



Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League

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March 2023

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RENOWNED OFFSPRING OF DAVID.
LIGHT OF PATRIARCHS.
SPOUSE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.
CHASTE GUARDIAN OF THE VIRGIN.
FOSTER FATHER OF THE SON OF GOD.
DILIGENT PROTECTOR OF CHRIST.
HEAD OF THE HOLY FAMILY.
JOSEPH MOST JUST.
JOSEPH MOST CHASTE.
JOSEPH MOST PRUDENT.
JOSEPH MOST STRONG.
JOSEPH MOST OBEDIENT.
JOSEPH MOST FAITHFUL.
MIRROR OF PATIENCE.
LOVER OF POVERTY.
MODEL OF ARTISANS.
GLORY OF HOME LIFE.
GUARDIAN OF VIRGINS.
PILLAR OF FAMILIES.
SOLACE OF THE WRETCHED.
HOPE OF THE SICK.
PATRON OF THE DYING.
TERROR OF DEMONS.
PROTECTOR OF HOLY CHURCH.



pray for us.

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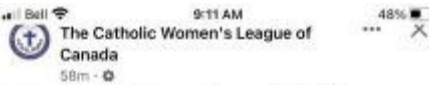
Letter

Dear Sisters in The League & Fr. Mario,

I am sending this message to you from Phoenix where I have been visiting my daughter for the past 3 weeks. Frankly, I have not given the CWL much thought during this time so I really don't have any insightful offerings for you. The weather here has been quite cool except for 3 or 4 days but it was still vastly warmer than what you were experiencing at home. Tara and I did have a wonderful lunch visit with Irene & Clarence Bialek in Sedona shortly after arriving in Arizona. Not surprisingly, the CWL didn't come up there either!

All kidding aside, I hope that this Lenten season will be very meaningful for you. We have many resources to help us along our penitential journey. The Share Lent campaign is the biggest annual fundraiser for Development and Peace. As CWL members, we are asked to contribute to the 1% Development and Peace Program (brochures available). We will have a special collection for these funds at our anniversary dinner in April.

Our annual C&S Garden Centre Fundraiser is up and running and you



Ottawa Visit Day 1: It was a busy and fruitful day as National President Fran Lucas, President-Elect Shari Guinta and National Resolutions Chairperson Rolande Chernichan met with the following:

Brian Rourke, Director of Operations for Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Marc Miller, Policy Advisor of the Minister of Canadian Heritage Pablo Rodriguez; CCCB - Dr. Robert DiPede, Asst. General Secretary and Margaret Shae-Lawrence, Director & Commission Secretary, for Evangelization and Catechesis and Craig Dockstader, Director of Policy for the office of Honourable Donald Plett Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.



should have all received the poster and sales forms in your email. This is such a positive fundraiser, allowing people to plan for warmer weather and beautiful yards and gardens. Thank you in advance for helping us raise 15% of all sales for the CWL.

We are sending our prayers and support to our sister in The League, Maryse Chartier, csc, as she made her first profession of vows on February 11. See her message and pics on page 4.

Congratulations to Rolande Chernichan who was part of a delegation from the national CWL who met this past month with the federal government to present resolutions that have been

passed at the national AMM. See Catholic Register article on page 5 for more info.

The diocesan Annual Meeting of Members will be coming up sooner than we realize. It is being hosted by St. Mary Council in Beausejour on April 29th. Joy Smith will be one of the guest speakers. She is an amazing woman who has done great work in the area of human trafficking in Canada. The afternoon speaker is Susan Penner who is the executive director of Life's Vision. The registration is limited to 80 participants so please consider your possible attendance as soon as possible and let us know at the general meeting if you intend to go.

Prior to our general meeting, please give some thought to what you would be willing to expend some energy on for a 2nd fundraiser for 2023. I would also ask that you consider where the "jar funds" will be allocated at year's end. We need to make some decisions about these 2 issues.



Welcome to the CWL of Notre Dame de Lorette, Jaclyn and Sr. Anna Marie (accepted by proud Mama)

I hope everyone who got away for some winter holidays had a memorable and/or relaxing time. See you next week.

At our
CWL
meetings...



Lucille Chay



2023 Pope's Intentions

March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>God answers prayers. When you pray, do you believe that God will answer you? Today, ask, seek, and knock in your prayer, trusting that God is listening and desires to answer your prayers. – <i>Formed, March 1 2023</i></p>			1  Yvette Gregoire	2	3	4
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19  Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass to our Intentions 	20	21	22	23	24	25
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GOD OF LOVE, MY LIGHT AND SALVATION!

Thank you for accompanying me and sharing the joy of my first profession. I am truly grateful for your virtual or in-person attendance, your prayers and tokens of affection.



I carry each and every one of you in my prayers. May the God of Love bless you!

