

Edmonton Diocesan Council CWL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

This is the first Newsletter of 2022. You will notice the new format which is based on the template provided by National CWL.

The newsletter will be posted on the Edmonton Diocesan CWL Council website <http://www.edmontoncwl.org/>

and can be downloaded and printed from there.



Let us not grow tired of doing good!

The season of Lent is upon us and in the words of Pope Francis: "Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal".

With the COVID-19 pandemic easing off, it is time for all Catholic Women's League of Canada members to not only reaffirm our commitment to our faith but to renew our commitment to the League.

Pope Francis asks us to "reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all" (*Gal 6:9-10*)".

Take up the themes of the Catholic Women's League of Canada - Faith, Service and Social Justice and think of all the opportunities available and all good we can do together!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Sisters in the League:

The first Edmonton Diocesan CWL Annual Meeting was held on March 31st, 1922. In a few weeks we will be gathering in Camrose, AB to celebrate our 100th Annual Convention. Through these 100 years, we have shared our faith, our service and our sisterhood. Who can know the number of people assisted through our work with assisting immigrants, women's shelters, food banks, school lunch programs, helping in parishes and supporting Catholic institutions?

The National theme "Catholic and Living It!" highlights the 100 years of faithful service by the members of the CWL in our archdiocese. Those past 100 years will inspire us to enhance the spiritual life of members, support the marginalized, protect the sanctity of life and strengthen the voice of Catholic women. We will build on the three pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice.

We look forward to welcoming you in Camrose on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2022.

For God and Canada

Mary Molloy
Edmonton Diocesan President



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Edmonton Diocesan Council
100th Annual Diocesan
Convention,

**"Catholic and Living It: 100
Years of Faithful Service"**

April 29 - May 1, 2022 in
Camrose

<http://www.edmontoncwl.org/2022-diocesan-convention.html>

CONTACT INFO

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NEWS TO SHARE

Edmonton Diocesan Catholic Women's League will be holding eight SYNOD Listening Session in March and April, two for each Region. If you cannot attend in your Region, please register in anyone that fits into your Schedule. <http://www.edmontoncwl.org/>

Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Convention "Building Relationships and Effecting Change" in Lac La Biche June 3 and 4, 2022 <https://www.cwl.ab.ca/index.php/conventions>.

Catholic Women's League of Canada National Convention "Rejoicing in the Vinyard of the Lord" in Kelowna, B.C. August 14 to 17, 2022 <https://cwl.ca/national-convention-registration-now-open/> .

FAITH

You are invited to share your experience of the Catholic Church through a process of prayer and listening called a Synod. Pope Francis has created the Synod process to hear about your experience of the Church. He asks for your honest feedback.

You are invited to register for one of the eight Synod Listening sessions being offered, by Diocesan CWL Listening Leaders, in each region. There are two per region. Please consider registering in another region's session if it fits your schedule better.

Register at <http://www.edmontoncwl.org/>

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Edmonton Diocesan CWL is supporting the IWIN Initiative <http://www.iwininitiative.ca/>.

IWIN Initiative works with human trafficking investigators, provides backpacks to survivors who are entering a wrap-around program to support them emotionally, physically and spiritually. The backpacks, containing all brand-new items, include a change of clothes, toiletry items, a handwritten card of encouragement and a bracelet. A matching bracelet is given to a volunteer prayer warrior to support the survivor through prayer.

IWIN also raises awareness about the atrocity of human trafficking and its prevalence right here in our home country of Canada by providing volunteers with the opportunity to participate in a Red Sand Prayer Service.

QUICK LINKS

Edmonton Diocesan CWL
<http://www.edmontoncwl.org/>

Alberta Mackenzie CWL
Provincial
<https://www.cwl.ab.ca/index.php>

National CWL
<https://cwl.ca/>

Catholic Archdiocese of
Edmonton
<https://caedm.ca/>



*Red Sand Ceremony
Assumption-Resurrection Parish*

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SERVICE

The Edmonton Diocesan Council has committed to donating to the Sacred Heart of the First Peoples rebuilding fund. The donation will go toward the Stained Glass Windows. Sacred Heart was one of the founding parishes of the CWL in Edmonton in 1912 and our council has been working with the women of that parish to reestablish their CWL council. We ask that CWL councils within the Diocese consider a fundraising event to help raise the funds needed for the stained-glass windows, which are expected to cost \$25,000.



