



# HOLY TRINITY CWL

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God, Lord of mercies, grant to the souls of Your servants and handmaids, the place of refreshment, the bliss of eternal rest and the splendor of Your light

## MESSAGE FROM HT CWL PRESIDENT:

**NINA G. CARPIO**

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace and love on this month to commemorate All Saints and All Souls days! Winter temperatures have arrived and I hope you are all dressing warmly.

First off, I am happy to share that we the executive recently had the opportunity at the CWL Vancouver Diocesan Meeting, to honor Rosemary Whitley and Gina Galozo who, along with other faithful CWL ladies in our Diocese, remain in our memories as wonderful examples of truly living out our Catholic faith. We also thank all those who had lovingly served as honor guards at Gina's recent funeral. In line with this, we invite you to please join us, together with their family members in honoring their memories once more time, along with the members who have been commemorated in our Book of Life, at our **CWL Remembrance Mass on Sunday, November 5th at 2:30pm followed by a reception afterwards**. May our sisters find eternal peace and happiness in God's loving embrace.

At the same Diocesan meeting, we also had the chance to visit our dear Fr. Augustine. He was looking quite well and shared his miraculous experience as he is now recuperating from a very delicate surgery. Please continue to pray for his full and complete recovery, so that as our CWL Diocesan Spiritual Director, he will remain well to be able to teach and inspire us to serve the Lord to the best of our abilities. As such, we also now invite you to come and join us at the **CWL Vancouver Diocesan Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 2nd**, where he will be the main speaker. More details further in this newsletter.

Finally, I encourage everyone to volunteer to attend the **masses for the sick organized by our Sisters of La Salette at Lions Gate Hospital on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 am**. For those interested, please email Sr. Margaret, who is also our CWL Executive in charge of Spiritual Development at [margaretsnds@gmail.com](mailto:margaretsnds@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continuous service and participation. May we continue to learn, grow, and strengthen our bonds with one another; that we may truly merit heaven being saved by God's grace, as we put our faith in Him and actively do His will through works of love.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.  
MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.  
AMEN.

## THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

### Solemnity of All Saints

The Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later the pope set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history" (Lumen Gentium, 40).

"This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (CCC 1024).

**Remember to pray for the Faithful Departed from November 1 to the 8th.**

### Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, praying for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which re-presents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ. —Daily Roman Missal

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

"The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1030-1031).

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that from the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, 'until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God.' That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Marana tha! 'Our Lord, come!'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 671)

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

### The titles for Christ's royalty over men

- 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him";
- 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession;
- 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy";
- 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

### The qualities of Christ's kingdom

- 1) Supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings;
- 2) Universal, extending to all nations and to all places;
- 3) Eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever";
- 4) Spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."



By Eliane Miranda

HT CWL Communications

*WE* are **POWERFUL**  
when we are **TOGETHER**

## CWL VANCOUVER DIOCESAN GENERAL MEETING – OCT 28, 2023

Holy Trinity Parish Executive attends the CWL Vancouver Diocesan General Meeting and visit our beloved former parish priest Fr. Augustine Obiwumma who is now our Vancouver Diocesan Spiritual Director.

Left to right: Nina Carpio, Diane Addison, Fr. Augustine Obiwumma, Rosemary Azu (Vancouver Diocesan Exec for Spiritual development), Nicole Tancredi, Roselia Moreno.



## CWL NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING – OCT 30, 2023



We were pleased to have the **CWL Vancouver Diocesan President, Sherray Duran, Past Diocesan President, Pat Depiesse, and Diocesan President-elect, Marilyn Martin.** They helped us review the many wonderful activities we have accomplished, our strengths, and challenges, as well as share tools and workshops that will help invigorate our membership and invite more Catholic ladies to join us.

They also reassured us of their full support and guidance with their enthusiasm and steadfast commitment. They gave us a the presentation, collected feedback from our members, and answered questions on various topics

It was very productive and enjoyed by all.



**General Meeting**  
**DECEMBER 4TH**  
**@ 7PM**  
**Holy Trinity Parish Hall**

## **UNITE** *the* **NATION**

*The Largest Catholic Women's Organization in Canada*

### **New Executives for 2024 – 2026**

We invite all to prayerfully consider about becoming an executive for the coming new term!