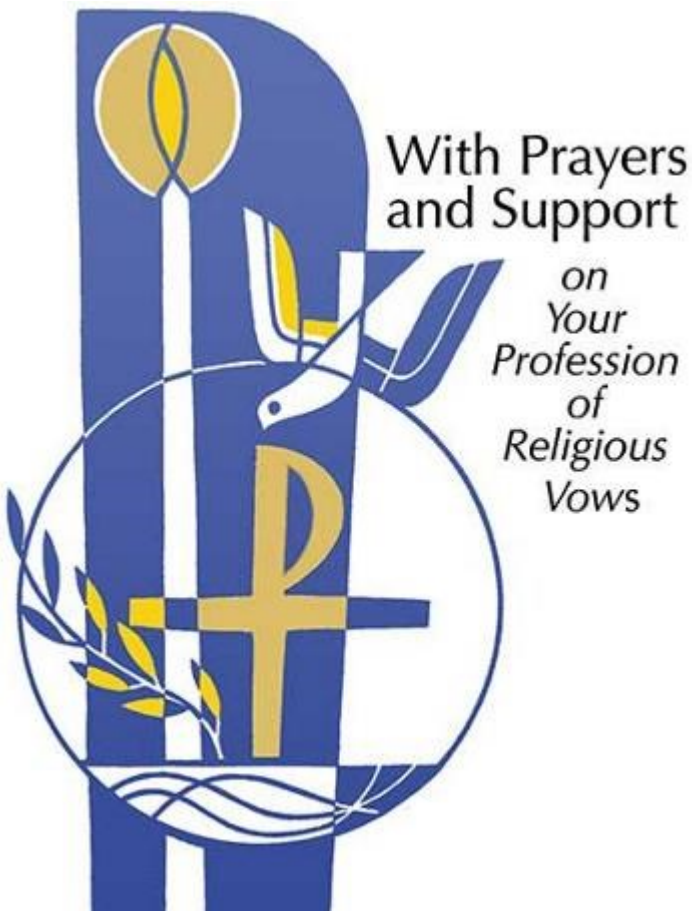
Hola,

Thank you to all those who accompanied me in one way or another on the day of my first profession. For your prayers, your words of congratulations and encouragement, your patience when we experienced delays in the web transmission, thank you, thank you, thank you! It was a day filled with joy and gratitude. I felt very well supported.

I would also like to announce that my first mission will be in Peru. However, I will be in Canada for a few months, first for the General Chapter in Montreal in July, then for a visit to Manitoba in August, followed by a period of study, if all goes as planned.

I plan to continue sending out news emails a few times a year. However, if you no longer wish to receive these emails, please let me know.

Once again, gracias! Un fuerte abrazo, *Maryse Chartier csc*



*Félicitations,
Maryse Chartier, csc
from your sisters
in The League*

CWL take concerns to Ottawa policy makers



A three-member delegation representing more than 63,000 members of the Catholic Women's League nationwide brought their concerns on national issues to Parliament Hill.

Fran Lucas, National President and Chairperson of International Relations, Shari Guinta, National President-Elect and Chairperson of Organization, and Rolande Chernichan, Chairperson of Resolutions, paid a three-day visit to Ottawa in mid-February for a series of meetings with parliamentarians and policy advisors to make sure their voices are taken into account when enacting legislation on a number of issues of national interest — from food loss and waste to mental health, and the conscience rights of health-care professionals who wish to opt out of assisted dying services.

Lucas and Guinta explained that the delegation's visit to Ottawa is the culmination of a long process of reflection, research, study and discussion by the entire organization.

"CWL's resolutions come from the parish level," Lucas said. "The League's position at the national level is a true reflection of the opinions expressed by its members. Issues and concerns are raised, studied and discussed at the grassroots level before being adopted as resolutions at provincial and national levels. These resolutions are presented annually to provincial and federal governments as statements of concern."

The reduction of food loss and waste was at the top of the agenda for the CWL. The resolution "urges the federal government to enact legislation to reduce food loss and waste

in Canada's agri-food, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors."

"Food loss and waste is a major concern across the country," said Guinta. "It has multiple consequences — for food security, for the environment and for people's health including mental health."

The trio met with Jerome Cote, senior policy advisor to Marie Claude-Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and

Agrifood, and Ryan Worms, senior policy advisor to Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to present CWL's newest resolution and to discuss various policy initiatives that address the issue.

"Ryan explained that he was designated to meet with us because of his Catholic connections," Chernichan told The Catholic Register. "He was previously with Development and Peace/Caritas Canada, Caritas Internationalis and other Catholic organizations."



They discussed two CWL resolutions with Worms — the resolution to ban plastic microbeads in personal care products and the resolution to reduce food loss and waste. The

group also talked about the effects of the disposal of wasted food in landfills and the impact of emissions on the environment and climate change.

It was an opportunity, not only to ask about future measures to combat pollution and food waste, but also to express appreciation to the government for having acted on past requests. For example, the government passed the Microbeads in Toiletries Regulations which ban the use of microbeads in these products as requested in the CWL's 2015 resolution. The women were also happy that regulations to prohibit five types of single-use plastics have been introduced, and the sale of these items will be prohibited as of December 2023.

"We referred to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, that speaks about all food being sacred," Chernichan said. "Worms explained there are ongoing initiatives to try to reduce food waste, that there is much need for education and awareness, for citizens to take personal initiative to reduce food waste, and that the federal government tries to support municipalities in their initiatives in that regard."

The delegation also met with Brian Rourke, director of operations for Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Marc Miller, policy advisor to Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez, and Craig Dockstader, director of policy at the office of Donald Plett, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. MP Alexandra Mendes, assistant deputy speaker of the House of Commons, arranged these meetings.

In addition to their meetings with government officials, the delegation met Dr. Robert Di Pede, assistant general secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Margaret Shea Lawrence, director and commission secretary for evangelization and catechesis.

A highlight was a luncheon hosted by Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, the Apostolic Nuncio in Canada.

"We had a great conversation with the nuncio. He told us how happy he was to host Pope Francis who visited Canada in the summer of 2022," Lucas said.

