

2023 Parish Council Annual Report Survey

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Welcome to the 2023 parish council annual report survey site. The survey has changed this year to the new League structure and will contain eight headings - President, Vice-President (organization), Secretary, (secretaries and communications), Treasurer, Past President, Faith (spiritual development), Service (Christian family life, community life, education and health) and Social Justice (resolutions and legislation).

- Please note,
1. Some questions are mandatory. If you are unable to "submit" the survey, the survey site will indicate in red which questions need responses. Answer them and then "submit" again.
 2. Some questions, many of them asking for open comments, do not require an answer if they do not apply to your council. Please do not enter "n/a" or "no". Simply scroll past to the next question.

Your answers help to tell the story of the League in 2023. Without you, the story would be incomplete.

Yours in Christ,
Betty Colaneri
National Chairperson of Organization

Q1 Council Code

Q2 Council Name

Q3 Council Town

Q4 "Diocese/Province" or "Province only" where no diocesan councils exist:

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| <input type="radio"/> Antigonish, Nova Scotia | <input type="radio"/> Prince Albert, Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> Calgary, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Prince Edward Island |
| <input type="radio"/> Edmonton, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Prince George, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Grouard-McLennan, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Quebec |
| <input type="radio"/> Halifax-Yarmouth, Nova Scotia | <input type="radio"/> Regina, Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> Hamilton, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> St. Boniface, Manitoba |
| <input type="radio"/> Hearst-Moosonee, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> St. Catharines, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Kamloops, B.C. & Yukon | <input type="radio"/> St. Jean Longueuil, Quebec |
| <input type="radio"/> Keewatin-The Pas, Manitoba | <input type="radio"/> St. Paul, Alberta Mackenzie |
| <input type="radio"/> Kingston, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Saskatoon, Saskatchewan |
| <input type="radio"/> London, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Mackenzie, Alberta Mackenzie | <input type="radio"/> Thunder Bay, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Military Ordinariate | <input type="radio"/> Timmins, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> Montreal, Quebec | <input type="radio"/> Toronto, Ontario |
| <input type="radio"/> New Brunswick | <input type="radio"/> Vancouver, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Nelson, B.C & Yukon | <input type="radio"/> Victoria, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Newfoundland and Labrador | <input type="radio"/> Whitehorse, B.C. & Yukon |
| <input type="radio"/> Ottawa Cornwall, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> Winnipeg, Manitoba |
| <input type="radio"/> Pembroke, Ontario | <input type="radio"/> National Office (test) |
| <input type="radio"/> Peterborough, Ontario | |

Q5 Reporting to: (DO NOT OVERWRITE THIS FIELD. YOUR SURVEY MAY BE LOST IF YOU DO SO.)

President

Q6 This question applies only to councils that have changed to the new structure. If your council has not yet changed, please skip this question. If your council has adopted the new structure, have members embraced the new positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, past president, faith, service and social justice?

- Yes No

Q7 If your council has not yet changed to the new structure, how are you preparing for these changes? If you have already switched, please skip this question.

Q8 Have you presented or had someone else (provincial/diocesan) present any of the workshops from the strategic planning groups that are available on the national website?

Yes

No

Q9 Has the Unity Outreach project been presented to your council? If yes, please comment. If no, please skip to the next question.

Q10 Did your council have a specific project or activity this year? If yes, please describe briefly. If no, please skip this question.

Q11 Have you involved your spiritual advisor in your activities?

Yes

No

Vice-President (President-Elect, Organization)

Q12 Is a membership campaign done annually? If yes, what does your council do? Was it successful? If no, please skip to the next question.

Q13 Do you encourage members to invite prospective members?

Yes

No

Q14 What do you do to promote the League with current and prospective members?

Q15 Do you encourage members and prospective members to visit the national website for information and resources as a recruitment tool?

Yes

No

Q16 What is being done in your council to retain your membership?

Q17 What is your greatest challenge with membership?

Secretary (Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Communications)

Q18 Did you keep your membership up to date with special events?

Yes

No

Q19 Are you responsible for sending out cards and letters to your members for significant life events?

Yes

No

Q20 What is the primary method of communication your council uses to become informed of resources at various levels?

Email

Telephone

Communiques/directives/memos

Text

Websites

Facebook

Word of mouth

Instagram

Meetings

Other

Q21 What type of social media have been used by your council to promote activities and events?

Websites

Pinterest

Facebook

Other

Instagram

None

X

Q22 Does your council use the national website? If yes, what is it used for the most? If no, please skip to the next question.

Q23 Does your council access catholicwomenunite.ca, the League's marketing tool to attract new members to the League?

