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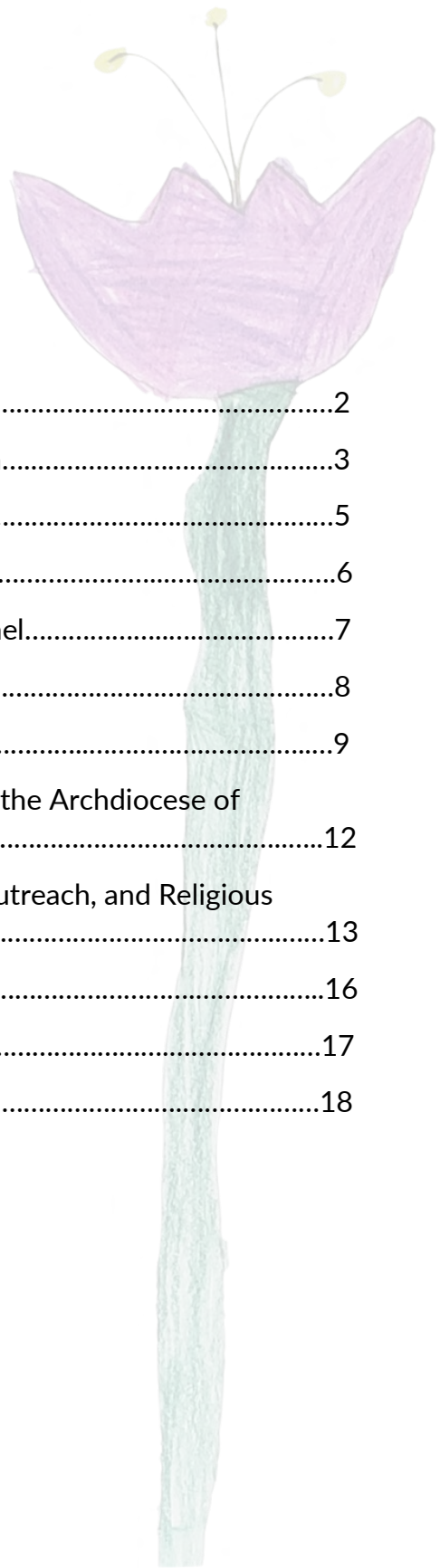
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE CELEBRATES
100 YEARS

A REFUGE IN OUR MIDST:
INTRODUCING
ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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Message from Archbishop Michael Mulhall

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace be with you! With these first words spoken by Jesus to the apostles after His resurrection, we recognize how perfectly Our Lord understands the deepest needs of our mortal souls. The triumph of the resurrection resounds in our hearts today in a special way as we experience the fulness of spring around us and the cautious return of our social lives within our parishes and communities. The Good News of salvation won for us by Christ on the cross echoes through each day of this Eastertide season as we listen to the accounts of the Acts of the Apostles in the readings of each Holy Mass. Our world aches for the acceptance, love, mercy and peace proclaimed in Scripture that only Our Lord can give. As a community of believers in the Archdiocese of Kingston, we join the universal Church in rediscovering our deeply synodal nature seeking to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through our encounters with each other. We are the body of Christ. He provides nourishment of love, mercy and peace for the entire world through our willing hearts and hands.

Our world is in great need of the peace of Christ. In a special way, during the month of May, we ask Our Blessed Mother Mary, to intercede for us before her Son for the cause of peace in Ukraine and all regions torn by war throughout the world. We pray for peace, reconciliation and healing for our Indigenous sisters and brothers and all gravely wounded by the legacy of residential schools in Canada. We thank and praise God for the renewed hope we have received in this Easter season for the building up of the Kingdom of God through all who are answering His call to humble service. We honour the countless contributions of service from Catholic Women's League members across the Archdiocese who recently celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Kingston Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

This edition of Journey features articles which help us to reflect on how, within the Archdiocese of Kingston, we are living out our call to service and proclaiming the Good News of Christ's saving grace through our actions and words. Every gesture of kindness, every helping hand extended in a spirit of love and service within our families and communities reflects the image of Christ.

As we continue our daily lives and encounter the needs manifested in our communities in the weeks and months ahead, let us be generous with others as our Lord has been with us. May the blessings of the Holy Spirit set your hearts on fire this Pentecost and may the peace of Christ be with you always.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall



Archbishop Mulhall consecrating Russia, Ukraine and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Photo provided by Paul Hibbard.

A Journey of Synodality in the Archdiocese of Kingston

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, opened the Synod on Synodality in Rome on October 9, 2021, inviting the whole universal Church into a journey of listening, dialogue, and discernment. Within the Archdiocese of Kingston, a 20-person Synod Team was formed involving representatives from across the Archdiocese. This team developed the synodal process and tools to be used within parishes, schools, and community groups throughout the three synodal phases of Communion, Participation and Mission. In light of the public health restrictions on gathering due to the pandemic, two survey tools were created to engage individuals and groups in listening and sharing in the spirit of the Synod.

A survey comprised of 27 questions for individuals and groups within parishes of the Archdiocese was developed and posted on the Archdiocese website in both English and French from January 4th to April 1st, 2022. Print copies of the survey were also made available to parishes. A total of 1,436 surveys were completed with 1,870 people contributing to the submissions. There were 74 group surveys submitted by parishes, community groups and school classes.

Pope Francis encouraged all dioceses to reach out to those not currently engaged in parish life and include them in the synodal process. An outreach survey comprised of 3 questions for individuals within the broader community who may not be actively practicing their faith or may be of another faith tradition was developed and posted on the Archdiocese website from January 4th to April 1st, 2022. A total of 775 outreach surveys were submitted. Across the Archdiocese, 2,645 people participated in the synodal process by submitting their comments in response to the two surveys posted.

Finding our Mission Through Parish Listening Sessions

Throughout December 2021 and January 2022, parish Synod Coordinators were trained by Archdiocese Synod Committee members to facilitate group listening sessions using resources developed for parishes. Despite the challenges of gathering restrictions due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Coordinators across the Archdiocese persevered to facilitate listening sessions and shared their insights, experiences, and unique approaches to living out the synodal call to listen to the Holy Spirit in their parishes. Here is a snapshot of listening and learning from five parishes across the Archdiocese as shared by the Listening Session Coordinators:



St. Mary of the Presentation, Chesterville – Coordinator Mary MacDonald-LaPrade

It was challenging for the Synod team of volunteers in our parish. Our volunteers already contribute in multiple ways to the parish. Finding time to devote to the Synod was a stretch, but they certainly met the challenge. For three weekends, we held listening sessions after Mass, with the group sizes varying from five to fifteen participants. We completed the questions in blocks of three or four per session. We also held one telephone listening session for a parishioner who needed to participate from home.