<https://www.catholicregister.org/item/35293-cwl-take-concerns-to-ottawa-policy-makers?fbclid=IwAR28fOSegNIFLU1fP4soYKWSxz9jaITrIMHq426KhrUoJXrS6PTXbOhz5vM>

If you are going to serve the Lord, he will test you. God allows trials so that you may be purified and sanctified for his love. God refines and cleanses you from sin and selfishness through the ordeals he will help you through. —*Formed, February 21, 2023*

Our Lenten Journey

Here is the list of pre-lent short videos to watch to prepare ourselves for Lent, as well as some suggestions for during Lent to make our time of preparation more fruitful.

Also, special blessings on all those traveling to and from during this next month: may our Lord keep you always under His loving eyes!

2023 Preparation for Lent: why not watch these as a family, or with your husband?

Fr. Mike Schmitz: Where is Lent in the Bible?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzS5M_kjb2E&list=PLoa-iATkKGmZpuZhq716mfWzbVUPKBGUq&index=42

Fr. Mike: Preparing for Lent
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDG51cl9gY&list=PLoa-iATkKGmZpuZhq716mfWzbVUPKBGUq&index=53>

Fr. Mike: 4 Reasons for Fasting
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUwBQEdmew4&list=PLoa-iATkKGmZpuZhq716mfWzbVUPKBGUq&index=51>

Fr, Mike: The Significance of Ash Wednesday
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPTcMWpHfkk&list=PLoa-iATkKGmZpuZhq716mfWzbVUPKBGUq&index=50>

2023 Lent challenges: Please take 30 or so minutes to google these suggestions and see where our Lord is calling your heart and mind this Lent.... But this is just a short suggestion list, therefore if the Lord presents you with a different option, add it to this list and then take the time to discern what our Lord wants you to use to bring you closer to Him during this Holy time of preparation. I pray you have a prosperous Lenten season.

1. Reading the Bible in a year! Even if the year is already a few days in (OK – 53 days in if you start this on Ash Wednesday) it is never too late to start... and even if you miss a few days, or it takes you 2 years to finish.... You will have read the Bible in its totality!! Everyone loves Fr Schmitz!
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-bible-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1539568321>

2. Daily prayer and

journaling: <https://amenapp.org/>

Amen is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God. And there is even a place to write down your thoughts – paper-free. Amen is a production of the Augustine Institute that also gives us Formed.org. You just need to decide how to use this App... My recommendation would be: ***Tears of Christ*** – which provides daily Lenten readings from St John Henry Newman, guiding us from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday.

3. Chris Stephanik : Set to release on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, this free, 7-week video series will accompany you on your Lenten journey. Time and again, the people of God are called to ‘be courageous’ and ‘be not afraid.’ Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don’t miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.
www.reallifecatholic.com

4. My last suggestion is for those of you who enjoyed listening to Matthew Leonard’s Science of Sainthood. To get to these videos, go to this website....
<https://www.scienceofsainthood.com>

Then scroll to the end of the page to sign up... it is totally free streaming this Lent! It is called “Total Abandonment to God’s Will” and it will be starting Ash Wednesday.

So, what will I be doing for this Lent?

I will start with the “Tears of Christ” from Amen with my morning prayers, and will get the “Total Abandonment to God’s Will” done probably after supper with my evening prayers. I will let you know how it is going mid-way through Lent! If you unearth pearls of wisdom during your times of prayer, please do not hesitate to share with your CWL sisters. Together we will

walk through this Lent carrying a small piece of Christ’s cross up the road to Calvary.

March 2: I come today to encourage you on your Lenten journey.

I have not heard what you have decided to do, but I can share my journey.. So far I have been faithful to my daily prayers (except one day), and my fasting is going well. Alms giving? Well, since I have more time than money, I am budgeting my time to servicing my family (babysitting), Thrifty Treasure, CWL and the parish... and I am still keeping some time for hubby and my Sudoku.

But no matter where you are at on this Lenten journey, you might have an intention or two to bring to St Joseph! and no better time than just before his feast day on March 19 - which falls on a Sunday this year so we can end our novena with a mass! Bonus! The novena is starting March 10th, but both these sites will email you daily with the prayers to be said. so here is the link to sign up and get your daily prayers. <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena> And for those of us who like to pray in French, I have found a site that offers the novena in French: <https://hozana.org/t/ba426> So please join me! And if you have no special intentions to bring to St Joseph, join me in praying for the people in the Ukraine, and in Russia, as well as in the Middle East, and in Africa, and our brothers in South America, and those persecuted in China for their faith as well as in all communist countries....

How did we get to be so fortunate? Let us raise our hands to our Lord in Thanks-giving and Praises, for the bountiful life He has given us. Let us not waste a moment of our precious time, returning everything back to our Father, who is in heaven....

See you next Wednesday!

—Monique Jeanson, Spiritual Development Chair



The LORETTE Catholic
Women's League is selling
pre-paid gift cards to
C&S Country Gardens



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EX: \$100 in prepaid gift cards

10 x \$10 OR 5 X \$20

4 x \$25 OR 2 x \$50

1 x \$100 OR a combination

*Support Donations
gratefully accepted*

DELIVERY MID APRIL

Cheques to: CWL

Contact & eTransfers to cwllorette@gmail.com

Because It's never too EARLY
To start thinking about GARDENING!



MEMO TO:

Provincial Presidents, Provincial Presidents-Elect

CC: F. Lucas, K. Scammell

DATE: February 26, 2023

RE: Heart to Heart Webinars

This is an important notice informing you that the Implementation Committee (IC) members have created 3 free webinars to be offered in March and early April. This webinar is to promote and create interest in the activity of the IC working groups.

