



The Catholic Women's League is a national organization rooted in Gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the People of God.

In 1924, inspired by the CWL motto "For God and Canada", the women of St. Edmund's parish applied for and were granted Charter membership by the Catholic Women's League of Canada. For the past 90 years, our CWL has consistently supported their pastors, parish and communities with their love and good works, adapting always to the needs of the time.

Our main goals are:

- To achieve individual and collective spiritual development
- To promote the teachings of the Catholic Church
- To exemplify the Christian ideal at home and family life
- To protect the sanctity of human life
- To enhance the role of women in church and society
- To recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
- To uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
- To contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony.

St. Edmund's CWL major fundraiser is the Christmas Craft Fair. All money raised goes towards worldwide and community groups as well as individual requests. Besides supporting St. Edmund's Parish and its functions, we present bursaries to graduates of St. Edmund's and Saint Thomas Aquinas high school. In collaboration with the North Shore CWL's we donated to Lions Gate Hospice, to Eva's House and sponsored a forum on 'Human Trafficking'. We support Domestic Abuse Services, Sisters of the Atonement, and Covenant House. We support various Catholic youth groups and individuals attending conferences and through "Chalice" sponsor a foster child in Ghana. We participated in the Christian women's ecumenical "World Day of Prayer", initiated an annual "Mothers and Babies tea", host monthly Coffee Sunday & Bake Sales and provide receptions for parish funerals as well as various "Parish Events".

The CWL is very involved and committed to ensuring basic human rights issues are kept front and foremost to Federal Politics. Resolutions have been written for reading on such topics as Pro-life, Human Trafficking, Prevention of Euthanasia, and their Legislation progress is continually monitored.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the church basement. Our meetings are open to all Ladies of the Parish so please join us for Faith, Fun and Fellowship.

See St. Edmund's CWL Membership Application form.