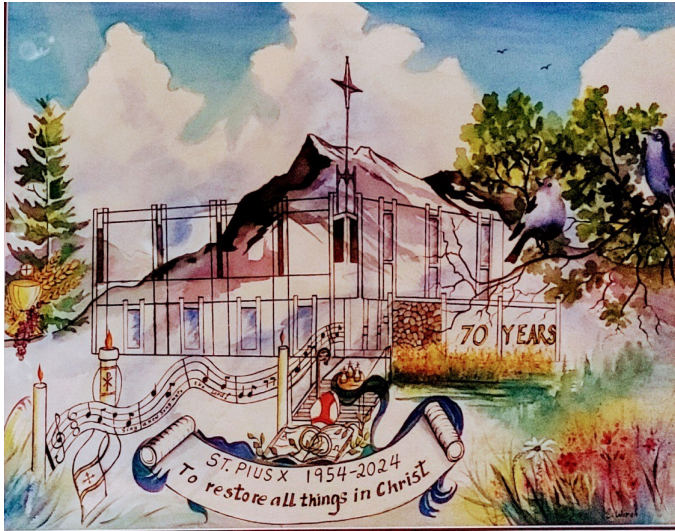


70th Anniversary of St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

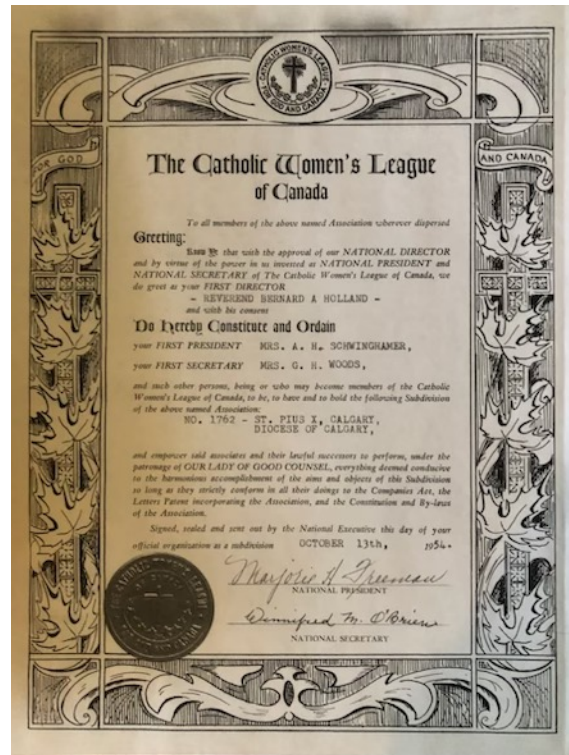


On June 7th, 1954, Most Reverend Francis Carroll, Bishop of Calgary, decided to erect, in the North-West of the city, a parish named St. Pius X, in honor of the pope who founded the Diocese of Calgary. The parish was created from the west side of St. Joseph's parish. Our CWL Council began the same year.

The picture to the left is from an original watercolour by Erwin Wirch.

First CWL Meeting of St. Pius X Council

The initial meeting was held in the school auditorium, and they began with the League Prayer, the same prayer we say to this day. Our first parish priest, Fr. Holland conducted the election of officers at the start. Elected President Adele Schwinghammer called the first meeting to order on October 13, 1954, with 39 members present. A membership fee of \$1.00 was instated. They decided to meet monthly in the auditorium until there was a place at the new church and each member would pay \$.10 at each meeting to cover the cost of the rent. It was suggested that refreshments be served at the meetings and that each member bring her own cup, saucer, and spoon. These women started a Sick and Visiting Committee to serve ill parishioners in their homes or in hospital.

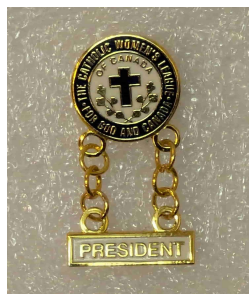


***To Restore All Things
in Christ - Motto of
St. Pius X***

Honouring Our Members

Our council began with 39 members and has gone higher and lower over the years. Our current membership is 46. Membership began at \$1.00 and now is \$45.00. We honour our members for their service with pins reflecting the number of years they have maintained their membership. We are often giving out pins for 50, 60, and even 70 years of service as well as the Maple Leaf Service pin for exemplary time and talent shared with the League in its areas of faith, service and social justice.