Please make sure you get a message out to ALL DIOCESES to inform parishes/members and encourage participation.

See the national website "Heart to Heart" to obtain the links. You can also go to the search line on the website and type Heart to Heart for the following:

Growing in Faith (Sat, March 18, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

CST): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7777453101931786335>

Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly (Tue, March 28, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

CST): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/911720967579322965>

Who Me? A Leader? (Sat, April 15, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

CST): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1731296934923758172>

These webinars created and presented by Christa Gillmair, Sr Susan Scott and Jacqueline Nogier, all IC leads.

Please promote these webinars!



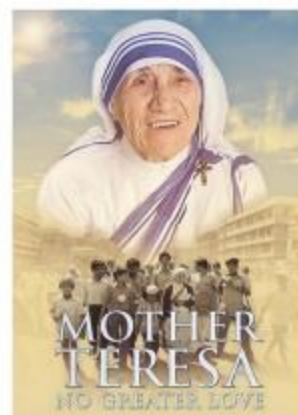
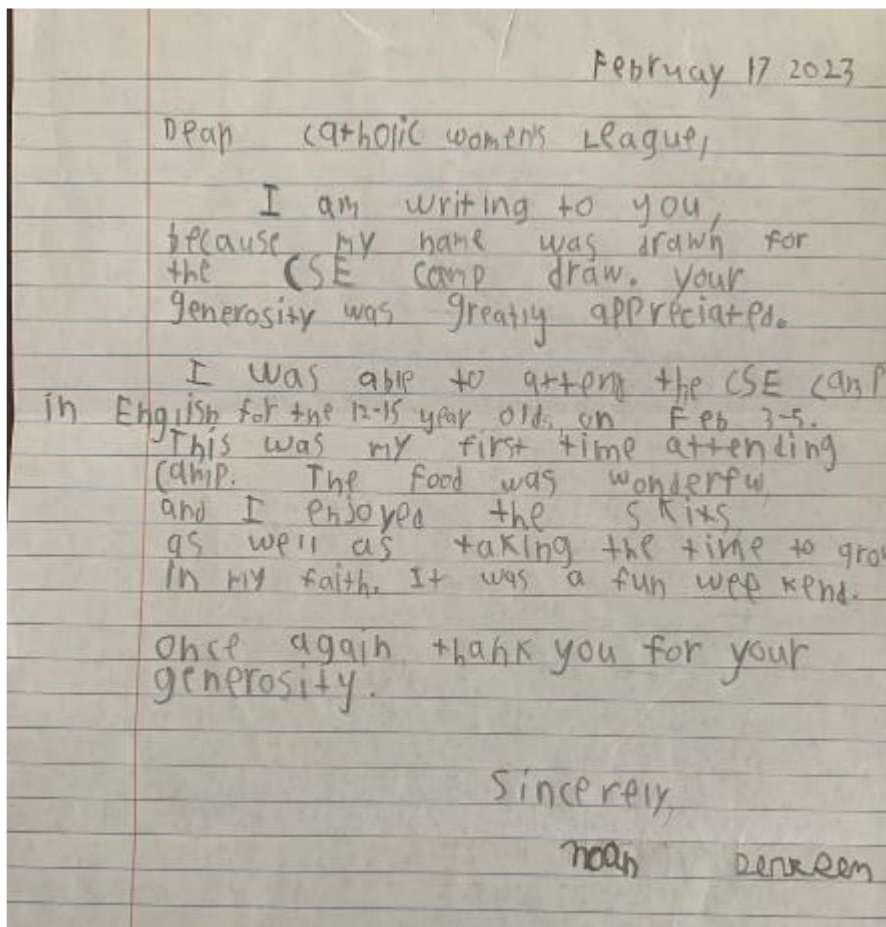
Members, and three generations— Yvette, Lacey and Megan— attend the Provincial Day of Celebration on February 11, 2023



FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 AT 9 AM

**Public Way of the Cross
2023**

Our Lady Of Victory • Winnip...



Mother Teresa : No Greater Love

St-Malo RC Church : Sunday, March 5th @ 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Genre: Documentary

Duration: 115 min

Come see this excellent film at no cost!

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
74th Annual Meeting of Members
St. Boniface Diocesan Council
April 29, 2023
hosted by
St. Mary Parish, Beausejour, MB

Annual Meeting of Members/Business – St. Mary Parish, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Lower Level

Mass – St. Mary Parish, 530 Atlantic Avenue

Banquet – St. Mary Parish, 530 Atlantic Avenue, lower level

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8:00 a.m.	Registration and Gathering
9:00 a.m.	Opening and Spiritual Program
	Business Session
11:00 a.m.	Speaker, Joy Smith
12:00 p.m.	Lunch

1:00 p.m.	Speaker, Susan Penner
1:45 p.m.	Resume Business
3:30 p.m.	ELECTIONS
4:00 p.m.	Closing of Annual Meeting of Members

5:00 p.m.	Holy Mass
	Installation of Officers
6:00 p.m.	Gathering Time
6:30 p.m.	Banquet

Scent Free Annual Meeting of Members/Convention

Church lower level not wheelchair accessible Please contact Barb
Kiazzyk 204-268-5925 if handicap assistance will be needed.