The role of executive involves being a cheerleader, radiating the love of Christ to others, learning new things, sharing what you know, and encouraging other members to serve and enjoy getting to know one another better, among many other things.

## CWL REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER SERVICE – NOVEMBER 5TH



We extend a heartfelt invitation to join us for a special **Remembrance & Prayer Service on November 5th**, a day dedicated to honoring and remembering the cherished members of our CWL community who have peacefully passed away.

**Date: November 5th, 2023**

**Time: After 2:30pm Mass**

**Location: Holy Trinity Church Hall**

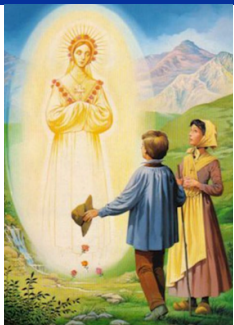
**\*Light refreshment will be served\***

This is a time for reflection, gratitude, and prayer. We will remember the dedication and love that these women brought to our community. Just as they have left a lasting mark on our hearts, their memory will continue to inspire us in our mission of service and faith.

We kindly request your presence to join us in prayer and remembrance as we pay tribute to our beloved CWL sisters who have passed away. Your presence and support will be a source of comfort and strength for all of us.

May God's grace be with you.

## MASSES FOR THE SICK – HOSTED BY LA SALETTE SISTERS



**Masses for the Sick – Hosted by La Salette Sisters**

**Evergreen – 1st Thurs of every month – 9:15 am** prep time.  
10:30am Mass for residents only.

**Lions Gate Hospital Chapel – 3rd Thurs of every month.**  
**11:00** Mass to pray for the sick. All CWL Ladies are invited to attend. Priests from Northshore rotate in celebrating the masses.

## CALL TO PRAY AND REMEMBER



In loving memory of **Gina Galozo, former President of CWL Holy Trinity Parish** who just passed away on October 11, 2023. Her funeral was held at Holy Trinity Parish last Wednesday, October 25th. Thank you to Nicole who organized and all who had participated as honour guards.

## KEY DAYS IN OCTOBER

1. **ALL SAINTS, Solemnity**
2. **ALL SOULS, Feast**
3. Martin de Porres
4. Charles Borromeo
5. **CWL Remembrance & Prayer Service**
9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast
10. Leo the Great
11. Martin of Tours; **Remembrance Day**
12. Josaphat
13. Frances Xavier Cabrini
16. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude,
17. Elizabeth of Hungary, Memorial
18. Basilicas of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA)
21. **Presentation of Mary**
23. Clement I; Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
24. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
25. Catherine of Alexandria
26. **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Solemnity**
30. **Andrew, Apostle, Feast**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

November 12

- Maria Nila Gonzalez-Andrews (Nina's Mom)
- Maria Victoria Casal (Nina's friend) whose birthdays are on this day

### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

#### For The Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit

## Core Values

**FAITH** – following Catholic teaching      **SERVICE** – local, national and international

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** – actively involved in society

## CWL VANCOUVER DIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT

**SPEAKER: FR. AUGUSTIN OBIWUMMA**



### THEME:

## OUR HEARTS, A DWELLING PLACE FOR OUR LORD

**Date:** Saturday, Dec 2, 2023

**Venue:** Star of the Sea Parish (Church of the Good Shepherd) at 2250 - 150 Street, Surrey

**Registration is "First Come, First Serve"**

**To register**, send email to: Rosemary Azu at [spiritualdevelopment@vancouvercwl.ca](mailto:spiritualdevelopment@vancouvercwl.ca)

**Cost: 15\$ for Lunch**

## THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is an unforgettable educational experience featuring:

- A historical panel exhibit depicting Church-approved miracles of the Eucharist, including recent ones from Poland, Mexico, Venezuela and Buenos Aires
- Eucharistic Adoration and veneration of a first-class relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis during exhibit hours
- Replica from Spain of the Santo Cruz (Holy Cup of Valencia)
- Viewing room with DVD on Blessed Carlos Acutis



