



Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League

A Mother's Day Prayer



Care for our
Common Home

May 2019

May 8 @ DTS
Staffroom, 7:00 pm
(last meeting before
September)

Currently
collecting:

Tin for the Bin
Plastic Grocery Bags
Pill Bottles
Feminine Hygiene
Products & Toiletries
Tabs for Wheelchairs
Used Eyeglasses

Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS
Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they
carry life
In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.

Happy Mother's Day



We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today
May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.
AMEN!

Welcome to our newest member, Marie McCall!

Our Spiritual Advisor
Reverend Fr. Charles Fillion

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MA(R)Y, 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them. —RALPH MARTIN, from <i>Surrendered to Love</i></p> <p> The Catholic Women's League prays the Rosary for Peace on Wednesdays</p>			<p>1</p> <p> Lacey Bernardin</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12 Hours of Adoration 9:00 am—9:00 pm See details on pg 6</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p> Micki (Helen) Maxwell</p> <p>Prayers < Mass Maryanne R.</p>	<p>6</p> <p> Gosnell Movie, 6:30 Parish Hall</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p> CWL General Meeting DTS Staffroom 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p> MARCH FOR LIFE See pg 14</p>	<p>10</p> <p> Dinner catholic school of evangelization</p> <p>NO ADORATION TODAY</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p> Rolande & Bob Chernichan</p> <p>Prayers < Mass Suzanne M.</p>	<p>13</p> <p> Mass to the Intentions of the CWL</p> <p> Mother's Day</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p> Pastoral COUNCIL</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p> Gisele Falk</p> <p>Adoration 6-7 Suzanne M.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p> Connie Haas</p> <p>Prayers < Mass Mary-Ann N.</p>	<p>20</p> <p> Mary-Ann & Wayne Novak</p>	<p>21</p> <p> Monique Johnson</p>	<p>22</p> <p></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Adoration 6-7 Rolande C.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CWL Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up Day (See pg 7)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Prayers < Mass Charity M.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p> Marilyn & Bob Toutant</p> <p></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Adoration 6-7 Janine D-R.</p>	



Lacey's Address

Happy Mother's Day to all of you Mothers!

Well ladies, it's been quite a month and another busy one on the way.

First, I'd like to thank all the ladies who participated in the **C & S prepaid gift card fundraiser**. Whether you sold or bought, your contribution was very much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank everyone who managed to make it out to help us celebrate our **30th Anniversary** at our Celebration evening on April 10th. (pg 4) We were graced with the presence of our members as well as some honoured guests. We had our very own Rolande Chernichan who is also, our Provincial President, Paulette Chase our Diocesan President as well as four members from our sister council, St. Joseph the Worker.

It was a wonderful evening and I'd like to take this time to send out a special thank you to Marcia Poirier and her team for the beautiful decorations and set up, Suzanne Moore who created our lovely program for the evening as well as to Mae Ross who made a beautiful and touching Spiritual Development program. Thank you ladies!

The very next evening, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the **Caritas Awards Banquet** as the representative of our council. As usual, it was a very nice evening.

There were also three of us from our council who were able to participate in the **Honour Guard** at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. It was my first time both attending the Chrism Mass as well as being a part an Honour Guard. It was a unique experience.

Just this past weekend, 14 of us, as well as Fr. Charles, attended the **70th Annual Diocesan Convention** in Morden. (pg 5)

Most of us took the bus that was chartered for the day. It was a fun ride, giving us a chance to visit and we prayed the Divine Chaplet on the way there. While at the Convention, our resolution was presented for consideration and was unanimously adopted!

On Monday, Kyle Coffey and Cam Cote from the **CCBR (Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform)** gave a presentation for the community about the centre's efforts to make abortion unthinkable!

Next month is just as busy. Coming up is the **12 Hours of Prayer** (9-9:00) for Palliative Care on Friday, May 3, (pg 6) the **Gosnell movie** presentation on Sunday, May 5, 6:30 at the hall (pg 8), the **March for Life** on May 9, (pg 14), the month-long parish wide **baby shower** (pg 7) and doing the greeting/collection at Mass for **Mother's Day**. Let me know if you can help out at that mass on May 12.