Why Catholics don't eat meat on Fridays during Lent



Catholics are among the only Christians who freely don't eat meat on Fridays during Lent. In fact, **you know you are in a Catholic town when, only during Lent, every single restaurant advertises one item on their menu: fish!** I have even noticed how major fast-food chains point out on their fliers the date of Ash Wednesday! Suddenly everyone cares about the liturgical seasons of the Church!

So why is it that the Church instructs Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays (as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), but gives the "thumbs-up" for Catholics to eat fish? Sounds fishy to me!

Why Catholics don't eat meat on Fridays

First of all we must ask the question, "why Friday?" The USCCB gives a succinct explanation:

Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church.

Since it is believed Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross on a Friday, Christians from the very beginning have set aside that day to unite their sufferings to Jesus. This led the Church to recognize every Friday as a "Good Friday" where Christians can remember Christ's passion by offering up a specific type of penance. For much of the Church's history meat was singled out as a worthy sacrifice on account of its association

with feasts and celebrations. In most ancient cultures meat was considered a delicacy and the "fattened calf" was not slaughtered unless there was something to celebrate. Since Fridays were thought of as a day of penance and mortification, eating meat on a Friday to "celebrate" the death of Christ didn't seem right. (As an aside, some bishops have chosen to lift the ban when Saint Patrick's Day falls on a Friday during Lent, as it is considered a "solemnity" for many Irish Catholics.)

But why is fish not considered "meat"?

According to the USCCB, the laws of the Church classify the abstinence from "land animals."

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs — all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat.

Fish, on the other hand, are not in that same classification. Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

In Latin the word used to describe what kind of "meat" is not permitted on Fridays is **carnis**, and specifically relates to "animal flesh" and never included fish as part of the

definition. Additionally, fish in these cultures was not considered a "celebratory" meal and was more of a penance to eat.

Our current culture is much different as meat is generally considered the cheaper option on the menu and no longer has the cultural connection to celebrations. This is why many people are confused about the regulations, especially those who love to eat fish and do not consider it a penance.

In the end, the Church's intention is to encourage the faithful to offer up a sacrifice to God that comes from the heart and unites one's suffering to that of Christ on the cross. Meat is given as the very basic penance, while the purpose of the regulation should always be kept in mind. For example, it does not necessarily give a person the license to eat a lobster dinner every Friday in Lent. The whole point is to make a sacrifice that draws a person closer to Christ, who out of love for us made the ultimate sacrifice a person can make.

https://aleteia.org/2017/03/01/heres-why-catholics-dont-eat-meat-on-fridays-during-lent/?fbclid=IwAR1kMeCFGnmoy7wXm72EaCdcjwsK-IL-xrGkz2zAd2YhbF-K_LpUGyAGkOo&utm_campaign=buffer&utm_content=buffer8b6d1&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com



FEEL GUILTY
FALLING ASLEEP
WHILE PRAYING?

let me ask you...

HOW DO YOU
FEEL WHEN
YOUR CHILD
FALLS ASLEEP
IN YOUR LAP?

*i'm glad
that's settled.*

LOVE, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Why is St. Patrick depicted carrying a shamrock?

Tradition claims St. Patrick used the shamrock as a teaching tool. He taught the people of Ireland about the **Trinity** using the leaves of a shamrock, also called a 3-leaf clover.



During his time in slavery, Patrick became increasingly devoted to Christianity through his growing prayer life.

DID YOU KNOW?
There are 8 parishes named after St. Patrick in the Archdiocese of Toronto!




Archdiocese of Toronto
www.archtoronto.org
archtoronto

He wasn't Irish, at least not by birth.

Born in Scotland, Patrick was captured by pirates at the age of 16 and **taken to Ireland as a slave**. He escaped slavery when, in a dream, God told him to leave Ireland by the coast. He reunited with his family, after having been in slavery for around six years.

WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?



Patrick returned to Ireland as a bishop.

As an adult, Patrick studied in France and joined the priesthood. Later, he was ordained as a bishop by Pope Celestine I. It was at this time that he was told to go to Ireland and minister to the people there. For 40 years, he preached and converted the people of Ireland to Christianity. St. Patrick died in Ireland around 461 A.D.

IMAGE TAKEN FROM ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA, TORONTO

Bill C-314 will prohibit (MAiD) euthanasia for mental disorders

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Sign our [petition supporting Bill C-314](https://epcc.ca/petitions/) <https://epcc.ca/petitions/>

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) thanks the Hon Ed Fast MP for introducing [Bill C-314](#), a bill that would prohibit euthanasia for mental illness. EPC supports Bill C-314 since it amends the Criminal Code to prohibit euthanasia for people with a mental disorder. [Bill C-314](#) is published below:

BILL C-314: *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*

Preamble;

- Whereas Parliament considers it a priority to ensure that adequate supports are in place for the mental health of Canadians;
- Whereas Parliament considers that vulnerable Canadians should receive suicide prevention counselling rather than access medical assistance in dying;
- Whereas Parliament considers that Canada's medical assistance in dying regime risks normalizing assisted dying as a solution for those suffering from a mental disorder;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

- Criminal Code 1 Subsection 241.2(2.1) of the Criminal Code is replaced by the following:
- Exclusion



(2.1) For the purposes of subsection (2) a mental disorder is not a grievous and irremediable medical condition.

Also, contact your Member of Parliament and say that you support Bill C-314 that prohibits euthanasia for mental illness alone.

The [Angus Reid Institute](#) conducted a [poll](#) that was published on February 13, 2023 concerning Canada's current (MAiD) euthanasia law indicated that, for mental health as a sole condition, **51% of Canadians were opposed**, 31% supported and 18% were unsure.

