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President's Message

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, He is Risen!

There is so much tradition and symbolism steeped into every single part of our Catholic Easter Rituals, from the washing of feet on Holy Thursday to our Altar of Repose on Good Friday, and how there is no new consecration of the communion hosts during the period we mourn and remember Jesus' death, and so much more. We are truly blessed to be able to participate in remembering the death of Jesus, while at the same time celebrating His life and resurrection. The Easter ceremonies are truly my favourite time of the year, I'd love to know what your favourite tradition is.

As we enter into the period between Easter and Pentecost, as a council we have so many blessings to celebrate, too. First of all, thank you for all of your hard work and feedback at our general meeting, to be able to approve our amended budget! Second, we have been blessed with so many new and transferred members the past few months, and especially this past month! We hope our council will continue to grow and welcome new sisters into our midst with love and joy, as we have so many times in the past. Last, April is the period when we recognize years of service for our members, and this year we have some very exciting milestones coming up! We look forward to seeing all of your at our April celebration!

Blessings to each one of you, today and always,

Brooke, Alexandra, Joyce, Cecilia, Nicole, Shelly, Sophia, Fay, Mariama, Coleen, Susan and Kathy

Spiritual Reflection

Easter is a promise that God gave to you,
A promise of eternal life, a season of renewal.
As the scent of roses fills the air,
And blue jays sweetly sing,
And remember that God is with you
And guiding you this spring.
For He vowed that He will always be there,
To wrap you in His arms when you need His care.
He has faith in you
And His heart shall ever be true,
No matter what you say or do.
Even should you stumble and fall
God will lend you a hand
To help you stand tall.

Prayer Circle

+Joe Silvaggio (St. Vincent the Paul worker)
Tom Belden
Kathy Walsh
Fran Hugo
Fannie Renegado and her family
Kim Switzer
Isobel Crothers
Christine
Theresa Grondin
Eleanor Hayes - health, healing, strength and peace of mind
Frank Sdao - health and healing
Ludwina Cosby - health and healing
Ramon Deang – health, healing and peace of mind and for his sister Dolor Pigarowa – comfort and peace of mind

If you have a Prayer Circle request, please contact Maeve Crothers at maeve.crow@gmail.com or by phone @ 780-473-1355.

Card Ministry

Hello CWL Sisters,

The Card Ministry has been busy offering service by sending a Card to those in need.

A total of 18 Cards were sent in February, and at the time of March Newsletter 19 have been sent out.

*Birthday Cards to CWL Sisters in Christ. FEB, 13 CWL Sisters MARCH, 13 CWL Sisters & 1 Seminarian

*Encouragement in Coping Situations. FEB, 0 MARCH, 0

*Get Well following Surgery. FEB, 3 MARCH, 1

*Thinking of You, time of Illness or Uncertainty. FEB, 1 MARCH, 3

*Sympathy. FEB, 1 MARCH, 0

*Thank You Cards. FEB, 0 MARCH, 0

*Miscellaneous. FEB: 0 MARCH: 1 Father Raja Easter Card

*Christmas Cards to our housebound Sisters in Christ.

Thank you, Sisters for contacting the Card Ministry for all who would be comforted or strengthened by a Card holding them up in Prayer, expressing Caring, Hope, Sympathy, Thanks and Love.

God Bless you for your support of our heartwarming and meaningful Ministry.

God Bless your Day,

Kathy S. 780-473-7860

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Upcoming Events

- April 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day
- April 20-22, 2018 – Edmonton Diocese CWL Convention – Fort Saskatchewan
- April 28-29, 2018 – CWL Promotion Weekend (please note the amended date) – We will be having pulpit speeches introducing our parish to the CWL and our goals after communion at each mass (Saturday – Joyce Labelle, Sunday 9:30 mass – Barb O’Connor and Alexandra Stansky, Sunday 11:30 mass – currently open)
- April 28-29, 2018 – CWL Bake Sale after each weekend mass

Birthdays

I said a birthday prayer for you today; I wanted you to know that I asked the Lord to bless you so your faith will always grow. I prayed for you to feel His love at the start of each new day and to share His love with everyone you meet along the way.

Happy Birthday wishes to our CWL Sisters who are celebrating a birthday in:

April

Isabelle Nash – April 4
Germaine Paton – April 6
Cecilia Fernandes – April 12
Fay Henry – April 21
Olive Brown – April 24
Barb O’Connor – April 29



May God Bless you on your very special day with Love, Joy and Happiness.

Bouquet of Thanks

Pasta Lunch for St. Bonaventure School:

Thank you to our sisters who gathered to prepare the pasta luncheon at St. Bonaventure School – Philomena Wong, Coleen Jo, Julia Joyal, Eugenia Seiben, Manuelita Ikehara, and Joyce Labelle. We are blessed that the 6 of you were able to coordinate this in support of one of our schools.

Funeral Lunch

Thank you to our sisters on the funeral lunch committee who served at the most recent funeral: Edna, Eugenia, Philomena, Fran, Juliette, Maeve, Olga, Barb.