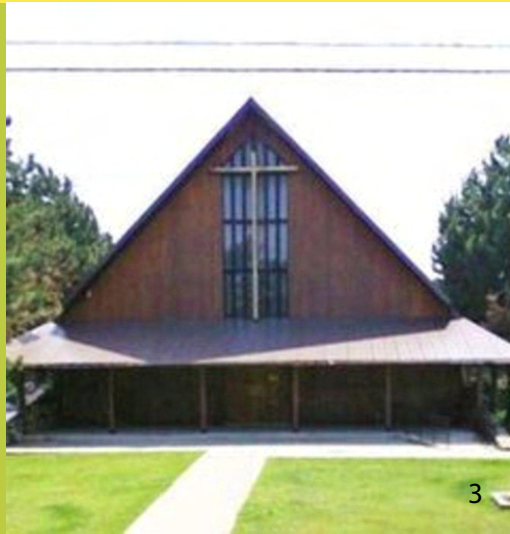
Participants did find a good sense of community. Discussions were solution-focused, with ideas shared of positive actions we could take within our parish. The process gave people the opportunity to talk about things that have been on their minds. They finally had a place and time to say things they wanted to say.

The pandemic was still influencing people's comfort level of returning to Mass so this may well have impacted our number of participants. Twenty-five print surveys were also completed by other individuals in the parish and submitted. Use of technology in our rural parish is a real challenge so completing surveys online is not always possible. Not everyone in our parish has internet access, and if they do, it can be unreliable. As well, our elderly parishioners can find technology, such as the internet or Zoom, challenging.

Holy Family, Kingston – Coordinator Kathryn Nickerson

In Holy Family parish, our 6-member Synod team held 6 sessions with three to six people participating per session. Friar Jim also did 4 sessions with those staying at home. We called every parishioner in the parish and invited them to participate in a session. We realized through this process, that many of our seniors are lonely. Recognizing this, we've now planned a drop in coffee social to bring about 20 seniors together. We also recognized that older people are happy with what is currently happening in the parish, however, the younger generation wants more involvement. They are concerned about social issues. There was a great concern expressed in our parish listening sessions for bringing young people into the church.

All seemed to work well. We had good participation and people enjoyed the sessions. The resources of the Archdiocese were quite helpful. We are continuing to look for ways to draw more youth and young families into our parish community. As a first step, we published an information bulletin with instructions on how to join Formed, as well as links to the resources available on the Archdiocesan website and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.





St. Joseph, Belleville – Coordinators Gerry Bibby and Pat Finnigan

Initially, there seemed to be uncertainty about the synod process and perhaps a bit of skepticism as well. We hosted 3 face-to-face sessions. We held both evening and afternoon sessions to provide times that would work for different schedules. We had sixteen and eighteen people at the sessions. We all noticed real growth in our listening over the sessions. People were very pleased with the experience. It was a great opportunity and we got to know some new people.

We are now thinking about how to involve people to take on the work of the parish. We are also interested in exploring areas within our parish that allow for new and stronger connections to the Archdiocese. People are looking for concrete responses to what was shared. We want to see some of the things discussed come to fruition from this process.

St. Bridget, Stanleyville – Coordinator Andy Williamson

We had 7 participants in the parish listening group, including myself at St. Bridget's. All of us were unanimous in agreeing that there was tremendous value in simply getting together, sharing thoughts and ideas, and feeling rejuvenated and enthusiastic about building a better church. We experienced rich, fulsome sharing in our two meeting sessions, where we addressed five of the synodal discussion questions/topics in each meeting. The fellowship of the group was inspiring, and I felt that we drew closer as a core group of church builders. I think we definitely satisfied the goals and objectives of the process.

The resources were excellent. I did a lot of preparation work to distill the information and documents gathered from the website into a format and content that was easier to understand and follow for the participants. Perhaps having a Synod "light" version would be helpful in the future as some of the content was scholarly in approach.



St Francis de Sales and Blessed Sacrament Parishes – Coordinator Marsha Houlahan

We conducted one listening session, due to the timing we had, and the gathering limitations due to Covid-19. Only a select number of Synod questions were addressed. All attendees enjoyed the opportunity to talk about their faith in a way that is not typical among the faithful. It provided a better connection between the attendees, many of whom knew of each other by seeing each other at Mass but had no other direct interactions. Further opportunities to gather and discuss the faith were requested. We also prepared a Direct Mail Campaign to our registered parish members. We included a Welcome Back Letter (as Ontario was re-opening again), a one-page sheet about the synodal process, the Prayer for the Synod, a paper copy of the survey, a pre-paid return envelope for ease of reply by parishioner with the option to return surveys to the Parish Office or at Mass in an available box.

Our Team worked with our elementary school to reach out to families who are not Catholic and/or not practicing Catholics. Families often choose Catholic education to access that element of faith and moral teaching they feel are not integral to the Public Education System. By sending home a paper survey to each family, we were able to reach a marginalized group that demonstrate interest in faith, simply through the act of enrolling their children in a Catholic school. This is a demographic we hope to offer a better connection to the parish community. They are in our midst...but not quite. The synodal process raised the awareness to see those people in our community and reconsider how best to be more inclusive.



What's Next?

The journey of listening, dialogue and discernment continues throughout the Archdiocese of Kingston. The responses of the 2,645 people who contributed to listening group sessions or online surveys are being analyzed. Findings will be shared within the Archdiocese, the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops and the Vatican. Next steps in the synodal journey will be posted on the Archdiocese website and shared with parishes when available.