Recently [the federal government announced that they are delaying the implementation of euthanasia for mental illness](#) until March 17, 2024.

If Bill C-314 passes, euthanasia for mental illness will be prohibited in Canada.

<https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2023/02/bill-c-314-will-prohibit-maid.html>

Celebrating Life! - Come and Join Us!

LIFE CULTURE'S
SPRING GALA
With Special Guest, Joy Smith

When: Friday, June 2nd
Doors open at 6:00pm; Dinner at 6:30pm

Where: Niverville Heritage Centre
100 Heritage Trail, Niverville

Tickets are complimentary, a freewill offering will be taken.

RSVP by May 26th at lifeculture.ca/gala

Life Culture

Walk for LIFE

JUNE 04 BBQ - 1 PM
WALK - 2 PM

KR Barkman Park
Steinbach

Weekend Events

JUNE 02	Spring Gala
JUNE 03	Life Culture Seminar
JUNE 03	The Matter of Life Documentary

lifeculture.ca/walk

Weekend Events

JUNE 02	Spring Gala Join us for our annual fundraising gala, with special guest, Joy Smith.
JUNE 03	Culture of Life Seminar Learn more about abortion, MAiD and how to support a culture of life.
JUNE 03	The Matter of Life See the powerful documentary on the complexities of the abortion issue.
JUNE 04	Walk for Life Celebrate life with inspiring speakers and a walk down Main Street.

Life Culture

Looking back...moving forward

JIM HUGHES



President Emeritus
of CLC Canada

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION MB
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET 2023

Holy Eucharist Hall
460 Munroe Ave

Friday May 26

5:30 Doors Open
6:30 Dinner

Tickets \$50/person
\$300/table of 6

Buffet dinner

Please RSVP by
May 18
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Jim Hughes was
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over 30 years.

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CLC founded many
organizations
including Lifesite News
and the Canadian
National March for Life.
Over the years, Jim
also directed CLC's
efforts to mobilize pro-
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The ashes mean I'm a sinner,
but the cross means I have a Savior.

FR. MIKE SCHWITZ



Yes, I'm a Christian.

Yes, I make mistakes.
Yes, I fail.
Yes, I struggle.

But I'm God's mess.

And God can turn a mess
into a masterpiece.

The Way of Love

El Camino del Amor

[Chapter 4 of Amoris Laetitia]

♥ Pope Francis' practical guide to love in marriage



1 Love is patient

Patience takes root when I recognize
that other people also have a right to
live in this world, just as they are.

2 Love is kind

Love allows us to experience the
happiness of giving, the nobility
and grandeur of spending ourselves
unselfishly, without asking to be
repaid, purely for the pleasure of
giving and serving.

3 Love is not jealous

True love values the other person's
achievements. It does not see him or
her as a threat. It frees us from the
sour taste of envy.

4 Love is not boastful

Love is marked by humility; if we are to
understand, forgive and serve others from
the heart, our pride has to be healed and
our humility must increase.

5 Love is not rude

Love is not harsh. Its actions, words
and gestures are pleasing and not
abrasive or rigid. Love abhors making
others suffer.

6 Love is generous

Love can transcend and overflow the
demands of justice, "expecting nothing in
return" (Lk 6:35).

7 Love is not
irritable
or resentful

Our first reaction when we
are annoyed should be one
of heartfelt blessing, asking
God to bless, free and heal
that person.

8 Love forgives

Forgiveness requires a ready and
generous openness of each and all
to understanding, to forbearance, to
pardon, to reconciliation.

9 Love rejoices
with others

If we fail to learn how to rejoice in the
well-being of others, and focus primarily
on our own needs, we condemn ourselves
to a joyless existence.

13 Love endures all things

Love shows a certain dogged heroism, a
power to resist every negative current, an
irrepressible commitment to goodness.

12 Love believes all things

Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to
control, possess and dominate everything.

11 Love hopes
all things

This phrase speaks of
the hope of one who
knows that others can
change, mature and
radiate unexpected
beauty and untold
potential.

10 Love bears
all things

We have to realize that all
of us are a complex mixture
of light and shadows. The
other person is much more
than the sum of the little
things that annoy me.

"If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Cor 13:2

Don't Say a Eulogy at My Funeral

There can be eulogies, but the funeral Mass is not the place for them. Letting them in undermines the purpose of having a funeral Mass at all.

Modern Catholic funerals can look a lot like Protestant variants. At first glance, that might not seem like a problem, but upon scrutiny, the profound disservice that is being done to the dead becomes clear.

Imagine attending a Catholic funeral. The pews are full, attesting to how the deceased had clearly reached a great number of people. Now, why are those people there, at a funeral Mass? They should be there for two primary reasons.

1. *To join in solemn acknowledgment of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, which is what provides the pathway for us to enjoy eternal life.*
2. *To pray for the deceased's soul.*

We should grieve at the knowledge that it rarely happens that way. With increasing frequency, Catholic funerals take a different approach. "Progressive" priests give homilies that tell of the life that the deceased lived, the decedent's love of various sports teams, and his family. They eulogize and label it a homily. After Communion, members of the man's family are called to the pulpit to offer eulogies of their own. They postulate about what they believe their loved one is doing in heaven.

When I die, please don't offer a eulogy at my funeral. It's not because I'm inherently opposed to being remembered, and certainly not because I don't want my loved ones to gain comfort from sharing stories that they may have. It's because that's not the place for those activities and because doing so undermines the purpose of having a funeral Mass at all. The funeral liturgy is an act of worship, in which the Church gathers to commend the deceased to God's mercy. It's not merely an expression of grief.

