

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Women's League Annual Report for 2018

Membership went up from 43 to 50. We hosted the 2018 Diocesan Convention (huge thanks to St. Patrick's council for their help) in Victoria. We held a Christmas Craft Fair in November. It was very successful.

We educated members and parish by:

- Had **guest speakers** who talked about "the Myths" of Palliative care, social programs and services, as well as women's role in the church.
- Showed The Euthanasia Deception which addresses **physician assisted suicide** which fore shadows moral issues Canadians will face.
- Showed Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett's about the **Summer Jobs Program**.
- Presented Bishop Robert Barron's Why Remain Catholic video to the parish.
- Attended an **encounter session** with Ahousaht elder Dave Frank. He shared his past struggle with abuse within the church and his encounter with a priest who changed his view.
- Attended the Day of Reflection in Nanaimo and the Liturgy of Anger and Tears.
- **Attended both Interim meetings** and gained valuable information on communication, Catholic values, and resolutions. We saw the bigger picture on how our CWL functions today.
- **Promoted and attended the Women's Breakfasts** which had great speakers.
- **Boosted our Spiritual education** with a tour of the sacristy learning the meaning of vestments and vessels used in the church. Titles and manifestations of Mary came next.
- **Participated in the World Day of Prayer**
- **The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel** was celebrated with Mass, followed by the presentation of pins to members for years of service. Father Alfie received the Spiritual Advisor's pin.

Our council promoted links between the Parish and St. Joseph School.

- We donated \$500 for religious education.
- Held the 3rd year of Blessing of the Animals.
- We provided refreshments for the school Mass during Catholic School Week.
- Assisted with food preparation and serving at St. Joseph School Grade 7 Graduation.
- Donated to St. Andrew High School's "Safe and Dry" graduation.

Our CWL Council has been Front and Centre.

- We helped at Fr. Alfie's 10th Ordination Anniversary potluck dinner.
- Provided refreshments for Pastoral Care meetings.
- Attended and celebrated Michael Watkins ordination as Deacon.
- Council members worked with other ministries such as St. Vincent de Paul, Contemplative Prayer, Coffee/Hospitality, and the Masithuthukisane Project. We serve as sacristans, readers, choir, and Eucharistic ministers.

I am so grateful for our executive members of our council, as well as friends, and help other councils have given us.

Respectfully submitted,

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