Prayers for Peace in Ukraine

by Nadia Gundert

The people of Ukraine have been in our hearts and minds these past few months as they suffer the devastating effects of war and conflict with Russia. Across the Archdiocese, people of all ages have been moved to pray for and support financially and spiritually the efforts to bring about peace and humanitarian aid. In solidarity with Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of Kingston consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a special mass on Friday, March 25th. Bishops around the world were invited to join in this act and the Papal Almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, carried out a similar consecration at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Portugal.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, which was also Easter Sunday for Orthodox and Eastern Rite Ukrainian Catholics, Fr. Roman Rystar of the Ukrainian Catholic parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Kingston was invited to preach and concelebrate at the Sunday Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral. Fr. Roman beautifully noted that as part of the Eastern liturgies the phrase "Lord have mercy" is often prevalent and is significant because it reminds us of the relationship we have with the Lord, a relationship of mercy, love, and compassion. A natural response when we see people suffering is that our hearts break for them; we choose to love or are moved to care for them. Showing mercy is an act of will. If mercy is synonymous with compassion (which comes from the Latin words "to suffer with" or "to suffer together") it was very fitting that on Divine Mercy Sunday parishioners from St. Michael's Ukrainian Church came to pray together with parishioners of the Archdiocese of Kingston and show solidarity with those suffering due to the present conflict. Fr. Roman spoke on how grateful he was to see compassion from people locally for Ukraine and St. Michael's Ukrainian community. He suggested that there are three things that we can do practically to help: The most important is to pray; pray to Mary, the Mother of God, that this war will come to an end. Secondly, participate in rallies or gatherings for peace that are taking place and fly the Ukrainian flag to show solidarity. Finally, to donate financially to the Archdiocesan collection that was held on May 1st and organizations providing humanitarian aid.



The Archdiocesan second collection funds that were raised earlier this month will be donated to three organizations assisting with humanitarian support and aid. The first is The Mayor's Fund for Students from Ukraine – The Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston, with the support of the mayor, is raising funds to support international students from Ukraine that are studying in Kingston but are unable to return home. The second organization is the Catholic Near East Welfare Association who is providing humanitarian aid directly into Ukraine and to Ukrainian refugees in neighbouring countries. Finally, funds will also be shared with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress who are sending humanitarian aid directly into Ukraine. We thank all those who donated generously to this collection.

It has been moving to see young people in schools across both the ALCDSB and CDSBEO showing signs of solidarity through art, writing, and prayer over the past several months. Many schools have raised funds to send overseas. Young adults came together last month for a Holy Hour for Ukraine. As we continue to pray for peace and an end to this conflict, perhaps check in with Ukrainian and Russian neighbours and friends and extend to all you encounter, the mercy, love and compassion of Our Lord.

CWL Celebrates 100 Years

by Nancy Richer

The Kingston Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada celebrated their 100th Anniversary at their convention held on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. After two years of not being able to meet in person, being able to assemble for our 100th Anniversary was a very large blessing.

There were uplifting spiritual programs, starting with opening Mass for the intention of the repose of the soul of Carol Richer, Life Member who passed in 2021, then the crowning of the statue of Mary. Reports were presented. Our keynote speaker Robert Mundle, a Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, and a Registered Psychotherapist with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, spoke on loneliness, MAID and how our faith helps us.

Sunday, we started the day with the Living Rosary followed by our speaker, Nancy Stevens of Kenya Help, which is a voluntary fund that the CWL in Kingston has been supporting for many years. There was a spontaneous collection taken up and \$1,050 was raised for Kenya Help.

We presented 14 Anniversary Certificates to many of our local parish councils and received a 100 anniversary certificate for the Diocesan Council.

Before the convention, a CWL member proposed soliciting the local parish councils for donations for Ukraine. We would give the money to Father Marek Chochrek in Napanee to send directly to Caritas Poland to help the parishes there assisting with Ukrainian refugees. We were hoping to collect \$1,000 and, in the end, we were overwhelmed with the grand total of \$7,157.



Elections were held and our new executive will be Lyne Tuepah, President; Elizabeth Knudson, President Elect; Colleen Hill, Secretary; Mary Lou Hills, Treasurer; Angela Town, Chairperson; Nancy Richer, Past President/Historian; and our new Spiritual Advisor, Father Stéphane Pouliot.

As we are still dealing with Covid and there was concern about having an in-person convention, for the first time the convention was live-streamed by A&R Streaming (www.arstreaming.ca). It was beautiful and well run. We had over 200 views.

For our Centennial Anniversary souvenir, a collection of favourite prayers from our members and spiritual advisors was assembled into a booklet. Every member in the Kingston Diocese will be gifted a copy in thanksgiving. The 2012 to 2021 history book was also sold to councils and individuals.

Ladies were so pleased to be able to meet and renew acquaintances in person! Laughter and friendly greetings and chatter were an important element of this gathering of Catholic Women's League members. Thanks to all who attended and thanks to those who watched from home. A special thanks to the host council St. John the Evangelist and to the councils that assisted in the preparations.

Pictured above: Nancy Richer placing the crown on the statue of Mary. Pictured left (from left to right): Father Stéphane Pouliot, Lyne Tuepah, Elizabeth Knudson, Colleen Hill, Mary Lou Hills, Angela Town, and Nancy Richer





Introducing St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, and Project Rachel

by Deborah Marrocco

St. Mary of Egypt Refuge is a simple place where ordinary people come together in a beautiful, natural setting for respite and support. We tend and enjoy a community site of 245 acres on the Black River in Hastings County. Our woods, water and land provide beauty and refreshment, and give opportunity for work and creativity. Caring for the place and people is our work and our joy. We invite people who are in need to spend time at the Refuge. Here we offer shelter, nourishment, fellow-ship, shared meals and work, reconnection with nature and with our inner spirits, fresh air, prayer, and simple recreation. Some come for a day or a weekend, some for a month or several. Seeing the stars and getting to know them; riffling the earth through one's fingers, and discovering what a tomato looks like as it grows. We provide programs year-round for seniors, women, men, and families; retreats for couples and for singles; welcoming refugees for country weekends; for trafficked women; and more.

Maintaining an organic farm and livestock is a constant element of our work and all who come are invited to partake of the produce, the labour and the chance to help plants and animals grow. Our St. Phocas Community Farm is a great source of fresh produce, and we're able to help feed the community with fresh foods directly from the earth. We have garden boxes available for purchase, and donate boxes for those in need in the area. We've also been able to distribute grocery cards from the Good Food Access Fund.