We pray for the dead in part because we acknowledge that people, no matter how much we love them, might not be in heaven. Thus, we pray for them, sacrifice for them, and offer Masses for them. Proclamations about what our loved one is doing in heaven undermine this. Recalling from the pulpit fond memories about the deceased distracts us from what is most important and from what our obligations are to the dead now.

Perhaps it seems harsh, as though this



stipulation takes something from the grieving family members. But there is a helpful way to think of it differently. Imagine that you are in the casket. You are the deceased. How sure are you that you'll go straight to heaven? Are you pure enough to stand in the presence of God, without hesitation, without shame or regret? Do you want your loved ones to presume that you are in heaven, or should they pray for your soul, so that if you are in purgatory, you might be helped? Only you and God know the tally of your sins; that is the case for each one of us. If it were my funeral Mass, I would want people to be reminded of the need to pray for the souls of those who have passed on—mine especially.

Catholic funerals are increasingly mirroring Protestant services, with differences between them barely discernible. One of those differences between our faiths—one of the chief ones—is our understanding of what happens after death. We pray for the dead because we know that they might be in purgatory.

In living memory, pastoral care tends to shy away from any discussion of purgatory. The doctrine of Purgatory isn't very "feel-good." It requires candid acknowledgment of sin, judgment, and justice. But we can't pretend truth away just because it's uncomfortable sometimes, and when we pass on, we probably won't want our family members and loved ones to try to do so. At that time, we'll want and need the living to intercede for us. That's why it's egregious to insert into the funeral Mass what is more suitable for the wake. The departed is denied what he needs from us. He can no longer tell us of his needs, but we ought to know, and it's our duty to help him in that need.

We are Catholics; therefore, we know, or

should, that the dead are not done. They still need us. They are still in communion with us. Let us not shirk our duty to them by living as practical atheists in their absence, such that our departed loved ones have no more advantage than if they were surrounded by people who denied Christ.

If we don't believe that they need this help, why even have a funeral Mass at all? Shouldn't we merely clink glasses and say a toast to our departed comrade? If there is no liturgical response needed, then yes. We still have the vestiges of a time when we recognized the need, but the laity's understanding of it is parched, so that even when priests seek to offer a reverent funeral Mass, they risk offending a grieving family that does not understand what should be taking place.

By all means, people can have gatherings in which speakers reminisce about the life of the dead, usually at the vigil (wake) or a funeral reception. This isn't an attempt to deny family members their rightful grieving process; rather, it is to prevent the departed from being denied what he needs. It is tragic to witness a funeral Mass in which hundreds of people gather and likely none will pray for the departed's soul, because they didn't see the need and weren't told of it.

The decision to remain silent on this topic is to forsake the dead in order to oblige those who might complain. Surely, we have exhausted the simplification of the liturgy to compensate for poor catechesis. It is not without its victims, even if they can no longer speak for themselves.

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/dont-say-a-eulogy-at-my-funeral>

Catholic Quiz Questions & Trivia

Last Things

1. Which of the following is not considered one of the "Four Last Things"?

- A. Heaven
- B. Purgatory
- C. Hell
- D. Death



Which symbol is not typically associated with a Catholic funeral?

- A. Paschal candle
- B. Holy water
- C. Chrism
- D. Incense

3. Current directives do not allow for a non-Catholic to receive a Catholic burial.

- True
- False

- A. Adam and Eve
- B. Abraham and Sarah
- C. Moses and Isaiah
- D. Sts. Joachim and Anne

Churches

1. This American city is home to the oldest active cathedral in the United States — although it wasn't always.

- A. New York
- B. New Orleans
- C. Baltimore
- D. St. Augustine

2. The largest Catholic church in Canada is dedicated to which saint?

- A. Blessed Virgin Mary
- B. Ste. Anne
- C. St. Joseph
- D. St. John the Baptist

3. This state is home to more minor basilicas than any other in the U.S.

- A. California
- B. New York
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. Illinois

4. In the United States, how many minor basilicas are dedicated to St. Louis IX, King of France?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

5. This city is home to the largest Catholic church building in the United States.

- A. Los Angeles
- B. Chicago
- C. New York
- D. Washington, D.C.

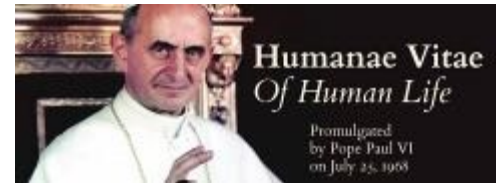
D. Pope Pius XI

2. Pope Pius XII promulgated the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* in 1950, defining which dogmatic teaching on Mary?

- A. Immaculate Conception
- B. Perpetual Virginity
- C. Assumption
- D. Coronation

3. After the great controversy surrounding Pope St. Paul VI's teaching on contraception in the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, he never published another encyclical.

- True
- False



4. Pope St. John Paul's apostolic letter *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* clearly defines the Church's teaching on:

- A. the rite of ordination.
- B. the ordination of bishops.
- C. the ordination of deacons.
- D. the nomination of women.

5. In his 2007 encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI highlights the life of which saint as an example of a hopeful Christian life?