Introducing:

Nicole Lymburner-Secretary

Hello Ladies! I would just like to let you know a little about myself. I have been married to my husband Reg for 25 years this summer. We have 3 amazing children, Brian (23), Kristen (20) and Nathan (16). I have moved across Canada several times from when I was a child going into adulthood. I have lived in Edmonton 4 different times and have always felt that home is here.

I love to spend time outside from camping, hiking and kayaking in the summer to skiing in the winter (although summer is my favorite!). I was fortunate enough to be a stay at home mom until our youngest was around 3 when I decided to open a Day home. BEST JOB EVER! When we moved to Regina, I decided to get a job outside the home. Since then I have been a Pharmacy Technician, a receptionist at a Doctor’s office/Spa and currently I am an Operations Manager for a Commercial Painting Company. I am lucky that I get to work with my husband and daughter every day and our great friends are the owners of the company!

The last few years I have been honoured to not only be a CWL Sister and serve on the executive as your secretary, but I am also a Eucharistic Minister. I find that serving on Sundays is a true blessing, honour and a privilege. It is a deeply moving experience each time. If anyone is ever interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, I highly recommend it!

I look forward to the next few years as we grow as a council together in the love of Christ and the guidance of Our Lady of Good Council. God Bless!

Fay Henry – Education

My name is Fay Henry. I have been part of St John Bosco CWL for about 18 years. My husband's name is Gary and we have two beautiful adult daughters. I work for the Edmonton Catholic school board. Being part of CWL has help me to make some great friends and also help me to become part of my church community. One of my favourite things to do is spend time with my family. I enjoy watching my daughter play soccer and I love to play volleyball.

God has blessed my life and I pray and hope he will continue to do so.

Your CWL sister Fay

Membership

Dear Sisters

We currently have a high number of outstanding memberships, approximately ¼ of our total membership from last year. We know that things get busy and it membership submission can occasionally get delayed or forgotten. We are at a point now that lapsed membership will begin to impact your years of service, your ability to receive the national CWL newsletter and magazine, and our local newsletter. In addition, your continued membership does a few things:

- *Includes your voice as part of a large, catholic community with the ability to reach government on a local, provincial and national level, especially pertaining to new laws and ethics standards that are being introduced in our country.*
- *Continued involvement in an organization that holds strong to gospel roots and Catholic teaching and education.*
- *Supports the role of women in developed and developing countries.*
- *Supports an organization that supports local schools, charities and initiatives.*

We know that things change, and your level of support may change – we have 4 different levels of membership that you can move between according to your needs while still supporting your local organization:

- *Active member – Someone who attends the majority of meetings, and is interested and able to assist in special projects as they arise*
- *Partially active member – Someone who may not be able to take part in meetings, but is interested and able to assist in some special projects.*
- *Financially supportive member – Someone who wants to include their voice in our goals and values, but for various reasons, may not be able to participate in any events.*
- *Prayer partner – A member who is involved in the prayer circles, participating and receiving prayers for our sisters and initiatives.*

We have included a copy of the membership remittance form for your convenience.

If you want to renew your membership, place membership dues in an envelope along with the completed renewal form below, label CWL Membership and drop this off at the church office or place it in the church mailbox.

2018 CWL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM (\$25.00)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/Prov.: _____ P.C. _____ Phone#: _____

Renewal: _____ New to CWL: _____ Transfer: _____ Birthday: _____

Cheque: _____ or Cash: _____

E-mail: _____

Prayer for an Easter Morning

Lord we lift our hearts to you.

As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you.

As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you.

As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.

May we ever live to praise you!

Amen.

Read more: http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/easter_prayers.html#ixzz5B1CpViSN



FREE older adult's speaker series!

Please join us for Amazing Elders. The affectionately named 'survivors' club is a place for older adults 50+ to go and socialize and get inspired by various topics.

- Enjoy distinguished guest speakers for free
- Meet some new folks in the area
- Think about and discuss challenging topics
- Build confidence, get inspired in a low stress environment
- Consider personal power and its ability to transform a community

Please call Kristine to confirm your registration at 780 446 3569, or email at knutting@mysage.ca

The Amazing Elders club runs every Friday from 1 – 3 p.m.

Start date: April 27th

End date: June 22nd.

Location: Ubuntu Flex Space 14023 Victoria Trail NW, Edmonton

Topics include;

- ✓ Cannabis innovations, education session for medicinal use
- ✓ Tour of Alberta wild flowers
- ✓ Multi-generational story telling
- ✓ What makes you tick



**Spirit of the Living God,
open our hearts and minds to experience the unconditional love of God.
Empower us with the gifts of Your Spirit,
so that we may respond to God's call in joyful service.
Inspire and bless the members of the Catholic Women's League
so that the fruits of Your Spirit may be evidences in all that we say and do.**

Amen

And so, inspired by the Spirit, women respond to God's call, empowered by the gifts of the Spirit, invited to bear fruit. We are challenged in our councils to be loving, joyful women who work patiently for people, whose kindness and goodness touch the lives of all we encounter, who are faithful to the Gospel message and live lives of humility and self-control.

And we do it in joy!!