The dedication and expertise of volunteers is indispensable to us, and we offer a variety of volunteer experiences, short and long-term. Our staff is small, involved with the people as well as the structure, and there to receive as well as to give. Our services are offered as directly and simply as possible, and programming is de-signed with the input of those who benefit from it. Learning from our faith and our environment, led by the Healer of us all, we create and tend a sacred, blessed place for healing to happen at its own pace. Our gorgeous little chapel is at the heart of all we do. The Refuge is about people who share this dream of communion with the poor, with Christ, and with one another, in the most concrete ways: doing dishes, sweeping floors, sharing tasks, meals, and life's events. Our programs are an expression of this life we share, but the shared life itself is the heart of our mission.

Project Rachel at the Refuge is a ministry for women who have had an abortion, and suffer the loss and pain of their decision. Our twice-yearly weekend retreats provide companionship and prayer, and an opportunity to bring to the light a secret often buried in years of shame and silence. We offer the welcome of the Christian community, and a return to the loving and forgiving embrace of the Father.

Visit our web site at stmarysrefuge.org, call or e-mail us, and then come visit in person

From Grief to Healing: A Lenten Series

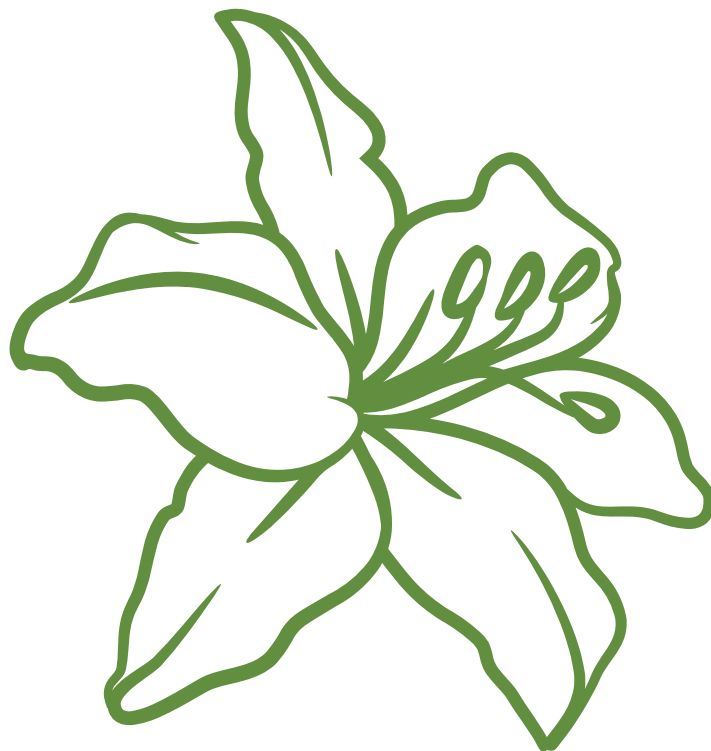
The Justice & Peace Commission

Written by: Bronek Korczynski & Rev. Canon Valerie Kelly

Considering our Times was one of the themes the members of the Justice & Peace Commission pondered when planning the recent Lenten series. We recognized that many people have been struggling through the pandemic and the many challenges it has posed. We sought to create a resource that would help to address the grief arising from the many losses we have had to endure. Discussions shaped the ultimate theme, From Grief to Healing: A Lenten Series. The result was four recorded presentations (each about 10 – 15 minutes duration) all of which can be found on the Justice & Peace page of the Archdiocesan website (www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/justice-peace).

We were fortunate that local and gifted individuals were prepared to be recorded. Each presentation was shared during the Zoom session in which we gathered. The series was rooted in the basics of grief as creatively presented by the Bereavement team at James Reid Funeral Home. Further to the pandemic itself, the second session recognized the experience of climate or “eco-grief.” The third presentation spoke to the rise of discrimination and violence in our communities, particularly as such acts were directed toward minorities. As we journeyed through Lent with the weekly series, moving closer to the Easter Resurrection, naturally we wanted to end on a note of hope. The final session fully encapsulated the previous themes as well as moved our thinking and feeling toward the hope inherent in our Easter Alleluia proclamations. Though the rich conversations that followed each presentation were not recorded, we hope that you will find the keynotes still offer much food for prayer and thought.

The Commission would like to thank the individuals who presented and joined the weekly sessions. As we continue to deal with grief mingled with hope, we are grateful for the opportunities to bear witness to our Risen Lord and the faith traditions that support and nourish us in challenging times.



Farewell to Staff

The Pastoral Centre of the Archdiocese of Kingston has been blessed to have the committed and generous service of Sr. Lucy Kearney, S.P., Mariola Gozdek and Sharon Buffett for many years providing leadership and administrative support to clergy and the faithful of the parishes. Their many contributions will continue to yield fruit well beyond the closing of their office doors. We offer prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for these faithful servants in the next chapter of their lives.



Sr. Lucy Kearney, S.P.

Sr. Lucy retired as Coordinator of Family Ministry on September 1, 2021. After a long, successful teaching career in the Archdiocese, Sr. Lucy began her duties as Coordinator 24 years ago. She supported deanery marriage preparation, started up Ministry of Moms Sharing (MOMS) groups across the archdiocese, coordinated the diocesan New Life Group - a ministry for those experiencing separation or divorce, and sat on many committees over the years where she took meticulous minutes and notes! We thank her for her generous ministry and unconditional dedication throughout the years she served the Archdiocese. We wish her a very blessed and joyous retirement.



Mariola Gozdek

Mariola Gozdek, left her position as Liturgy Coordinator and Screening Coordinator on December 31, 2021. Mariola began working for the Archdiocese of Kingston when she was hired as the Coordinator of Faith Formation at St. Mary's Cathedral in 2002. In 2009, she was hired as the part-time Archdiocesan Liturgy Coordinator and in 2015, she took on the role of Screening Coordinator and worked full time at the Pastoral Centre. Throughout her years, Mariola has supported parishes by offering workshops for Liturgical Ministries, Pastoral Care, RCIA and Parish Screening of Volunteer Teams. Her generous and dedicated work ethic has been a tremendous gift to the Archdiocese. Mariola has taken on a new role as a chaplain at Collins Bay Institution, Kingston.



