

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE

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PURPOSE

To promote spiritual awareness and growth in members of our Catholic Women's League (CWL) Council, our parish and the community.

POLICY

The members of the Faith Standing Committee will evangelize, promote spiritual growth and encourage members of our CWL Council to be spiritual leaders in the Catholic faith.

PROCEDURE

1. Members of the Faith Standing Committee encourage and support CWL members to:
 - a) pray, individually and communally;
 - b) uphold the sanctity of life;
 - c) study Catholic teachings;
 - d) stress the importance of the role of women in the church;
 - e) foster vocations; and
 - f) advance ecumenical and interfaith endeavours.

2. The Chairperson of Faith will:
 - a) ensure each meeting of the Council opens and closes with a prayer;
 - b) report at meetings on inspirational events;
 - c) provide names of deceased members to both national and diocesan counterparts;
 - d) ensure the deceased members' plaque is updated annually;
 - e) ensure that there are sufficient gifts for First Communion and Confirmation recipients;
 - f) ensure that a CWL member attends First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies to provide gift(s) from the Council to recipients;
 - g) have responsibility for providing and delivering the Grade 8 religious life award / graduation award to an OLMC student designated by the school;
 - h) recommend faith activities that include participation from CWL members and may include the parish at large.

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3. Faith opportunities and activities for the parish will be promoted by the Faith Standing Committee, including but not limited to organizing:
 - a) masses for members and others in the parish (according to Policy 3.3 Spiritual Support);
 - b) praying the Rosary at Funeral Home Vigils (Policy 6.1);
 - c) CWL member Funeral Honour Guard (Policy 6.2);
 - d) crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Policy 6.3);
 - e) support for the *World Day of Prayer*;
 - f) prayers/ceremony to celebrate the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26).

4. The committee should recommend the following year's committee budget, including the donation ceiling for community support.