

CWL ST. MARGARET MARY & ST EDITH STEIN

SPRING 2019



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



Welcome to all the women from St Edith Stein who have joined the CWL. It is so wonderful to have new members, new friends and new ideas.

Save Whales! Save Oceans! Save Birds! Save Air! Save Energy! Save Forests! Save...??!!

Aaah, where to start?! Definitely, all interrelated and necessary campaigns. No wonder the National CWL Council chose "Care for our Common Home" as the national theme for 2019. Thankfully we are focusing on one element: Water! Of course, by protecting water, we will positively impact all other areas of our *Common Home*.

Yes, there is a water crisis in the world.

Yes, billions of people live in areas vulnerable to water scarcity.

But, right here in our backyard?

Just as canaries were used to warn miners of toxic gases in mines, fish have been used to detect water pollution. Researchers from Environment Canada, Climate Change Canada and McMaster University found several commonly prescribed antidepressants in the blood plasma of fish living downstream from wastewater treatment plants. Am I suggesting not to eat the fish? No, not really... I am just encouraging making a conscious effort to "Save our Water". Other examples? Let's see how many we can come up with!

With the hope of creating a ripple effect, our CWL Council celebrated World Water Day, March 22nd 2019, by inviting all members and parishioners to participate in our Water Usage Challenge. See the April Parish Bulletin for details!

Marie-Claire Patterson

A Message from our Spiritual Advisor

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Puzzled, the righteous will ask when they did this, and he will reply, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

As Catholics we are all called to reach out to our brothers and sisters and assist them when and how we can. It is our calling in life and it is truly a blessing every time. Should we listen to the Gospel it is completing God's plan for us on this earth. The challenge is we are to do it completely out of caring and love for all our brothers and sisters. We are to remove our personal biases and we are to allow God to use us in such a way as to serve the other.

This is the purpose of the Catholic Women's League. To raise concerns to others over issues where people are being mis-treated. To reach out in love to those in need. To keep responding, yes! To serve even when we are tired and worn. To know that whatever we do we come from love and we are motivated to serve. Why? Because we are called! We have been called by God to rally support for the helpless, strength for the weak and care for the sick.

The ladies of the CWL have gone farther and have gathered their gifts and their time and their talents and pooled them so that they can help more. For it is when we come together to serve God, we can strengthen one another and lift each other in our journey on this earth.

I am reminded of the words of St. Teresa of Avila.

*Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet
with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands
with which Christ blesses the world.*

Teresa of Avila

Deacon Tom Donohue

CWL Calendar

April 14, 2019: CWL bake & craft sale after all three masses. Come get your Easter baked goods

April 26, 2019 @ 7pm: Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at St Patrick's Parish, Fallowfield

Month of May, 2019: CWL Recites Rosary before all masses

May 4, 2019: CWL to recite Divine Mercy Chaplet for the 12h of prayer for palliative care

May 4, 2019: CWL Diocesan convention at Hly Spirit Parish. Register by April 2nd.

May 7, 2019: CWL meeting at 7pm

May 18 to June 2, 2019: Baby Bottle Drive for Miriam Centre

Jun 2, 2019: After 10am mass, CWL to host Sunday Social

Jun 4, 2019: CWL Potluck dinner 6pm

Sept 3, 2019: CWL meeting at 7pm

Oct 1, 2019: CWL meeting at 7pm

Oct 6, 2019: 10 am CWL Anniversary Mass 7 Sunday social

FAITH IN ACTION



Thank you, members, and parishioners!! In 2018, we:

- ◆ collected feminine hygiene products and incontinence products for the Shepherds of Good Hope.
- ◆ filled baby bottles with \$1,151.95 of donations for the Miriam Centre
- ◆ collected craft supplies for the Roger Neilson House recreation therapy program.
- ◆ collected warm outer clothes for the children at St. Michael (Ottawa) Catholic Elementary School.
- ◆ sent Sacramental Preparation books and Advent booklets to support the spiritual development of families within the missionary diocese of Grouard-McLennan, northwestern Alberta.
- ◆ held our parish's first All Souls' Day Mass.

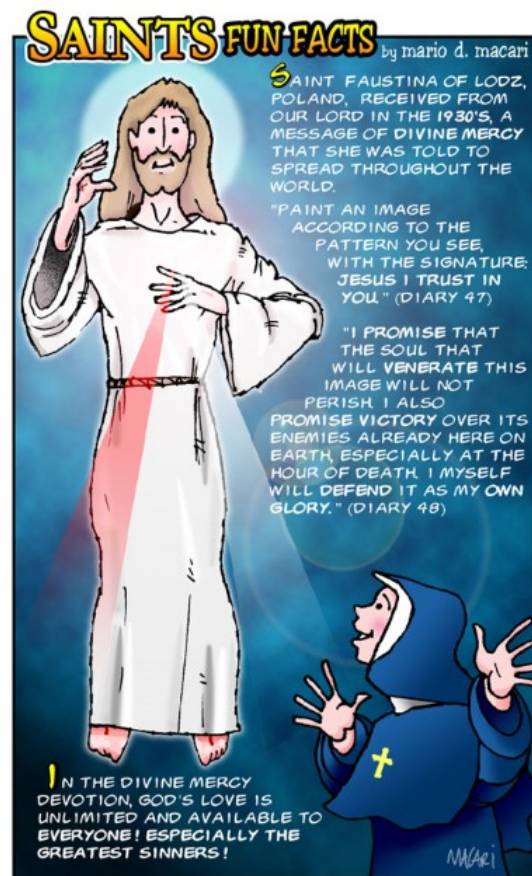


MON DIEU donne-moi la SÉRÉNITÉ, d'accepter toutes les choses que je ne peux changer.
Donne-moi le COURAGE de changer les choses que je peux, et la SAGESSE d'en connaître la différence

St Marie Faustina

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was born as Helena Kowalska in Poland on August 25th, 1905. She came from a very poor religious family of 10 children.

At the young age of 7 she felt the calling to religious life. In 1924 she saw her first vision of Jesus.



She saw many visions of Jesus throughout her life. He taught her how to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

She died in 1938 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.



Did you know that bees have favorite flowers?



According to the Weather Network here are a few of their local favorites that you may be able to plant to help them.



Dandelions, Bee Balm, Black Eyed Susan, Sunflowers, Geraniums, Echinacea, Chives, Lavender, Roses, Catnip



The National CWL Council website www.cwl.ca lists the following national resolutions relating to water, whereby we are invited to take action:

- ◆ 2004.07 Water Use in Canada
- ◆ 2001.04 Water Quality in Canada
- ◆ 1999.09 Bulk Fresh Water Resources
- ◆ 1990.07 Environmental Concerns (the pollution of our oceans, rivers and lakes)"



September CWL Meeting

I Stand in Awe

Lyrics by Chris Tomlin

When I consider what You have made
The mighty oceans, the fiery stars
The fields and forests give You praise
My Lord, my God

I stand in awe
I stand in awe
I stand in awe of You

When I consider what You have done
I see Your suffering, I see Your scars
Oh, the wonder, and oh, the love
My Lord (my Lord), my God (my God)

Care for Our Common Home



Lord, season after season,
You continue to renew the face of the earth,
"For from the greatness and beauty of created things Comes a corresponding perception of their Creator."

Teach us, Lord,
As members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada,
To become attuned to our need to protect
The beauty of our common home.

May our efforts lead us to sustain its natural order, So that, in the words of Pope Francis,
Our heritage is never "deprived of physical contact with nature.

Mary Ryan, Past President, St Dunstan Parish, NB