



“Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer.”

– Pope Francis



It is hoped that all members will find some way to support this day of prayer, either on May 4th or on a day during the week of May 7 to 13. The prayer can take place within a parish church, a home or elsewhere. The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, with over 82,000 members across Canada, encourages all people of faith to join nationwide in



12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4. This day is designed to lead into National Hospice Palliative Care Week, May 7 to 13 (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.



There is a pressing need for all Canadians to have greater accessibility to palliative care. This end-of-life care is true compassion. It allows individuals who are facing death to not be burdened by pain and suffering but to receive the necessary support that respects their human dignity both physically and spiritually with one heart and voice, all people of faith are urged to focus on that power of prayer.



The National Executive is gifting all members across Canada with a beautiful prayer card.

Our Lady of Hope CWL Members are asked to pick up their card from the CWL bulletin board.

Please consider visiting a Sister in the League to bring her a prayer card.





97th ANNUAL CWL DIOCESAN CONVENTION



Our Annual Diocesan Convention will take place in North Bay, April 28 – 30, 2017. Registration forms can be obtained from our President Debbie Mattiazzi, 705-674-8579 and on the CWL bulletin board. There is a first time attendee incentive where you can win \$100. Remember the registration fee is paid by our council. *Please return completed registration forms to Debbie with cheque payable to Our Lady of Hope CWL Council by April 4th.*

Diocesan – 2017 Convention Challenge!

Our Diocesan Council has invited all councils to contribute to our good works for our National sub theme Palliative and Hospice care by making a lap quilt/blanket to present at convention. They are requesting that each council bring one lap quilt to be incorporated into part of the convention, be blessed and returned to our council.



We are calling all members and ladies of the parish who knit or crochet, to prepare 4 squares – colour and pattern of your choice that measure 6 inches by 6 inches. Leave the squares in the basket under the CWL Bulletin Board for collection by April 11. Any questions can be directed to Ann Koivu, Diocesan Corresponding Secretary, 705-566-5076.



National – Centenary Committee Challenge!

In 2020 The Catholic Women's League of Canada will celebrate our 100th anniversary! Leading up to this celebration, Councils and Members are offered the opportunity to participate in the lap quilt/blanket challenge. Based on the idea of a prayer shawl, a lap quilt can be made by an individual member or a small committee or the whole parish council, while praying for its beneficiary.



Do you sew, knit or crochet? Please contact Debbie Mattiazzi, President 705-674-8579 or Ann Koivu, Diocesan Corresponding Secretary 705-566-5076 to know how you can participate or contribute to this project.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. March 21	Valentine Tea Wrap-Up Meeting @ 7 pm
Sat. March 25	Find Your Voice, a Public speaking workshop 9 am-3 pm at St. Anthony - bag lunch
Sun. March 26	Executive Meeting @ 1:30 pm
Tues. March 28	Soup Kitchen – sign up sheet on CWL bulletin board – open to all parishioners
Sun. April 2	General Membership meeting @ 2 pm – Guest Speaker from Genevra House
Thurs. April 20	Soup Kitchen – sign up sheet on CWL bulletin board – open to all parishioners
Tues. May 2	General Membership meeting @ 7 pm
Tues. June 6	General Membership meeting @ 7 pm

LAP QUILT SQUARES FOR PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE



- ♥ Knitted or crocheted
6 x 6 squares
- ♥ Your choice: colour,
pattern
- ♥ Set of 4

♥ Collection each week until April 11