

The Catholic Women's League of Canada



Antigonish Diocesan Council

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*Here I am Lord, send me!*

TO: Parish Council Faith Chair  
FROM: Diocesan Faith Chair, Doreen Boudreau  
DATE: September 3, 2025  
SUBJECT: Faith in Action  
MEMO: #8 (2024-2026)  
CC: Parish Council Presidents, Diocesan Officers, Life Members, Provincial Secretary (for distribution to provincial counterpart)

Sisters in the League:

Welcome back! Gone are the lazy days of summer 2025. I, for one, have truly enjoyed the beautiful weather we were blessed with during this past summer—although we could have used a bit more rain for our gardens—but I'm not complaining. Hopefully we are all ready to get back to doing good works as faithful CWL members. I would like to point out a few upcoming events you might like to organize or participate in:

1. Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope continues until December 28. If you haven't already participated in the Pilgrim's Way, or if you would like to continue; there are still many opportunities to do so. The Way is listed here (<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/>) by Feast Day or other significant date. **You are invited to visit on or around this date, or at any time throughout the year.** You are also invited to hold the Saint, significant date, and site in prayer on your own spiritual pilgrimage. The closing celebration for the Jubilee Year will take place on December 28 at Saint Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish.
2. September 30<sup>th</sup> is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honors the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Your council might consider organizing a special service of remembrance for those who were lost, for the survivors who never recovered from their experiences at residential schools, and for the broken families who didn't learn how to love and show love. Let us pray that we might find it in our hearts to be more understanding of their culture and provide space for healing.
3. Life Chain 2025. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This annual demonstration brings awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on mothers, fathers, and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to

our fellow citizens of our duty to defend the weakest members of our society. On the day of the event, those participating in Life Chain will stand at various predetermined intersections for one hour in quiet prayer, holding non-graphic signs with slogans like: "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," "Adoption: A Loving Option," and "Jesus Forgives & Heals." The signs are distributed and collected by the local organizer. As usual, Life Chain will be held on the first Sunday of October this year: October 5, 2025. One event is being organized for the Port Hawkesbury area from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Rotary near the Causeway. Everyone is welcome to stand in solidarity to protect life. Other areas are also welcome to organize a Life Chain in their community.

As we return to "normal" routine, let us remember to let our faith shine! We are women of faith. May Our Lady of Good Counsel help us to lead by example.

Your sister in the League,

Doreen Boudreau, Diocesan Faith Chair