On the right is a photo of Helena MacNeil and her daughter, Jennifer MacNeil-Johnson. Helena received her 70 year membership pin this year. These awards are given out each year in April at the celebration honouring our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.



CWL Memberships for 2025

What does a membership in the League provide for you, the parish, the community and the world? It provides an opportunity for the voices of Catholic women to be heard and to influence decision making in all aspects of our society. Your CWL representatives meet with government at the local, provincial and national levels to present resolutions and action plans in support of service and social justice to which we are dedicated.

Pay for memberships by etransfer to our CWL account at: cwl@stpiousx.ca

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthday: mo. _____ day _____ Wedding Anniversary: _____

Include your membership fee of \$45, payable to St. Pius X CWL. Form and payment may be dropped at the Parish office or mailed to: **St. Pius X CWL, 2424-24 Ave. NW, T2M 2A2** **Deadline is January 31, 2025**

Remembering and Honouring Our Deceased Members

On November 3, 2024, Bishop McGrattan will be at St. Pius X Church to celebrate Mass for the 70th Anniversary. The 9:00 AM Mass will honour our St. Pius X CWL deceased members. The ministries will be performed by CWL members and there will be a list of deceased members and some archival books on a table in the hall to view during after Mass coffee. Be sure to attend this special celebration in memory of our dear loved ones.

Deceased Members of St. Pius X CWL

Margaret Anne Quinn-March 17, 2024.

Joyce Twardy-November 17, 2023.

Karine Rietjens-May 1, 2020.

Helen Lehto-December 27,2021.

Yvonne Ryan-August 28, 2019.

Margaret Mary Danford-Hansen-June 19, 2019.

Anna Fabris-November 25, 2018

Gladys Yolanda Lewis-October 5, 2018.

Laverna Frances Jennings-March 25,2017.

Madge McCaffrey- October 14, 2016.

Aline Emily (Eileen) Warner-August 29,2016.

Mary Pantuso-February 24,2016.

Carmen Frances Klassen-May 15, 2015.

Maureen Klassen-May8, 2015.

Joan Shenfield-January 9, 2015

Lynn Stodalka-January 27, 2015.

Germaine Louise Hobarth-May 31, 2014.

Miriam Abigail Fitzgerald-March 7, 2013.

Eileen Orysiuk-February 20, 2013.

Frances Pelletier-August 12, 2012.

Leona Healey-September 23, 2010.

Norma Norris-May 1,2010.

Margaret Hynes Hackett-November 13, 2009.

Dorothy Clark-July 22, 2009

Margaret Lee-March 2, 2009.

Rachel Fabris-December 26, 2008.

Lucy Rose Wright-February 8, 2007.

Ruth Sutcliffe-February 18, 2006.

Theresa Marie Olmstead-January 28, 2006.

Mae Janet Taylor-October 25, 2005.

Charlotte Ida McCool-August 25, 2004.

Irene Ellert-October 6, 2004

Elisa Marchina Guerra-April10, 2002.

Elizabeth Mary Russell-July 11, 1999.

Ann Armitt

Bernice Balanoff

Jeanne Bouchat

Margaret Brierly

Gisela Chadbourne

M. J. Coady

Marion Coburn

Cecile Dunn

Mary Dooling

Mrs. Evans

Dorothy Fitzgerald

Sheila Fortier

Elias Guerra

Mrs. Hind

Mary Hoffner

Mrs. LaCosta

Vicky Larson

Margaret Longpre

Sylvia Moorwood

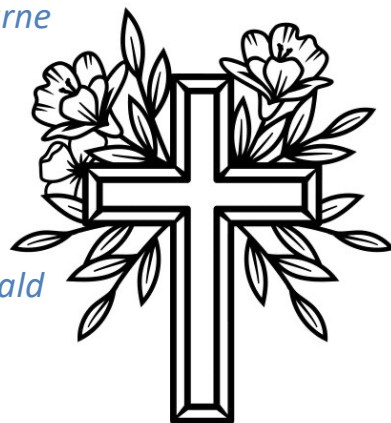
Pauline Raasch

Mae Russell

Mary Samuels

Mary Schmaltz

Helen Spalding



Annual CWL \$1000 Scholarship

Our CWL council has been awarding a \$1000 scholarship to a female member of St. Pius X Parish since 2009. We have given out 16 scholarships to deserving young women pursuing all types of post secondary education.