- A. St. Gianna Beretta Molla
- B. St. Catherine of Siena
- C. St. Josephine Bakhita
- D. St. Kateri Tekakwitha



4. Which season of the liturgical year is associated with the end of time?

- A. Advent
- B. Lent
- C. Triduum
- D. Easter

5. A common iconographic depiction of the Resurrection shows Christ raising these two from the grave.

Papal documents

1. The papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, which in many ways defines the Church's social doctrine, was promulgated by which of the following popes?

- A. Pope Pius IX
- B. Pope Leo XIII
- C. Pope St. Pius X

5. A	5. D	5. C
4. A	4. C	4. D
3. False	3. B	3. True
2. C	2. C	2. C
1. B	1. B	1. B
Last Things	Churches	Papal Documents

Upside down Mr. Potato Head looks like Steve Harvey.



Steve Harvey
@SteveHarvey

"Only take what's absolutely necessary"

Me:



For sale; Rural Americana canister set.
With lids. Like new condition. Serious
offers only.

\$50 obo



If you see a beach, the ocean sky and stars, you either have
the mind of an artist or you need a vacation...



It is actually the bottom of a car door that needs fixing!

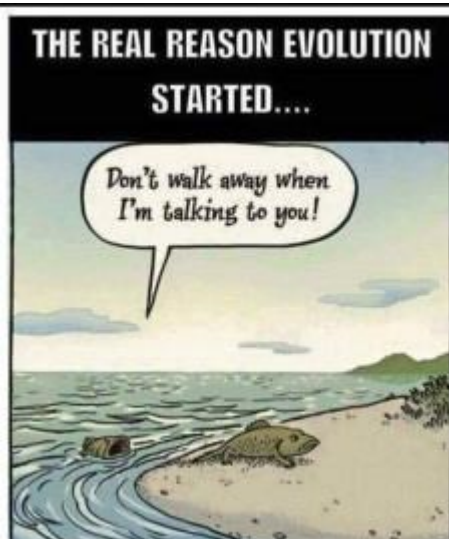
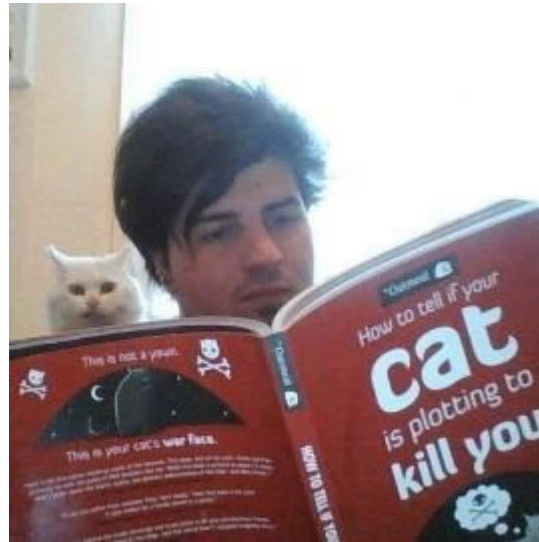
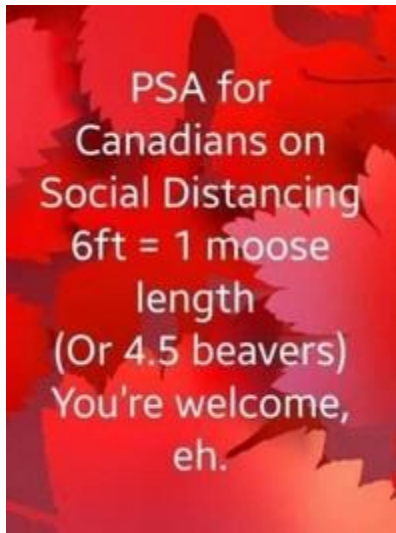
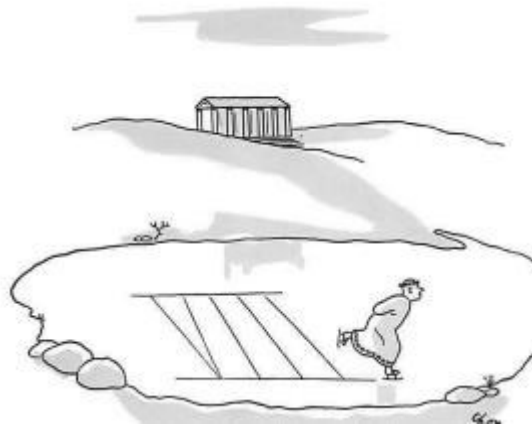
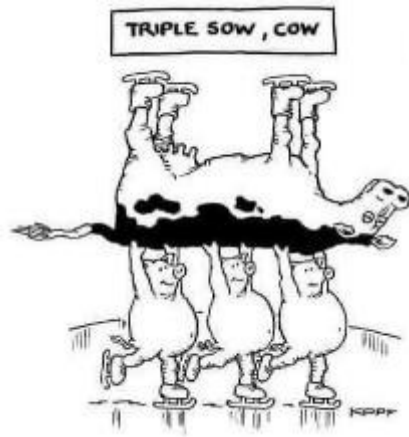


Meet the 2023 version of the Sugar
Daddy



Anyway, there I was at 40,000
feet in my own private balloon
not bothering anyone....





I'm so glad I was taught how to play the recorder at school



It has come in really handy in adult life. Lost count of the times I've resolved a difficult situation with a quick blast of three blind mice

It's a goat my Lord in a flatbed ford, slowin down to take a look at me....



When YOU shut up to be a better person but THEY keep on talking



"I spent all day cutting up potatoes for homemade French fries, so I better see a fat fryer when I turn around."