At the end of May, our council will be doing an Adopt-a-Highway clean-up campaign. (pg 7) Thanks to Lucille Chay for looking after this.

Check your emails, minutes and the newsletter for upcoming events and dates. Also ladies, it's still not too late to register for **Provincial Convention**. (pg 11)

Keep up the amazing work!

Lacey Bernardin



Rolande Chernichan, Sr. Monica Katchang, Fr. Charles and Kathleen Messner after the Chrism Mass. Missing: Lacey Bernardin

It is perfectly true to say that we are free to sin. But sin does not make us free—that was the promise of the serpent, who was not telling the truth. This is why our freedom stands so much in need of help, in order that it can be realized in the choice of what is good—for our freedom is unstable and at risk. Without the help of other persons and without the help of God, we are helplessly vulnerable to everything that endangers our freedom. —*Christoph Cardinal Schönborn from Following Jesus Every Day: How Believing Transforms Living*

It's one thing to transubstantiate bread and wine into Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity. It's another thing for God to form, to transform, to conform us to Christ, to transubstantiate us to Christ, as it were, from sinners into saints. —*Scott Hahn from Now Is the Time of Great Mercy*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for May 2019

Evangelization: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



*Notre Dame de Lorette
Council
of
The Catholic Women's League
of Canada*

CELEBRATING OUR
30th
ANNIVERSARY

April 10, 2019



30 Years of Service



15 Years of Service



5 Years of Service



5 Years of Service



*70th Annual
St. Boniface
Diocesan Convention
April 27, 2019*



May 3, 2019 -- 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care and Sanctity of Human Life

- 9:00 am— Mass for the intentions of Quality Care for Palliative Care and the Sanctity of Human Life
- After Mass— Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to follow with song: *O Saving Victim/O Salutaris*; Adoration to continue until 8:50 pm
- 12:00 pm (noon) — *Way of the Cross: Reflections on Suffering in Sickness and Dying* on PowerPoint
- 3:00 pm — *Divine Mercy Chaplet* on PowerPoint
- 6:00 pm — *Prayer for the Protection of Human Life* on PowerPoint
- 8:50 pm — Benediction with song: *Tantum Ergo*
- Followed with Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with *Immaculate Mary*.

12 Hours of Prayer

for
Palliative
Care



May 5-11, 2019

A Message from National President Anne-Marie Gorman

On May 4, 2016, The Catholic Women's League of Canada instituted a national initiative called "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" during National Hospice Week. Embraced by all diocesan councils throughout the country, the overwhelming success and appreciation of the need to support the culture of life through prayer is entering its fourth year nationally.

Resolution 2018.03 Legislate Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying, adopted at the 98th annual national convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, urges members to make the voice of protection for life heard in the halls of parliament. In paragraph three of the brief the World Health Organization and the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care state, "that hospice and palliative care: provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms; affirms life and regards dying as a normal process; and neither hastens nor postpones death". Supported by two international organizations, it is clear that the League's rationale has credence beyond its membership. Making time for prayer to stem the tide of a culture of death, rather than a culture of life, is a tangible demonstration of members' faith united in one voice.

Pope Francis says about prayer, "Miracles happen. But prayer is needed! Prayer that is courageous, struggling and persevering...", and on another occasion he stated, "...I would like to invite you to pray together, for one another with one another... to experience the joy of knowing that Jesus is in our midst... Jesus helps us to find solutions to the injustices which he himself already experienced".

Simply put, the sincere prayerful expression of the need for help in the country to respect life through palliative care assistance is something members can do from homes and parishes, singly and in groups. Continue to raise your voices to heaven and keep raising them until prayers are answered by the miracle of changing people's minds and hearts.

May God bless councils' efforts that are part of the "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" this and in the coming years.