Sharon Buffett

Sharon Buffett retires at the end of June from her role as Assistant to the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs after 30 years with the Archdiocese of Kingston! She began in 1992 as receptionist and then moved into the Chancery Office role in 1996 where she worked closely with Mgrs. Joe Lynch and more recently Fr. James Quirk. Sharon looked after marriage dispensations and permissions. She was the diocesan representative for citizenship and immigration, she maintained clergy archives, looked after diocesan statistical compilation, and also served as webmaster. She also shared her talent in photography, capturing many important diocesan events through her camera lens. We are grateful for her dedication to the Archdiocese and wish her every blessing in retirement.

Heartfelt Gratitude to Retiring Clergy of the Archdiocese of Kingston

Catholic communities are sustained and nourished through prayer, working and celebrating together but the most profound sustenance is poured out through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. Through participation in these Sacraments, the faithful become one with Our Lord and receive the grace they need on their earthly pilgrimage to one day, enter the halls of heaven. Those who respond to Christ's call to the Priesthood or Diaconate offer themselves as vessels of grace for redemption and salvation of mankind as they make the Sacraments of the Church available to all. It is with deep gratitude that we take this opportunity to recognize retiring clergy of the Archdiocese of Kingston and assure them of our prayers for a healthy and blessed retirement.



Deacon Bill Gervais

Deacon Bill Gervais was chosen for the Diaconate Program in the Archdiocese of Kingston in 1991 and was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 1995. His call to ordination had been growing for close to ten years while Bill maintained a busy career in policing then teaching at Loyalist College and balancing life as a husband and father. He was assigned as a Permanent Deacon to the parish of St. Gregory the Great in Picton in 1996, and in 2017 moved to serve the Blessed Sacrament parish in Amherstview. Bill worked tirelessly for many years as the Director of the Permanent Diaconate, as the Archbishop's Delegate, and as the Chaplain at Hotel Dieu Hospital. As the Co-ordinator of Diaconal Formation, along with Sister Teresa Shannon, he helped guide the formation of a total of 16 deacons who were ordained in the Archdiocese of Kingston in 2011, 2013 and 2018. Bill was also a Spiritual Director and led many retreats at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston.

Deacon Bill's great humility and warmth have made a lasting impression on fellow clergy and parishioners alike. Deacon Bob Wojcik describes Bill as, "a humble, gentle man. Deacon Bill embodied, nurtured and honoured the spirit and life of one who is called to serve, in the Archdiocese of Kingston, as well as in Ontario and beyond. He is a man of faith, a husband, a father, a police officer, a teacher, a Deacon, and a man of God. His wife Ellen's support cannot be overstated." St. Gregory parishioner, Erin Walker, commented, "He was strength and light to people in this parish. He never drew attention to himself. He was always there to do what people needed in the moment. He was always so supportive of people in the parish and of the school and seemed to be involved in everything in the community." With gratitude, the faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston extend our prayers and best wishes to Deacon Bill Gervais for a healthy and blessed retirement.

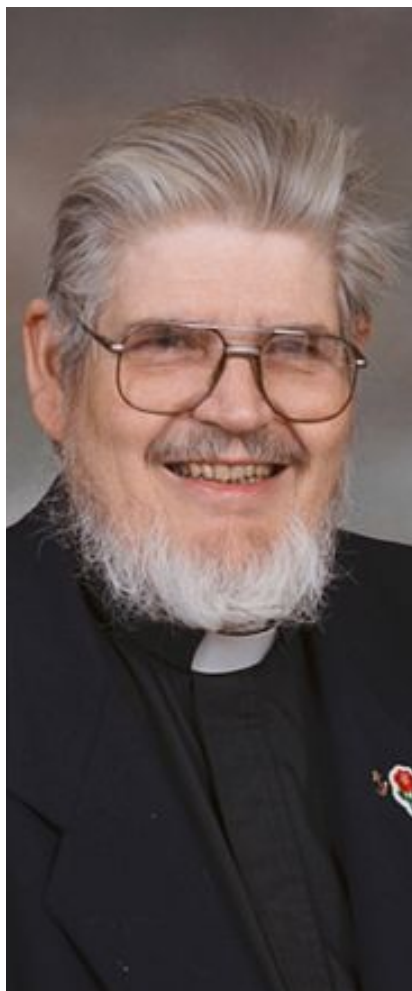
Fr. Brian Price

Fr. Brian Price was raised in Trenton and attended St. Peter in Chains parish throughout his formative years. His heart was set on the priesthood from an early age and he was ordained on May 17th, 1969, at St. Joseph's parish, Kingston. After ordination, Fr. Price served as Associate Pastor at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and then St. John the Baptist parish, Perth. He was then appointed as Rector of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in 1978, where he served until 1986. From 1986 until 1999 he was pastor of St. Francis Assisi, in Frankford, Sacred Heart in Batawa, and St. James Minor in Stirling. Fr Price moved to St. Francis Xavier parish in Brockville in 1999 and remained there as pastor for twenty-two and a half years. Since 2010, he also served as the Administrator of St. Patrick's, Lansdowne and St. Brendan's, Rockport.

In addition to his pastoral work in parishes, Fr. Price offered his leadership in many capacities within the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese including the roles of Chief Archivist, Officialis and Judge of the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal, Dean of the College of Consultors and Chair of the Council of Priests. Following the death of Archbishop Meagher, Fr. Price served as Administrator of the Archdiocese from January to July 2007, until the installation of Archbishop O'Brien.

Many other positions and contributions have been fulfilled by Fr. Price over his life of service within the Archdiocese of Kingston. Parishioner Lyrie Tolentino, of St. Francis Xavier, extols the many blessings experienced by the faithful in Brockville under the pastoral care of Fr. Price, "He's been a rock of stability and fidelity at the parish. He always made time for anyone seeking his counsel; he provided insightful and meaningful homilies to us; he handled the parish finances prudently and transparently, always keeping an eye on the needs of the parish today, but also anticipating the needs of tomorrow. He is a faithful steward of our venerable Catholic spiritual tradition, and a stalwart custodian of the physical assets of the church – guaranteeing its continued use for congregations to come."

Fr. Price is deeply respected by his brother priests. In the words of Fr. Pulikunnel, "Fr. Price has a quiet, gracious demeanour that makes him easy to talk to. He accepts people where they are at and he is kind to everyone. He is consistent in the way he lives his life, faithful in all things." The generations of faithful across the Archdiocese of Kingston join their prayers and best wishes to the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier in saying, "with great gratitude and affection, we wish Fr. Price all the best of health and a blessed and peaceful retirement".



