of involvement, you are always welcome and needed!

Our **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2020 starts this September**. Membership fee is \$30.00 and may be made by cheque (made out to St. Francis CWL) or cash and returned to the parish in the Sunday collection or the parish office. Special orange envelopes are included with your church envelopes. If you do not have a church envelope, simply use another envelope, include your membership fee, and clearly indicate your name, address, telephone # and email address. For any questions you may have, contact Judith Booth [gjbooth@rogers.com](mailto:gjbooth@rogers.com).

Those women who renew their membership prior to our Christmas dinner of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for the Early Bird Draw for a free membership.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sept. 4 at 7:30pm – Bazaar Planning Meeting

Everyone who would like to contribute or volunteer at this year's Bazaar is cordially invited to attend and to help plan this year's bazaar. Contact: Linda Carmichael [lgcarmichael@rogers.com](mailto:lgcarmichael@rogers.com)



### Sept. 29 at 2:00pm – “Celebrating Creation”

As the long summer days shorten and autumn's glories draw near, we enter what is sometimes called the “Season of Creation” which runs from September 1 to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. You can find lots of background information at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. Pope Francis has encouraged us to participate in prayer for creation for several years now. This year, St. Francis of Assisi parish, led by St. Francis CWL, will do just that on **Sunday, September 29 at 2:00p.m.** with **Celebrating Creation**, an hour of song, scripture and reflection. This year's theme is “the web of life.” We value and protect biodiversity in all its wonderful complexity because each of God's creation reveals a piece of the Creator's glory. We've invited our neighbouring Catholic and Christian parishes to join us and we hope that **many** parishioners will participate. This is an all-ages event with refreshments to follow.



### Oct. 9 at 9:30am – Pie making bee

A group pie baking prep in the church hall following the morning mass. Please consider joining other bakers for a fun and fruitful morning preparing pies for our Bazaar.



### Nov. 9 from 9:30am to 2:00pm – Annual Christmas Bazaar

This is one of the CWL's major fundraisers. We invite everyone in the parish to become involved by donating time, talent or treasures. Help us make this year's event the best ever!



### Dec. 4 – 6:00p.m. – Christmas Dinner and Early Bird Draw

Each year our turkey dinner with all the fixings is very popular so save the date and plan to get your tickets early. All family and friends are welcome.



Further information on all these events will be published in the Sunday bulletins.

## **C.A.R.E. CONNECTION PROJECT:**

Building on the momentum created during our 2018-19 theme of homelessness and efforts to respond to the needs of the vulnerable, the CWL is being challenged to focus on LONELINESS for the next 2 years.

Community surveys are finding anywhere between 25 and 30 per cent of Canadians, across various age groups, are reporting persistent loneliness and social isolation. The reasons for loneliness are varied and many. Interestingly, Government statistics show that 28 per cent of households are single-person, which may also lead to social isolation. The advancements in technology also play a significant role in the increase of loneliness and social isolation. The increased use of social media, which is actually usually done alone, may be inadvertently creating more isolation, even though we're trying to engage on different platforms.

### **The C.A.R.E. Connection Project.**

**C – Communicate** – Reach out to someone. It starts with a simple *Hello*.

**A – Act** – Do something! Don't just think about doing it or don't wait. Just do it!

**R – Respect** – Respect people's situation. Don't judge. Be aware of their boundaries.

**E – Engage** – You just need to take that first step to make a world of difference to someone.

St. Francis CWL executive would like to hear from you on ways we could make this project a reality. Please feel free to contact Karin Manley [kmanley@rogers.com](mailto:kmanley@rogers.com) with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

***May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us and guide us in all that we do.***

Karin Manley, President, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women's League