Anne-Marie Gorman
National President



**Wanted: New 3-6 month clothing;
quality used clothing; diapers,
formula, toiletries, wipes, furniture,**

Cash donations accepted

Cheques to:

Crisis Pregnancy Centre

**A Baby Layette provided by Crisis
Pregnancy Centre**

WHATS INSIDE

**FOUR...SLEEPERS, ONSIES, BLANKETS,
BURPS, BIBS , SOCKS, WASH CLOTHS .**

**TWO...HOODED TOWELS, BOTTLES,
SOOTHERS, HATS, TOYS, BOOKS.**

**ONE...PKG DIAPERS, PKG WIPES, OUTFIT,
JACKET/HOODIE/SWEATER, SHOES/
BOOTIES, BABY WASH, SOOTHER STRAP,
LARGE STUFFED TOY, MEDIUM STUFFED
TOY.**

**WRAP UP WITH A LOT OF LOVE,
PRAYER , CARD AND TIED WITH A
BOW AND SMALL STUFFIE. 🐻**

CWL Adopt-a-Highway Clean UP



• **Saturday, May 25th, 2019**

- Meet in the arena parking lot at 8 am to receive supplies needed and get final instructions.
- Wear good soled boots or shoes and leather gloves preferably.
- If we have enough volunteers, we should be able to complete this task in 1 - 1.5 hrs and then we can go out for brunch.
- **Rain Date: Saturday, June 1**

adult supervisor (18 years of age and older) for every 2 children (12 to 14 years of age) participating on the work crew.

- All participants other than the shuttle operators must stay off the highway – this includes the paved or gravel shoulder. Never chase a windblown object onto the highway.
- An adult supervisor should always work between the outside edge of the shoulder and the children participating in the clean

closest to the fence.

- Do not cross the highway.
- The area to be cleaned will be from the outside edge of the shoulder to the property line on both sides of the highway.
- The standard for cleaning is to pick up everything that is the size of a candy bar wrapper or larger.
- Do not touch, disturb, or pick up dead animals.
- Do not touch, disturb or pick up any items you are unsure of like needles, syringes, chemical or pesticide containers.
- Leave a garbage bag beside any dead animals or items that you are not sure of. The bag left should be anchored or be full enough so that it cannot blow away. Manitoba Infrastructure will take care of the disposal of all hazardous or potentially hazardous materials.
- Full garbage bags are to be left far enough off the shoulder so as not to interfere with or be struck by traffic.
- Items too large or too heavy to be placed in garbage bags should be left off the edge of the shoulder, again so as not to interfere with or be struck by traffic.
- Do not burn anything. Stay away from deep water. Clean your hands before eating.

Safe Clean-Up Procedure

- It is recommended that there be at least 1 up.
- The youngest participants should work

FREE Public Viewing:
Sunday, May 5, 2019
6:30 pm
Lorette Parish Hall
Refreshments Provided
The Shocking True Story

This film tells the story of the trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, his 30-year killing spree, and the political and media establishments that tried to cover it up. Dr. Gosnell was originally investigated for illegal prescription drug sales. A raid by the DEA, the FBI, and local law enforcement revealed crimes much darker than anyone ever expected within Gosnell's abortion clinic.

Seeing Abortion

by [Bishop Robert Barron](#)

We stand at a pivotal point in the great moral debate over abortion in our country—not because new arguments have emerged, but rather because laws so breathtaking in their barbarism have been passed, and a film so visceral in its presentation of the reality of abortion has found a wide audience.

As John Henry Newman reminded us, assent to a proposition is rarely a matter of acquiescing to rational demonstration alone; instead, it often has to do with the accumulation of argument, image, impression, experience, and witness.

The legal protocols now in effect in New York, Delaware, and a number of other states allowing for the butchering of a child in the womb at any point in his or her nine-month gestation—and indeed, on the clinic or hospital table, should the child by some miracle survive the abortion—have sickened much of the country. And they have allowed people to see, in unmistakably clear terms, the full implications of the twisted “pro-choice” ideology.

