

# THREE COMMITTEES

CATHOLIC AND LIVING IT

ALL FOR THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF GOD

# BACKGROUND

97<sup>th</sup> National Convention Prince Edward Island

Town Hall meetings across the country

Formed a Steering Committee

# CORE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Core Purpose

Core Values

Mission Statement

Envisioned Future

# CORE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## Core Purpose

Uniting Catholic Women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada, and the world.

# CORE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Core Values:

Faith - following Catholic teaching

Service - local, national, and international

Social Justice - actively involved in society

## CORE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### 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

# CORE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Envisioned Future the Catholic Women's League of Canada is an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women inspired by faith. It is a vital participant in the church; a valued partner for social justice; a respected advocate at all government levels; connected to the World

# GOALS

Goal 1      Members of the CWL grow in faith by sharing witnessing and developing leadership skills to create positive change



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Goal 2      The CWL addresses and supports Catholic social teaching through advocacy. All things are connected

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## Goal 3

Through outreach and service, members of the CWL foster a culture where all life is valued with dignity and respect

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Goal 4

Address Critical Issues (things like perception of the League, lack of training for members to accept leadership roles, technology, etc.)

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The plan is to be completed with a 5-year deadline

# GOAL 1

Paring down the executive

Executive going from 14 to Executive of 8 positions

-amend the constitution and by-laws by way of an instructed vote  
(which passed at the National Convention held August 2022)

# OFFICERS

President

Vice President – organization

Secretary – communications

Treasurer

Past President

3 Committee Chairs

# CHAIR POSITIONS ELIMINATED

Spiritual Development,  
Christian Family Life,  
Community Life,  
Education and Health,  
Resolutions,  
Legislation

# NEED FOR A NEW MIND SET

Give up the old model which has chairs responsible for a certain portion of work

We can't do everything

A new model built around the core values that form the pillars of our organization and the pillars will define the work

What Core Value most reflects the work of your council?



# THREE CORE VALUES PERHAPS A TRIUNE MODEL

## Triune Model

The three Core Values form a triangle  
Faith at the bottom, the foundational value  
Service and Social Justice on either side  
God inside the triangle

# TRIUNE MODEL

Guided by the National Theme  
Catholic and Living it  
Integrated into all three core values

# HOW

## Charism

refers to a council's special gift or grace from the Holy Spirit for the common good, or for the service of others that help the council to live out its mission with the Church.

# EVALUATE COUNCIL'S WORK

- Prioritize from the most important to the least important activities
- Ask: What two or three things could we focus on that really would make a difference?

Remember – We can't be all things to all people

Council needs to be involved in this process

# ASSESS EACH PROJECT

- What part of the project falls under each core value?
- What part of the project will each committee chair take responsibility for?
- How does each member see themselves fitting in?

# DEVELOP A PROGRAM

Executive with the help of the membership develops a program reflecting the councils charism, priorities, and National Theme

Faith, Service and Social Justice are the three focal points

# PROGRAM REFLECTS OUR CHARISM

When something is successful its often because its because it's been accomplished with JOY.

# FAITH - THE FOUNDATIONAL CORE VALUE

It must be the filter for all our work

Spiritual Growth is the first object of the League

No matter what work we do, the question must be asked:

How did we grow spiritually?



# FAITH

*24/7 Women of Faith, Hope, and Joy*

We are in the business of building the kingdom of God.

Faith, Service, and Social Justice

# CONCLUSION

It can't be business as usual

We have to develop our own model for our council work

We must see that like our lives, CWL's Faith must be foundational and from it all else flows

We do everything in our lives for the honour and glory of God