Joan Carr

GRATITUDE CORNER

We would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you to all of our councils. You have taken it upon yourselves to remain active and involved throughout the pandemic and the restrictions associated to it. Much work has been done to support your members and your communities. **THANK YOU!!!**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Joan Carr

The Canadian Catholic School Trustee's Association has, posthumously, awarded Joan Carr, a long-standing CWL member, with the prestigious Justice James Higgins Award. She served for 45 years in faithful ministry of Catholic Education with the Edmonton Catholic School District, 14 years of which were spent as a Superintendent. She made a notable, lasting which led to the nomination and joyful acceptance of Joan as a very worthy recipient of the 2022 Higgins Award.

Executive Training Workshops

As 2022 moves forward, many councils have or will be changing the members of their Executives. Did you know that the Diocesan CWL Council offers Executive Workshops to help train the new executive in their various roles? If your council is interested in hosting a workshop please reach out to the Diocesan Organization Chair to arrange to have one scheduled. She can be reached at edmontoncwl.presidentelect@gmail.com.

CWL Assumption (Resurrection) Edmonton held our Red Sand Prayer Services at all four masses at both parishes the weekend of April 3rd for Solidarity Sunday. They had 100% participation of the parishioners at the masses as Father invited them outside to join us 15 minutes before the start of mass. As we began the service, those that had not yet come out, poured out of the church to join us. Many of them thanked us for the service and enlightenment as they re-entered the church for mass. Father included further opening comments at the start of each mass as to the horrors of human trafficking and the work of IWIN, he reminded them to refer to the article we posted in the last bulletin with information as to how to contact IWIN for any parishioners wishing to learn more, become involved or contribute to the backpack project.

SAINT CORNER

Our Lady of Good Council

Our Lady of Good Council was a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after a painting, that is said to be miraculous.

In a small church in Albania, two young men had a dream in which Mary told them to leave the country. She said the painting would depart and that they must follow the painting wherever it went. They followed the painting to Italy where it disappeared. They began searching until they found the old Augustinian church of Santa Maria in Genazzano. In the midst of the festivities for the Feast of Saint Mark, the townsfolk suddenly heard "exquisite music." A mysterious cloud was then said to have descended on the unfinished wall of the parish church; the cloud dissipated and a beautiful fresco, no more than eighteen inches square, of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child was revealed. It was widely believed that it had been miraculously transported from a church in Scutari, Albania.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit newsletter contributions to edmontoncwl.communications@gmail.com by the 15th of the month and we will do our best to incorporate your contribution.



Our Lady of Good Council

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26 - Feast of Our Lady of Good Council

April 29 - May 1 - Edmonton Diocesan Council 100th Annual Convention

<http://www.edmontoncwl.org/2022-diocesan-convention.html>

April 22 - Earth Day

May 1-7 - 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

May 5 - Red Dress Day

May 12 - March for Life

May 23-27 - National Hospice & Palliative Care Week

May 23-27 - Catholic Education Week

June 3 & 4 - Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Annual Convention

June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day

July 25 - 28 - Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage

August 14 - 17 - 102nd Annual National

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Many parishes in our Diocese are celebrating significant anniversaries in 2022. There is one parish celebrating its 100th Anniversary - Holy Name of Jesus in Vermillion.

There are also 7 parishes celebrating their 70th anniversary. There are 10 other parishes celebrating anniversaries, ranging from 35 to 65 years.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them all.



COUNCIL UPDATES

Now that COVID restrictions are being dropped, many councils are able to have their meetings and celebrations in person. Please consider the location of these events so that they are accessible to all members.

If you are continuing to hold your meeting via Zoom, did you know that the organizer of the Zoom meeting can enable Closed Captions, so that those with hearing impairment can participate.