This year's winner is Kira- Anne Ouellette. She is a member of our CWL Council and sings in the 9 AM Choir. We were so excited to present the scholarship to her after the 9 AM Mass and all parishioners present could congratulate her.

Below is a complete list of our scholarship winners.

2009-Mary Beth Flaherty
2010-Rosemary Grover
2011-Kathryn Moore
2012-Monique Anne Morin
2013-Anne Gertrude Tseu
2014-Emily Marie Paslawski
2015-Maggie Chan Grover
2016-Mariella Paslawski
2017-Alyssa Madison English

2018-Allison Marie McCloy
2019-No Applicants
2020-Alessandra Marie Chan
2020-Jordan Adelle Prather
2021-Caris Bronwyn Ursell
2022-Katelin Elizabeth Henri
2023-Megan Elody Young
2024-Kira-Anne Ouellette



** Kira-Anne is pictured above with Lionnette Williams (left) and Danuta Allart (right).*



Funding the CWL Scholarship

Second Sunday Bottle Drives will continue until Vecova Bottle Depot closes. The weekends of November 9-10, and December 7-8 are upcoming. Leave your recyclables in bags at the Parish Hall or drop off your recyclables at Vecova. No need to wait. Funds are credited to the CWL Scholarship Fund as long as the bags are labeled. Labeled bags available in the church foyer.

44th Annual Hike for Life Winner

Our Father Sajo Jacob was a winner for raising the most money among all the Parish priests who participated. What a great accomplishment! Congratulations, Fr. Sajo!



Esther Nyawira Mwangi

Pictured left is our new foster daughter, Esther. Born February 12, 2014, and 10 years old, she lives in Marura in Nanyuki, Kenya. She is in Grade 4, loves reading, and wants to be a teacher. Her home is wood with a sheet metal roof. She lives with her mother, brother and 2 sisters.

Esther attends school every day and has the supplies she needs to complete her education, grow up healthy and achieve her dreams, thanks to our sponsorship.

Foster Daughter, Angel

Pictured right is our new foster daughter, Angel. Born February 10, 2010, and 13 years old, she lives in an orphanage as she was abandoned. She is physically challenged and is presently in a special class.

Our support through Relighting Lives Foundation is allowing for her schooling and support in reaching her dreams.



History of Our Foster Children

St. Pius CWL has been sponsoring foster children since 2004. Our first child was Rolando. We supported him until he reached the age of 18. Then Sasha came to us, and we began the basket program, a way to raise funds that would offer all CWL members a chance to contribute to the cause. The success of the baskets now allows us to sponsor 2 foster daughters

Watch for the Angel & Esther Basket raffle each month. Tickets are a loonie each and the proceeds support these 2 special girls. Draws are made on the last weekend of each month. Thank-you for your constant generosity .



Far right Easter basket winners. Centre September basket winner. Anyone interested in taking on this fundraiser, call Navee Blair at: 306-581-0064.

Fundraisers in Support of Social Justice and our Parish Community



Our annual Christmas Bazaar continues to produce fruits for the community as we invite all members of the parish to participate. The raffle tables, bake sale and kids' games are fun to create and provide lots of opportunities to get together with our parish family. The proceeds go to our St. Vincent de Paul group as well as other charitable organizations. Often, we are able to include necessities for our church, too.

In May we have a Flower Sale with products coming from a local greenhouse. It is an opportunity to beautify the homes of members and friends while earning money for charitable giving. We also donate flowers to the church for planting in the gardens surrounding the building.



Our other fundraising projects include our Fill the Freezer Fundraiser, Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser, and Vecova Bottle Drives. These are open to all parishioners and the proceeds go to a wide variety of charitable organizations including Pro Life, Development and Peace, Elizabeth House, Seminarians Fund, Retired Priests Fund, Chalice, Relighting Lives Foundation, Stardale Indigenous Project, Catholic Missions in Canada, Catholic Near East Development Association, as well as our annual scholarship and needs of our parish.