Fr. Bill Steacy, C.S.s.R.

Fr. Bill Steacy grew up in Seeley's Bay and attended St. Barnaby parish with his parents and three siblings. He went to St. Mary's College high school in Brockville, a Redemptorist school, then completed his studies and preparation for the priesthood at Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario. He was ordained at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Kingston on June 4, 1967. As a Redemptorist priest, Fr. Steacy was assigned to St. Patrick parish in Toronto following his ordination and a year later moved to St. Patrick parish, Quebec City, where he remained until 1975, teaching at St. Patrick high school. Returning to Toronto in 1975, Fr. Steacy was assigned as Assistant Pastor to Assumption parish and officiating clergyman to the Canadian Forces Base. In 1978 Fr. Steacy moved to St. Alphonsus parish in Windsor where he served as pastor for three years before returning to St. Patrick parish, Quebec City, in 1981. Fr. Steacy returned to Kingston in 1986 serving as Sacramental Minister to Collins Bay Penitentiary and Assistant Pastor at St. Mary of the Immaculate Concept parish and in 1987 was assigned pastor of St. John parish, Perth. From 1988 to 1994, Fr. Steacy served Millhaven Penitentiary as Chaplain then took on the same role at Joyceville Institution from 1994 to 2004. Fr. Steacy was assigned as Administrator to St. Patrick, Railton and St. Mary, Odessa in 2004 where he remained until his retirement in January of 2022.

Parishioners of St. Patrick reflect on Fr. Steacy's ministry within their parish with warmth and gratitude as shared by the Ritchie family, "Fr. Steacy is a kind, warm, dedicated man, a humble servant of God. He was very involved with all parish groups, always ready to offer encouragement and advice. We enjoyed lots of social events. On the first weekend of June each year, we had our annual yard sale and Fr. Steacy was our best customer! The children at St. Patrick's school always looked forward to their visits from Father Bill."

Fr. Steacy is highly regarded by his brother priests including Fr. Grainger who recognizes the unique gifts of his ministry as a priest, "Fr. Steacy is profoundly aware of the role of the church to build Christian community. He knows his flock really well. He cares for them. He is an excellent shepherd." The prayers and best wishes of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston unite with the sentiments of parishioners of St. Patrick, "Thank you Fr. Steacy. You will be sorely missed. We pray God will lead and guide you on the next journey of your life."

OUR LADY OF THE CAPE STATUE TOURS

The Marian Devotional Movement is spearheading pilgrim statue tours of Our Lady of The Cape with planned visits scheduled in many dioceses across Canada. The tours began May 1st, 2022, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the last pilgrimage of the image of Canada's National Madonna, Our Lady of Cape de la Madeleine. The tours are intended to promote veneration of the statue promoting consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to promote enrolment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. Tour locations within the Archdiocese of Kingston include **St. Michael the Archangel parish in Belleville on May 24th at 12:10 pm Mass** with Marian devotions to follow and **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral on May 25th at 12:10 pm Mass** with Marian devotions to follow. More information about future tour dates and locations can be found here, <https://canada54.com/>.



Youth Ministry Office

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Alleluia! He has risen! I hope you are having a blessed Easter season! It has been lovely to see more and more people in-person this Spring. During the month of May, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has called for the Church to pray in a special way for faith-filled youth. That is particularly fitting as young people across the Archdiocese are preparing for and receiving Sacraments. We also celebrated Catholic Education earlier this month and give thanks to God for students' opportunity to learn and grow in faith in our Archdiocese through the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (ALCDSB) and Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (CDSBEO). This year's theme was "Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together" based on the Scripture passage from Revelations: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). As we continue to find a new normal living in a pandemic and as we pray for peace in our broken world, we have faith that Christ will rebuild, restore, and renew us.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp will not be back this summer, with all the logistics and early planning that needs to take place to pull off such an endeavour, we were unable to secure this year's camp season. However, the Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference is back this Summer. While there won't be an Archdiocesan group, if any parents/guardians and their high school aged teens are interested in attending, please contact Nadia for more information. Finally, World Youth Day, 2023 in Portugal, is still a going ahead and Pope Francis plans to attend. If there are any young adults (18-35 years of age) that are interested in more information, please contact the Youth Office. As always, there are many resources and various opportunities for young people of all ages and their families. I invite you to follow the Youth Office on social media and visit our website. I pray you have a relaxing and wonderful Summer!

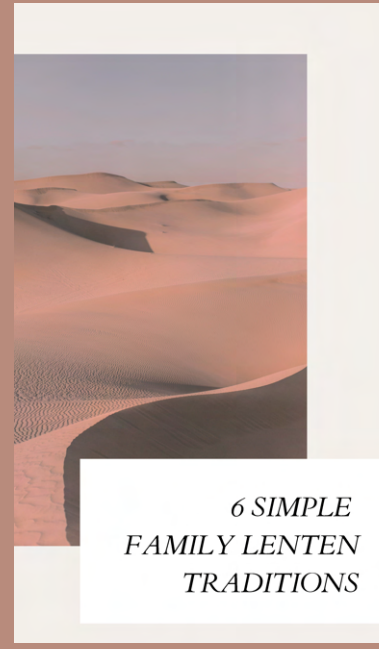
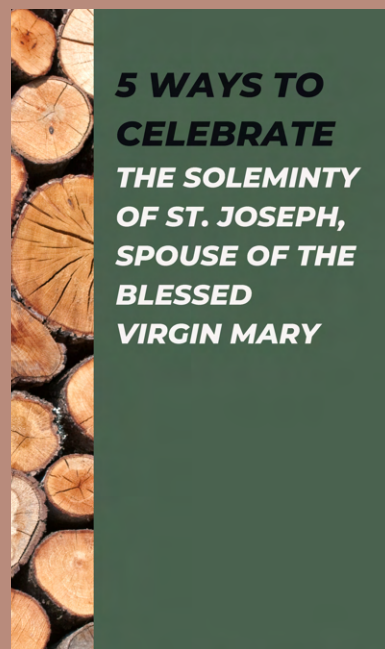


Office of Family Ministry & Outreach

Taylor Lynch
Director of Family Ministries and Outreach

Since coming into the office in November 2021, I have been working on updating our family life resource guides. So far, the Family Ministries and Outreach webpage has a new guide on Natural Family Planning, information on the Sacrament of Marriage, and various suggestions on liturgical living in the home.