If a mother chooses to bring her baby to term and to be born, that child is, somehow by that choice, the subject of dignity and worthy of the full protection of the law; and if a mother chooses otherwise, even a newborn baby struggling to breathe on an

operating table can be murdered and discarded like so much garbage. Biology and metaphysics be damned: our subjective decisions determine reality—and the result is state-sanctioned infanticide. So obviously insane, so clearly dangerous, so unmistakably wicked are these laws that

playing a role analogous to that played by Harriet Beecher Stowe in the nineteenth century. While there were plenty of arguments on both sides of the slavery debate at the time, many advocates of slavery underwent a conversion to abolitionism, not because of rational



they are causing many people to reconsider their position on abortion.

Unplanned, the story of Abby Johnson’s wrenching transition from director of a Planned Parenthood clinic to vocal opponent of abortion, has proven to be a surprisingly popular film, despite its rather grim theme and despite considerable institutional opposition.

As many have pointed out, Mrs. Johnson is

demonstrations but precisely through the influence of Stowe’s vivid presentation of the concrete reality of slavery in *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. So today, arguments and slogans on both sides of the abortion controversy are well known, and most people seem more or less locked in their respective camps. But *Unplanned* doesn’t so much argue as show. “Abortion” becomes, accordingly, not an abstract issue, but an in-

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your-face, real, and bloody fact.

The film opens with the event that proved decisive for Abby Johnson herself. As director and administrator of a Planned Parenthood clinic, she was certainly aware of what was happening on the premises, but she had rarely been involved in an actual abortion.

One afternoon, she was summoned to the operating room and asked to hold the device that allowed the doctor to see the ultrasound image of the child in the womb. As the physician went about his work, Abby could clearly see the child resting comfortably and then reacting violently as a suctioning device was inserted into the womb.

To her horror, she then saw a tiny arm sucked off, only to reappear, moments later, as a bloody soup in a catheter next to her. As she watched, unable to take her eyes off of the horrific display, she saw the severely

wounded baby continuing to evade the device, until a leg disappeared, then another arm, and finally the baby's head. And again, the remains of the living child surged like slush into the catheter. With that, she ran from the room, vomited in the bathroom, and resolved to dissociate herself forever from Planned Parenthood.

The film makes clear that she had heard arguments against abortion all of her life, for her parents and husband were ardently and vocally pro-life, but she made the decision after she *saw* what it meant to end the life of an unborn child. Her hope, obviously, is that her film will have a similar effect on many others.

One of the most memorable scenes in *Unplanned* deals with an odd little party that took place at the clinic after hours. Abby, it turns out, was pregnant, and her colleagues, all female, gathered to give her a baby shower. Out came the balloons, the thoughtful presents, the encouraging hugs—all meant to show their joy at the birth of a new baby. But then we realize that these

medical professionals, these good friends of Abby, have spent their entire day killing the babies of other women. Indeed, the blood of those procedures is on their shoes and scrubs.

How is this scene possible? The condition for its possibility is the lunatic ideology of "choice" referenced above: if the baby is desired, let's have a party; if the baby is unwanted, kill him and cast his remains in a dumpster. Pro-choice advocates must know that this is the implication of their philosophy, but *Unplanned* makes them see it.

In 1850, lots of good and thoughtful people defended the institution of slavery. Now, only insane people would. In 2019, lots of decent and thoughtful people defend the pro-choice position. One can only hope that these recent laws, and this viscerally disturbing film, will hasten the day when only insane people would.

https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/article/seeing-abortion/23896/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_term=fb-barron&utm_content=seeing-

What feels best for you may not be best for the people around you. For that matter, it may not be good for you either. Someone with genuine self-esteem understands that self-fulfillment is not about self-satisfaction. Thus, he is willing to deny his own desires for the sake of the future, for the sake of the people around him, and for the sake of his immortal soul. —Fr. J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B. from *Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's Twelve-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem*

Villa Rosa

Dear Notre Dame de Lorette CWL:

First, let me just say thank you! Your recent donation of bedding, pillows and towels means that you understand just how valuable Villa Rosa's services are to vulnerable pregnant women in our community.