### Full schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, November 1
- 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 2 to Saturday, November 4
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5
- 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Location

St. Luke's Parish  
20285 Dewdney Trunk Rd.  
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 3C9

## THE CANADIAN LEAGUE – FALL



**"When you say to God, Our Father, He has His ear right next to your lips."  
St. Andre Bessette**

**Click here to read:**

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023.v99.n3-The-Canadian-League-final.pdf>



## Core Purpose

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

## LEGISLATION NEWS: CANADIAN PARLIAMENT DEFEATS BILL TO STOP EUTHANIZING MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS

At our Vancouver Diocesan General Meeting, Erin Merth, Diocesan Executive for Resolutions sadly shared that this bill, known as Bill C-314, the Mental Health Protection Act, which was sponsored by the Hon. Ed Fast (CPC), **was narrowly defeated** by a vote of 167 to 150 at **second reading** in parliament on Wednesday October 18, 2023.

This bill is to protect people who are living with mental illness from medical assistance in dying (euthanasia). The latest Angus Reid Institute survey indicated that only 28% of Canadians support euthanasia for mental illness while 82% of Canadians stated that mental health care should be improved before euthanasia for mental illness is considered.

This however is not a "settled" issue. We will not be silent in the face of killing. **Make your voice heard and help us advocate by contacting your MP.**

Click on this Link for more information: <https://suicideprevention.ca/media/support-bill-c-314/>

## Pro-life Corner

### SURVEY IN CANADA: RELIGIOUS HOSPITALS SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO PROVIDE MAID

The majority of British Columbians support the right of religiously affiliated health care facilities to reject euthanasia on their premises and to transfer patients requesting medical assistance in dying (MAiD) to other institutions, according to a survey by Angus Reid Institute in collaboration with Cardus.

**CLICK HERE TO READ THE ARTICLE**

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**Need a Christmas gift idea?**

We have a limited number of numbered prints by Alessandra Bitelli, the artist who painted 26 glass windows for Christ the Redeemer Church in West Vancouver!

Bitelli trained in Italy before emigrating to Canada in 1979. This award winning artist exhibits in Canada, Italy and the USA, as well as conducting art workshops.

The print at left is 19" by 25" and sells for \$20.



**Proceeds to North Shore Pro Life**

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To order call 604-980-7189 (If no answer, leave a message) or email [northshoreprolife@gmail.com](mailto:northshoreprolife@gmail.com).



**NORTH SHORE PRO-LIFE**

The members of the Board of the North Shore Pro-Life Society are committed to promoting and defending the right to life from conception to natural end. **We are working to increase the awareness of pro-life issues among North Shore parishioners**

Please visit our website for more information at North Shore Pro-life ([northshoreprolife.org](http://northshoreprolife.org)) or email [northshoreprolife@gmail.com](mailto:northshoreprolife@gmail.com) for more details.

## Mission Statement

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

# Happy NOVEMBER Birthdays!



Beatriz Crooks  
Erlinda Cruz  
Kathleen Denkwalter  
Vincenza Eppich  
Rita Shakespeare  
Sara Van Buekenhout  
Wendy Walji

If someone is missing, please send email to [elianests@me.com](mailto:elianests@me.com) with name and date of birthday. Thank you.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 11th at 11am (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month), we gather as citizens of Canada and faithful followers of the Catholic faith to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Remembrance Day is a profound occasion for us to reflect on the importance of peace, unity, and the Gospel's call to love our neighbors, values that lie at the heart of our Catholic beliefs.

As a Brazilian living in Canada, I appreciate the significance of commemorating this day and supporting our local community. Today, we remember not only the brave soldiers who served in the armed forces but also those who continue to work tirelessly for peace and justice in our world.

Catholic teachings guide us to embrace virtues such as compassion, forgiveness, and solidarity. They remind us that every person is a child of God, deserving of love and respect. In this spirit, may we recall the words of Jesus, who said, **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."**

As we seek growth and prosperity as individuals and as a community, let us remember that our faith encourages us to be instruments of peace and reconciliation, following the example of Christ. Through our actions and prayers, may we contribute to a more just and loving world, inspired by the Catholic tradition of service to others.



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