I would encourage you to continue to check the Family page often for new resources and guides as they come available. New resources will continue to be advertised in the monthly Family Ministries and Outreach newsletter. You can subscribe to the newsletter at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/familynews



The Family Office has also been working on promoting the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMOF) happening this June in Rome. Additional resources, including social media posts and seven video reflections featuring families of our Archdiocese, will be shared leading up to June 19th and the launch of WMOF locally. Everyone is invited to celebrate 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Kingston on June 26th in honour of WMOF and the families of our Archdiocese. Family Office plans for our local WMOF celebrations continue to unfold, so please stay tuned for more information! It is my hope that pastors and parish leadership will feel empowered to plan family-centric events in their own parishes during the week of June 19th–26th.

As always, should you need additional resources or supports concerning family life and outreach, please do not hesitate to contact the Family Ministries and Outreach office.



Office of Religious Education

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The call to be a missionary is a call for every baptised Christian.
"Jesus is also saying to you: 'Go, don't miss a chance to bear me witness!' My brother, my sister, the Lord expects from you a testimony that no one can give in your place."
Pope Francis October 20, 2021, (World Missions Sunday)

The Office of Religious Education is here to assist and support parishes in workshops, accompaniment, evangelization, and catechesis.



Pastoral Care Workshop

A successful pastoral care workshop took place on Saturday, 7 May 2020 at St Gregory's Parish in Picton. The pastoral team of the parish, under the guidance of Father George, gathered for a workshop that we presented to help prepare them as they go forward in this ministry. Please keep them in prayer as they continue this powerful ministry. If any parishes are interested in these workshops, please contact Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms at maryjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

Prison Ministry Information Night

An information and exploratory session will be held on Tuesday 21 June from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Pastoral Care Centre, 390 Palace Road, Kingston, Ontario K7L4T3. We will be hosting an information night for anyone interested in exploring Prison ministry volunteering. Additionally, there will be a Prison Ministry Volunteer Training Programme which will take place in the Fall of 2022. Further information will be available in early September. Please email Mary-Jo to sign up for the 21st of June evening at maryjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

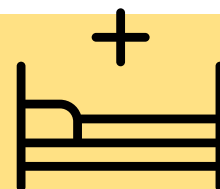
Prison Ministry Volunteer Event (for existing volunteers)

A gathering will take place on the 11th of June. This will be an opportunity for volunteers and chaplains to connect and share. Existing volunteers will be contacted regarding further information on the day.



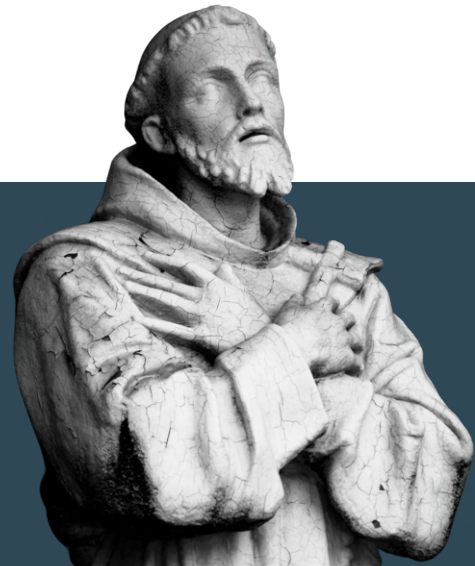
Please check out our Laudato Si page on our Archdiocesan website (www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/laudato-si) for ways to engage in caring for our common home. Thank you to Sr Jeannette Filthaut for her assistance on this initiative.

We have also created a Ministry of Accompaniment page and will be adding resources to assist those journeying with others and pastoral ministry.
www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/accompanimentministry
As always, I welcome your ideas and insights. Please contact me at any time!



Saint Francis: a Saint for Today?

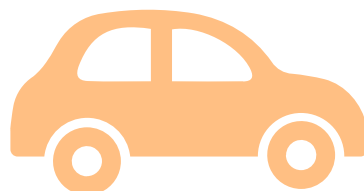
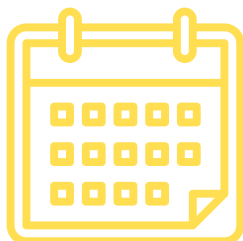
Join us for an evening where we will explore how St Francis lived the Gospel and his deep connection with God, others and nature. We will discuss our spirituality and faith practices and how St Francis can be an example in our lives today. Facilitated by Friar Ed Debono and JC Trottier (OFS) on June 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm at St John The Apostle Parish Hall, 88 Patrick St, Kingston, ON K7K 3P1. To Register: Please email Gorett at ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca before June 3rd, 2022. There is no fee but registration is required.



Cultivating Empathy, Hope and Healing in a Lonely World: Spiritual Resources for Theological Reflection and Personal Growth

Please join us for a workshop where Robert Mundle (Palliative Care Chaplain) will be exploring how some of the dire challenges we face in the world today can deepen feelings of grief and loneliness that many people experience. During our morning together, he will address current issues by exploring a variety of theological viewpoints, and by viewing selected masterpieces from the National Gallery of Canada. Creative conversation will be encouraged to spark new insights and ideas to carry forth into our ministries and daily lives. Event details: Saturday, June 18th, 2022 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church Hall (1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston, ON K7M 8G8. The event is free, but registration is required. Please email Gorett at ore@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-548-4461 Ext. 112 to register by June 16th.

Hello
Neighbour!



Mark your calendars for some upcoming socials and fundraisers supporting your local parishes!

Pages, Petals & Pastries: Celebration Fundraiser for the Catholic Women's League

Saturday, May 28th, 2022; 10:00 am-3:00 pm; St. John the Apostle (88 Patrick Street, Kingston) There will be many books, plants and homemade bakery items for sale. All are welcome! In the event of rain, the sale will move to the basement of the church.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Marmora Parish BBQ

Sunday, June 26th, 2022; Holy Mass at 3:00 pm; BBQ from 4:00-6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Chicken Barbecue and Raffle at Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Enterprise

Saturday, July 9th, 2022. Serving 4:00-7:00 pm in our parish hall. Adults \$16, students \$8, kids 4 and under free. Address is 642 Church Rd. Enterprise, ON. This is a rain or shine event. All are welcome.