Left are the bells and ciborium donated by our CWL for the 70th anniversary. Centre is Fr. Sajo in red chasuble donated by CWL. Right are flowers donated for the church gardens.



St. Mary's CWL Chair Foundation

All the CWL councils in the Diocese of Calgary raised an amazing one million dollars to fund a chair in Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University. The proceeds from investments are to hire a theology professor to teach classes in theology each year. They also offer free workshops and talks to anyone who is interested. Check St. Mary's website for details.

Pictured left is the new bench on the campus at the university celebrating the Catholic Women's League of Canada, purchased by the Diocesan councils.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass, Supper and Awards for Service



Each year in April, our council celebrates the feast day of our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. We begin with Mass and follow with a special supper. We also give out our awards for years of membership and service. These past two years we have presented the pins at Mass so that all parishioners have an opportunity to congratulate the recipients.



Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, filled with the Holy Spirit, you were a faithful disciple of Jesus, your Son. Intercede with your Son for us that we may be faithful to our baptism, fervent in prayer, and generous in the service we give to our sisters and brothers.

May the spirit of the living God, who graced you with the gift of counsel, lead us in the way of truth and love.

With the help of your prayers, may we come to rejoice forever with you and the great company of saints in the kingdom of heaven. Amen

St Pius X CWL Past Presidents



Adele Schwingamer
1954-55&1972-73



Carmen Klassen
1956-57&1958-59



Laverna Jennings
1960-61



Marie LaRue
1962-63



Marie Dumas
1966-67



Theresa Olmstead
1968-69



Fr. Bernard Holland
Founding Pastor of St. Pius X
1954-1964



Catherine Robb
1970-71



Mary Pantuso
1974-75



Barbara Belway
1976-77



Maxine Nugent
1978-79



Ruth Sutcliffe
1980-81



Linda Heddin
1984-85



Denise Budgen
1988-89



Anne Lipoth
1991-94



Norma Norris
1995-96



Rose Birarda
1997-98



Lionnette Williams
1999-2000



Grace Koenig
2001-02



Doreen Taube
2005 & 2007-08



Danuta Allart
2009-10



Karen Eustergelring
2011-11



Marjorie Robinson
2012-16



Jane Wu
2019-21

Pictures unavailable: Sylvia Morwood 1955-56, Sheila Fortier 1957-58, Yvette Gagnon 1964-65, Cheryl Gratton 1982-83, Ilene Charlebois 1986-87, Judy Zuchetto 2003-04 & 2006

CWL Presidents

The role of president of a CWL council is a two years, elected position as leader of the membership. She is assisted by her executive in achieving the goals of the membership. We are proud to acknowledge our dedicated presidents on this 70th anniversary. Left are presidents from 1954 to 2021. Below are the most recent presidents: Left Stefania Collins 2022-2023. Centre Navee Blair 2024. Right is our 2024 executive.



CWL is More than Our Parish Council

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization whose mission calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Core Purpose

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

Core Values

FAITH - following Catholic teaching

SERVICE - local, national and international

SOCIAL JUSTICE - actively involved in society

There are 4 levels of the League: parish, diocesan, provincial and national.

The objects are to achieve individual and collective spiritual development, to promote the teachings of the Catholic church, to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life, to protect the sanctity of human life, to enhance the role of women in church and society, to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere, to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world, and to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace, and harmony.



Each year a convention is held at the diocesan, provincial and national levels. Our 2024 Diocesan convention was held in Calgary and our St. Pius X Council was involved in preparing for the event as well as participating. Speakers on topics relating to our core purpose and values are a very interesting part of the conventions. Left photo at 2024 Diocesan Convention.

Used Stamps and Cards: Drop off your used cards of all kinds as well as used stamps in the box in the Church foyer. Leave the verses in the cards to help in the making. These will be taken to Diocesan Mission Council to fund mission projects locally and throughout the world. To help make cards, contact Jane Wu: janewu2011@gmail.com or 587-352-3536