But let me tell you what our services mean to some of the young women who have stayed with us and attended the programs and schooling we offer:

- *Villa Rosa has helped me learn to parent and take care of my child, gave me all the supports I needed and taught me a lot. I am glad I moved to Villa Rosa because if I hadn't, I wouldn't be where I am now. Thank you!*
- *I really have no clue what life would be like right now if I didn't have Villa's help. I think I would be homeless and depressed. Now I see a future for me and my baby.*
- *I am truly thankful for the angels at VR. When I felt I had no one or nowhere to go you were my light in the window offering me the guidance and support I really needed at this time in my life.*



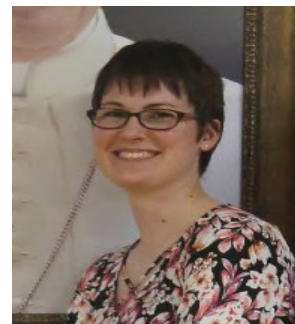
I am sure the above comments underscore the reason you gave and why we and the women we serve are full of gratitude for your generosity. Donors like you help make our services to moms and babes possible: a safe place to stay, education, programs, healthy meals.

Again, thank you! We love your support.

Best always,
Kathy Strachan, Executive Director

Our CWL Sister Goes on Year-long Mission Trip to Peru

Go with God, Maryse



I am leaving for a missionary year in Peru on April 22 (Easter Monday). I will be living with the Sisters of Holy Cross in Puno, in southeastern Peru, near Lake Titicaca. A few of the projects they have in Puno include a biblioteca (afterschool

programs for school kids), a university residence for young women from the countryside, a refuge for women and their children fleeing domestic violence, along with parish/catechism work. I am still unsure exactly where I will be helping.

Here's a bit of the journey that led me to take this big step:

First, the day I came back to work after holidays in November, I was summoned to a meeting with 7 other translators. In addition to the director, there were also quite a few other people there. Then, it was announced that all of our positions would be abolished at the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2019), which also corresponds the end of our current collective agreement, which prevented the provincial government from laying off permanent employees with a certain amount of seniority.

My colleagues and I were completely stunned, no one was expecting it. I felt like I had hit by a train. Betrayed too, because we were not getting laid off due to bad performance, but

because the government thinks it can save some money by relying solely on freelancers.

But, at the same time, the news of the lay off was also liberating. It allowed me to seriously considered the deep desire of my heart that I had experienced so deeply for the past months: going on a missionary year in Peru. But then with the denial of my request of leave of absence of without pay and my sister's wedding, I put that on the back burner.

But this desire came back in full force with the layoff announcement. I made the decision to not do any job search for at least a month so I could really reflect on what my real desires were without being distracted. It happened to be Advent and so, I carried my dreams and desires for the future a bit like Mary carried her child. Through the joys and the sorrows that all this involves.

Finally, at the beginning of January, I made the decision to contact the Holy Cross Sister in Peru to communicate my missionary desire. They accepted to welcome me for a year. I am at peace with my discernment, even though I really have to live in trust because it is overwhelming at times.

I will add you to my Peru mailing list and will try to keep you updated as much as I can. Please remember me in your prayers!

Maryse Has Arrived!

¡Buenos días!

I hope this email finds you well. Here I am settled in Puno, Peru, having overcome altitude sickness. The body needs time to adjust, especially when you go from an altitude of 225 m (about 740 ft) to an altitude of about 3800 m (about 14,000 ft). And so, after a few days of rest, I have started to help in the biblioteca (afterschool homework program) in Mocachi, about 15 km from Puno. I oversee the computer class three afternoons a week. In order to get there, Sr. Hermelinda and I take the "combi," that is a van that serves as a taxi. It's one of the most common and cheapest ways to get around. However, you need to know the rates because there is already a woman that tried to make me pay double the usual rate. However, in general people are very amicable and patient with my Spanish.

I am staying in the residence of the Sisters of Holy Cross, pretty high up on the mountainside. I have attached a picture of the amazing view from the balcony. It's a big house: the sisters live on the second floor, while the first floor offers a temporary haven to women and their children fleeing domestic violence. A second building houses a residence for university students and a space for the biblioteca.

Thank you for your support and your prayers, hasta pronto!

