

Nova Scotia Provincial Council
Christian Family Life Annual Report
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This 2017 Christian Family Life Report is compiled information from 15 council reports from Halifax-Yarmouth Diocese and 21 council reports from the Antigonish Diocese. Antigonish reported 4 councils had no CWL chair. The amount of work carried out under this committee is amazing.

Marriage and Family

“Joy of Love at Heart of Family” The CCCB and Family websites were used for information and resource material. Laity and Family Promoted Encounter weekends for engaged couples, promoted marriage encounter weekends. Parenting courses were promoted. Hosting wedding anniversary meals for couples celebrating milestones. Celebrated the role of mothers and fathers in the family.

Sanctity of Life

Councils are participation in many programs to support life from natural birth to natural death. The following list is very impressive. Pro-Life walk, March for Life, 40 days for Life, Life Chain. Signed online petitions for Campaign Life, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, attended Pro-Life masses, supported Birthright, Project Rachel, took part in vigils. Great emphasis has been provided for Pro-Life causes.

Ministry to Youth

Councils are very active in their support of programs for the youth in their parishes. They promote and support Steubenville, Net Ministries, Christian Catholic Outreach, shelters and programs for at risk youth, summer camp is encouraged, teaching Sunday school, World Youth Day, and youth conferences support. Members have encouraged young people to share their gifts in ministry. Some councils have purchased subscriptions and Catholic magazines and books for use in their programs.

Ministry to the Disabled

Members continue to reach out and provide assistance to those who are disabled. They make phone calls, send cards, provide food, transportation, bring communion, have a prayer line. All try to make the church more accessible. Provide outreach to shelters and programs that support the disabled.

Ministry to Seniors

Councils continue to provide many programs and activities that enrich their lives. Bring communion to those who need this service, initiate programs “Bingo” and celebrations. Prayed with, visited, called and sent cards to seniors. Provide respite care for caregivers. Provide transportation, share a meal. Arrange shelter for homeless seniors, give donation to shelters, celebrate Birthdays, visit nursing homes. Along with their priest one council celebrates mass once a month at the nursing home in their parish.

Ministry to Widowed, Separated and Divorced

Provide support in any way possible. Arranging memorial services and funeral reception after the death of a spouse. Prayers and support are provided through cards of condolences, gifting prayer shawls, and personal invitations to activities at the church. Offer women the invitation to join the CWL if not already a member. Separated, divorced need a feeling of belonging. Invite to join groups, offer an open invite to talk if needed. They are always welcome.

Ministry to Vocations

First, councils are very supportive of their priests and include them in all their celebrations. Adopt and support Seminarians. Encourage families to talk about vocations, to invite priest to home for a meal. Sent Spiritual Bouquets and offered prayers for vocations. Supported discernment events for youth. Supported Priestly retirement funds. Supported traveling Chalice/crucifix program.

Additional Comments

A letter was sent to a local newspaper, MLA, MP, and Prime Minister on CWL feelings toward Euthanasia, abortion issues, and Legalization of Cannabis. One council brings their parish together once a year for a soup and biscuit meal and socialization after Mass. Everyone reported Christmas projects, winter wear projects and many others. A council would meet together, pray and make lap blankets. They donated 18 lap blankets to Palliative care. This report gives you an inkling of the work accomplished by the League. This is awesome. Be very proud of your contribution to your parish, community, and country.
WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.

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