



Dear CWL Sisters,

As I navigate this learning curve of leading our Catholic Women's League, I turn to our Lady of Good Counsel, Patron Saint of the CWL, more and more.

As with any friendship, it's important to get to know that person and have discovered that Our Lady of Good Counsel originates from Mary's "YES" to God's invitation to participate in the divine plan, as well as her timeless words *DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU* (John 2:5).

In 1923 at the annual national convention in Halifax, a resolution was passed to adopt Our Lady of Good Counsel as the League's patroness! We have a long and dedicated relationship to Our Lady!

Mary's counsel will always lead us back to her Son, our God, and therefore we can always trust that it will be very, very good. **Our Lady of Good Counsel's feast day is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us in the Church to celebrate our Patron Saint's Feast Day from 1 – 4 pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after, please bring your favourite snacks.

Join us at the Grotto on **March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm** as we pray the rosary for Father Jonathan. All members are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, we will pray in the Church.

A reminder our **March General Meeting** is on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 11:30 Mass. There will be an installation Ceremony for new members, time to socialize and a short business meeting. Deacon Stephen will be praying with us. Come celebrate with us! Please bring one of your favourite savoury dishes to share, we will provide the sweets! All members are welcome! I hope to see you there!  
Blessings to you all,



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### What's Happening in March?

**Wednesday, Mar 13 – 7:30 pm** - Executive meeting in the Boardroom.

**Friday, Mar 22 - 6:30 pm Mary's Stations of the Cross and Friday Soup**

Thank you to everyone who signed up both for the Rosary and Soup, the sign-up sheet is filled now. We'll be handing out our CWL scarves for all CWL members to wear during the Rosary. Here is a link to "Mary Praying the Stations of the Cross."

<https://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/wp-content/uploads/PDF-File-of-Marys-Way-of-the-Cross.pdf>

**Weekend of Mar 9-10 Wool Drive** - Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is holding its annual wool drive after all Masses. Bring unused balls of wool (washable) to the Narthex and drop into the blue box.

Our lovely ladies, handcraft shawls, which are then blessed with holy water and given to those who need comfort and support during times of illness, loss, loneliness, or depression. In the past **four years we have given over 1082 shawls.**



Donations, by cash or cheque are welcomed. Please include your full name, email address, home address and phone number in the envelope and place it in the CWL drawer in the Narthex. We appreciate and thank you for your support!

**CWL Nametags** – The deadline for next CWL nametags' order is Mar. 31. Available for \$20 and may be ordered from the [registration page of the CWL website](#)), or next meeting in person.

**Special Prayer Chain** -Do you have a loved one that you would like to put on our confidential prayer list? The Prayer Chain is a powerful group of CWL women who pray for the ill or for anyone in need of prayer. Please contact our Catherine at [cmj75@shaw.ca](mailto:cmj75@shaw.ca).

## Parish and Diocese Updates

### Feb 14 - Mar 31- Kara Lenten Fundraiser- Sow Seeds of Compassion

Lenten love for pregnant and parenting students. Link to giving online.

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/ccef-karaprogram>

### Calgary Cares (Information sheet is attached to email.)

St. Peters Parish is participating in Calgary Drop in Centre's meal service.

March 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 – 8:00 am Breakfast, Saturday,

March 14<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Dinner, Thursday

If you are interested in signing up, you will need to complete low-risk level screening requirements (a couple forms and the basic Praesidium training). [Calgary Cares Sign-up](#)

Contact Larissa.Mitchell@st-peters.ca



### Baptismal Celebrations

Joshua is seeking help from the CWL ladies with Baptisms on March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm for school age Baptisms. The CWL's presence would be helpful in both welcoming families and supporting Deacon Stephen and Deacon John.

[Baptism Celebrations Volunteer Sign-up](#) Contact Joshua.hrynchyshyn@st-peters.ca



**Breakfast with the Bishop**

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 1 pm. All interested in Catholic healthcare are invited to a brunch with Bishop McGrattan at the Railway Café at Heritage Park. Regular attendees: \$40, Student attendees: \$25. RSVP by indicating the number of guests and e-transferring to [catholicmedyyc@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmedyyc@gmail.com) Cheques and exact cash accepted at the door.

*“It is time to act, and in Lent to act also means to pause. Slow down and pause! In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers.”* (Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2024)

**2024 Diocesan Convention – Registration**

**May 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>**, Would you like to know more about our Catholic Women’s League? Meet ladies from other Councils in our Diocese? Then come to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Convention Registration form **is attached separately to this email.**

