



## Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

### Catholic Women's League Annual Newsletter - 2017

This information sheet is issued annually to keep current and prospective members informed of meetings and other CWL activities within Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and in the Diocese.

#### Slate of Officers

Spiritual Advisor	Father Terry Sirosky
Co-Presidents	Annette Chaplin & Charlene Maguire
Vice-President	Vacant
Past-Presidents/ Historians	Terry Corbett & Joan Gentili
Treasurer	Marilyn Kuisma
Secretary	Terry Corbett

#### Standing Committee Conveners

Spiritual Development	Debbie Desrochers
Community Life	Felicity Speirs
Education & Health	Janet du Manoir
Organization (Membership)	Myrna McAuley
Parish Activities	Joan Miller
Legislation/Resolutions	Lauralee Sopczak & Grace Richmond
Communications	Sharon Munro
Christian Family Life	Lynne Kelly

As you know, our Parish CWL continues to support the parish and local community through volunteer work and financial support. We also work with & support the youth of our parish and we support our seniors, including the sick & shut in and others who may need our support (pregnant women, needy mothers/families, those in palliative care, etc.) Life is sacred from conception to natural death and so we must be supportive during all stages of life. We continue to work hard to communicate our activities and to promote what we do. If you have suggestions, questions or concerns, please let us know. We value your input and we want to hear from you.

As your new co-presidents, and on behalf of our executive, we take this opportunity to thank all outgoing officers, especially Joan Gentili and Terry Corbett, who have served as co-presidents for the past two years. In their new role as past presidents/historians, we will be relying on their help and experience to guide us as we embark on our spiritual journey. Thank you for your continuing support of the League through your membership and by helping out in so many ways in the Parish and beyond. Although we currently have 111 paid CWL members in our Parish, including some new members, we would very much like to see this number grow. So...if you aren't already a member, please consider joining the League. Membership forms are available on the CWL bulletin board in the Church entrance. Your completed form, along with payment (\$20.00, cash or cheque payable to the CWL) can be put in an envelope marked CWL and placed in the collection basket or given to any member of the Executive. Your new executive has been busy with budget and planning meetings. To that end, a listing of CWL events and activities for 2017 is attached. Please mark the various happenings on your calendar. In particular, we hope you can attend this year's World Day of Prayer service at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Church. This inspirational service is open to everyone in the community and is a wonderful opportunity to join with others in our faith community and to come together in prayer. Also, our annual St. Patrick's Day card party will take place on March 16<sup>th</sup> so do plan to come out for that.

As our parish Catholic Women's League begins its 82<sup>nd</sup> continuous year of service, this milestone demonstrates the importance of the League as an integral part of our parish community! We are truly blessed and we continue to ask for God's help as we continue our work within the parish, in the community and beyond. May God bless you and help you to benefit from the many good works of the Catholic Women's League.

Annette Chaplin & Charlene Maguire, Co-Presidents

**League prayer:** *We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad, the good things you have given us. This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.*



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**2017 Calendar of CWL Events/Activities**

**National Theme: Inspired by the Spirit: Women Respond to God's Call**

Jan	23	Executive Meeting 9:30 am - Budget meeting
Feb	6	Membership campaign ends (New members/Renewals welcome) General Meeting, Parish Hall- 7 pm
Mar	3 6 16 25	World Day of Prayer-10 am, Community Church, hosted by Faith Lutheran Exec. Mtg. 6 pm; General Mtg, 7 pm., Parish Hall St. Patrick's Day Card Party, Parish Hall, 1-4 pm Spring Diocesan Meeting, Temiscaming
Apr	3 26	Exec. Mtg. 6 pm; General Mtg, 7 pm., Parish Hall CWL Mass- Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel - 9 am
May	1 5 11 27 29	Rosary before Masses Exec. Mtg. 6 p.m.; General Mtg, 7 pm, Parish Hall (Crowning of Mary) Spring Luncheon, Parish Hall Mass for Living CWL Members- 7 pm Diocesan Convention, Arnprior Executive Meeting-Parish Hall- 9:30 am
Jun	5 14	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Potluck Dinner (last General Meeting before Summer recess) Senior and New Member Appreciation Luncheon, Parish Hall (noon)
Jul	9-12	Provincial Convention, Thunder Bay, ON
Aug	6-9	National Convention, Charlottetown, PEI
Sept	5 18 23/24 30	Executive Meeting, Parish Hall, 9:30 am Fall Dinner/Raffle, Bear's Den (Cocktails 5:30 pm/dinner 6:00pm) Baking Plates to be handed out at weekend Masses for Bake sale Bake Sale, Town Hall Lobby, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct	2 8 21	Exec. Mtg. 6 pm; General Mtg, 7pm, Parish Hall (Guest Speaker) 34th Anniversary Mass for Fr. Sirosky Fall Diocesan Meeting, Haliburton, ON
Nov	6 7 4/5 11 15	2017 Membership Drive gets underway Exec. Mtg. 6 pm; General Mtg, 7pm, Parish Hall (Memorial for Deceased Members) Mass for Deceased CWL Members – 7 p.m. Craft Fair –Food sales Remembrance Day- CWL Wreath Laid at Cenotaph Executive Year End Reports Due
Dec	4	Christmas Luncheon-last General Meeting of 2017, Bear's Den (noon)