41st Annual Parish Golf Day

Sunday, August 21st, 2022; 1:00 pm at Perth Golf Course

Bringing together our 4 churches in the area: St. John's (Perth), St. Bridget's (Stanleyville), Sacred Heart (Lanark) and St. Vincent de Paul (DeWitt's Corners). Our glorious and fun-filled afternoon of golf will be followed by dinner at the BVM Hall in Stanleyville where golfers and non-golfers in the Parish are all invited. In addition to the fellowship, we hold the event to support fundraising efforts for various projects in our Parish. Please contact stjohnperth@gmail.com for more information about the event and how to register. Registration will close on Friday, August 12th.

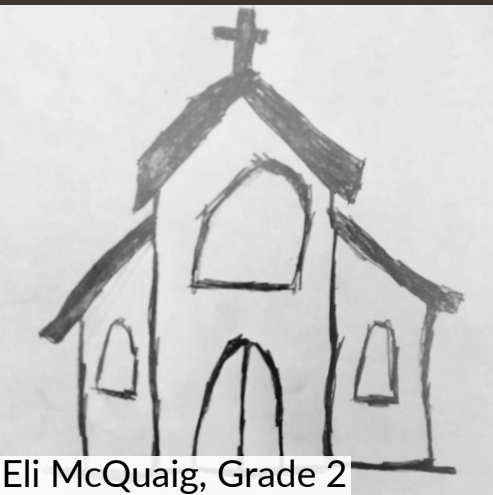
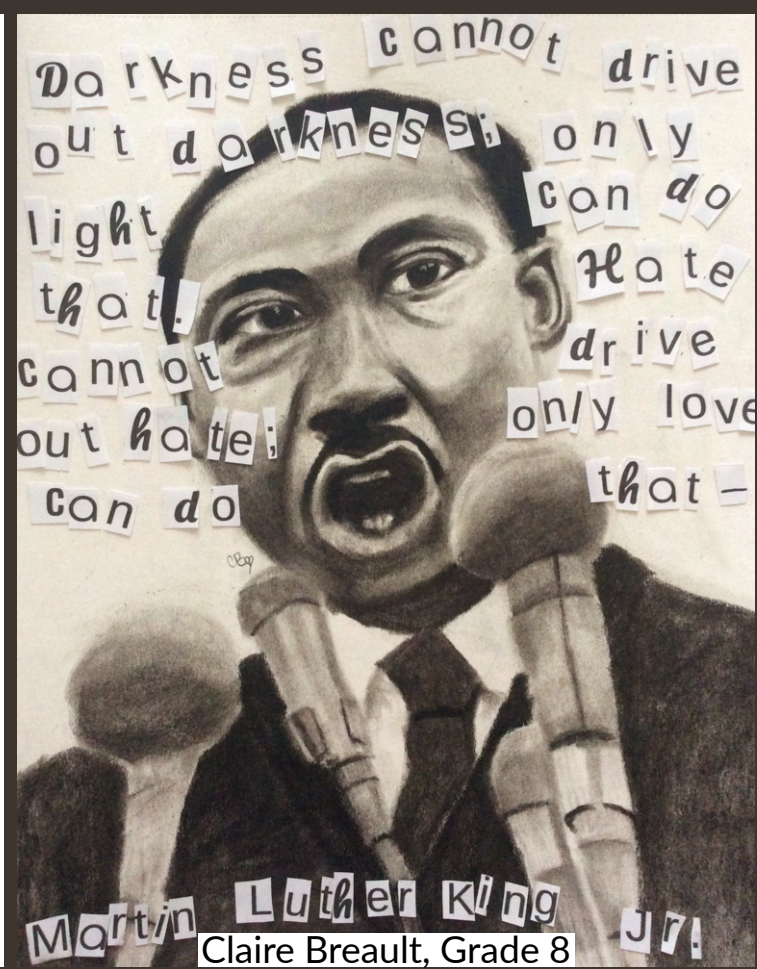
The Catholic Women's League (CWL) of St. Edward the Confessor Parish Westport will be having their fundraising event on Sunday, September 11th, 2022 after 11:00 am Mass. It will be an outdoor event.

Find the latest event updates at: <https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/calendar>

Children Artists and Peacemakers

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
Children of God"*
Matthew 5:9

Student artists from the ALCDSB
Elementary Remote Learning Catholic
School express hope for a caring and
just world through their art. Thank you
Principal MacCauley-Grey, teachers
Ms. Freundorfer and Ms. McFarlane
and all students for your submissions



PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

Prayer of Entrustment to Mary

Holy Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, we entrust ourselves to your heart. We are your beloved children. You never tire of visiting us and inviting us to conversion. You know how to untie the knots of our hearts and our times. In you we place our trust.

Our Lady of Fatima, our Mother, through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Restore among us the harmony that comes from God. Make us artisans of Communion. Guide us on the paths of peace.

Amen
(Pope Francis)

Prayer for Hope, Healing and Reconciliation and the Papal Visit

O God, Creator and Father of all, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things. For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you. We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother – to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings. Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator. As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger, which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples. We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance. We see in God the Creator of all things, One who always provides and is generous – even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth. We see in the Son, Jesus Christ – the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples. We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today – inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God! May Your Spirit also bless, and guide all involved with preparing for the visit of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to Canada this summer. May this be an occasion of grace and healing and make possible a renewed journey and future. O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation, and a renewed fellowship.

St. Anne, pray for us.

+Amen

(Prayer adapted from 2021 CCCB National Day of Prayer
in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples)



Prayer for Peace

Good and gracious God, Who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before You, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life. Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of Your Light. May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers. We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in Your Presence in our Neighbor. May all peoples live in Peace.

(Sisters of Mercy)



Look for the next issue of Journey the
week of October 3, 2022
All submissions to the Fall issue should be
submitted by September 23, 2023.
Please send your articles, events and art to
journey@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca



These beautiful statues were donated to the Pastoral Centre from
Fr. Richard Whalen, St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Thank you Fr. Whalen.