



# ST. VITAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Newsletter

*Because we have seen the Lord !*

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## Spiritual Development Chairperson's Message

**As** we enter on a new path for the New Year 2014, we must ponder on the great gifts we have been given. God calls each one of us, all in a different and unique way. The only condition that Christ really places on us:

**“Love one another as I have loved you.”**

The gift of love that God gave us and continues to give us...the gift of His Son being born to us as a Child and then loving us so much He died for us. This should overwhelm us with gratitude and joy.

No matter what our task is, how long our journey may be, we can be challenged to take that life's journey to an unknown place. But because of our faith, the faith God places in our hearts we are sure that God is with us – every moment of what faces us. And so we follow the Light of Christ as we travel on each path of life.

May the Holy Spirit fill our spirituality – may we all be recharged and refilled. We are called to do and to bring God's Word into our life and into the lives of others. Lord of all ages, make us grateful for every day and every challenge of our lives!

**O Most High and Glorious God, cast Your Light into the darkness of our hearts, give us right faith, certain hope, perfect charity, wisdom and understanding that we may carry out Your True and Holy Command.**

*Claire Connell,*

*Past President & Spiritual Development Chairperson*

## Keep Informed

CWL National  
[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

CWL Alberta Mackenzie  
[www.cwl.ab.ca](http://www.cwl.ab.ca)

CWL Edmonton Diocese  
[www.edmontoncwl.org](http://www.edmontoncwl.org)

## **Mission Statement**

*The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in Gospel Values calling its members to holiness through service to God and Canada.*

## St. Vital Catholic Women's League

gathers in the meeting room downstairs in the church every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. from September to May for their regular meetings. Social activities are planned for June and December meetings and may be scheduled on other dates.

### 2014 Membership

St. Vital CWL is currently accepting new and renewed memberships to the Catholic Women's League for 2014. The membership fee is \$30.00 payable to St. Vital CWL. If you know of someone who would like to join the CWL have them contact Rose Goudreau (780-929-6340), Claire Connell (780-929-6479) or Jo-Anne Bérubé (780-929-8368).

We welcome all women of the parish 16 years of age and over. You can be as involved as much as you are able: by praying, by attending regular meetings and/or by participating in CWL sponsored events. No matter the level of your involvement, you are an added voice to the 100,000 members across Canada who continue to stand up for sanctity of life, dignity and rights of persons and social and economic justice.

### Why Become A CWL Member?

- \* To deepen your faith life, enhancing your spiritual journey.
- \* To get to know the women of the parish community and develop friendships.
- \* To be a part of the largest national organization of Catholic women.
- \* To be a part of the united voice for Catholic women when representatives meet with local, provincial and federal governments.
- \* To receive the Canadian League magazine three times a year.
- \* To have fun in a Christian atmosphere of friendship and sharing.

### Upcoming Events

**February 8 - CWL Mid- Winter Diocesan Meeting** at St. Joseph's Basilica 10044-113 St. 8:30 AM

**March 7 - World Day of Prayer** (Watch for time and location in Parish Bulletin)

**March 8 - CWL Prayer Breakfast** in Devon

**April 4-6 - CWL Diocesan Convention** in Edmonton

**June 6-8 - CWL Alberta-Mackenzie Provincial Convention** in Grande Prairie

## Some Activities of the St. Vital CWL

Advent Retreat

Parish Hospitality

Fundraiser for Parish

Adopting a seminarian

Encouraging Spiritual Growth

Promoting Catholic Literature

Support of Pro-Life Movement

Support Kids for Jesus Program

Participating in World Day of Prayer

Supporting Académie St. André Academy

Christmas Stockings for clients at Marian Center

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*We serve by volunteering our time, skills, energy, and prayers in a spirit of community.*

### Congratulations

- To **Belinda Halbach**, a new member to our council, for being a 2013 recipient of a National CWL Bursary, a fund used to provide financial assistance to members to pursue studies, courses, seminars, workshops and diploma/degree programs in areas such as .....
  - spiritual growth
  - adult faith formation, youth ministry
  - ministry to patients in palliative care
  - ministry to shut-ins
  - parliamentary procedure
  - literacy tutoring
- To **Terry Sanche**, who received her 25 year service pin. She has been a member of various councils in Alberta prior to joining our group at St. Vital.

### Adopt a Seminarian

Our CWL Council has adopted a seminarian studying at Newman College. His name is **Jonathan Klimow** from Calgary, Alberta. All members are asked to pray for him so that he may grow spiritually and persevere in his studies toward priesthood.

### Be League - CWL's Monthly E-Newsletter

Stories from Alberta Mackenzie CWL councils will be featured in the February issue of Be League. Go online to **cwl.ca** to read about the activities of the CWL councils.