Yes

No

Q24 Does your council prepare a member newsletter?

Yes

No

Q25 Is there any information you would like to share about the position of secretary? If yes, please describe. If no, please skip to the next question.

Treasurer

Q26 List the donations made to the national voluntary funds to the nearest dollar. Use numbers only, no dollar signs or punctuation.

Catholic Missions In Canada

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Coady International Institute

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada

Q27 What is the total amount of all donations made by the council to all charities in 2023? Please enter the total to the nearest dollar. Use numbers only, no dollar signs or punctuation.

Q28 Is there any information you would like to share about the position of treasurer? If yes, please describe. If no, please skip to the next question.

Past President

Q29 In your capacity as past president, list two instances in the last 12 months for which you have been consulted. If none, please skip to the next question.

Q30 Have you worked on/updated your council archives in the past 12 months?

Yes

No

Q31 Has your council shared a copy of your history book with national office?

Yes

No

Q32 Have you recently made archived material (e.g., photograph albums, history book) available at meetings or events for members/others to see?

Yes

No

Q33 Have one or more of the most recent amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws* been shared at your meetings? e.g., duties of officers, meetings and quorums, meeting virtually

Yes

No

Q34 It is recommended that councils update their policy and procedure manual every two years. Has your council done so?

Yes

No

Faith (Spiritual Development)

Q35 How did your council assist members in their communal and personal prayer life? Check all that apply. If none, skip to the next question.

provided spiritual programs using resources from the national website's strategic planning page

organized or promoted retreats, days of reflection

raised awareness of online webinars

used a variety of prayer styles for meetings

encouraged use of apps or subscriptions for daily mass readings

encouraged spiritual reading/participation in a book club on religious topics

encouraged praying the psalter

other

Q36 What new forms of prayer and spirituality did your council try this year? Please explain. Specify the resource number if sourced from the national website.

Q37 In what ways did your council assist members in their growth in the Catholic faith? Check all that apply. If none, skip to the next question.

- studied/read Vatican II documents (e.g., *The Church in the Modern World*, *Gaudium et Spes*)
- studied/read encyclicals by Pope Francis (e.g., *Laudato Si*, *Fratelli Tutti*)
- shared information from Catholic sources
- encouraged study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- raised awareness of Catholic websites, apps, courses, programs, workshops, webinars
- scheduled guest speakers on religious topics
- reported on progress of the Synod on Synodality begun in 2022

Q38 What ecumenical or interfaith activities did your council members initiate or participate in during 2023? Please provide particulars. If none, please skip the question.

Q39 How did your council support or promote religious vocations? Check all that apply. If none of the below, skip to the next question.

- donated to a seminary fund
- invited a guest speaker on vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life
- invited a guest speaker on the role of women in the church
- supported consecrated women religious through prayer and/or donations
- sponsored League membership to novitiates and/or consecrated women religious

Q40 In what ways did your council and members uphold or advocate for the sanctity of life? If none of the below, please skip the question.

- promoted pro-life events and encouraged member participation
- included pro-life prayers and reports in meetings
- participated in March for Life or similar public pro-life gatherings
- participated in 40 Days for Life prayer vigils
- participated in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care
- donated to pro-life causes
- participated in pro-life webinars or guest speaker events
- wrote letters to government against abortion and/or medical assistance in dying
- wrote letters to government advocating for palliative care funding and accessibility

Service (Christian Family Life, Community Life, Education and Health)

Q41 Describe any actions taken by your council or its members to promote Catholic education within your parishes and/or community. If none, please skip the question.

Q42 Please share what activities your council took part in, including inviting speakers, to raise awareness of mental health (teen suicide, bullying, etc.). If none, please skip the question.

Q43 Please share what activities or workshops were attended, or speakers invited, by your council to raise awareness on the issue of palliative care, including the use of *Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care*. If none, please skip the question.

Q44 Please share what activities your council participated in, including inviting speakers, to promote caring for the environment. If none, please skip the question.

Q45 Describe any actions taken by your council to educate members and members of your parishes on women's health issues. If none, please skip the question.

Q46 Is your council involved in any way in supporting immigrants/refugees who are moving to Canada? If so, how? If no, please skip the question.

Social Justice (Resolutions, Legislation)

Q47 List the federal and provincial bills your council has monitored or acted upon over the past year. If none, please skip the question.

Q48 Have any of your council members initiated or participated in any of the following actions regarding government legislation at any of the three levels? Mark all that apply. If none, please skip the question.

Letter writing campaigns

Petitions

Postcard campaigns

Briefs

Q49 What resources has your council used to remain informed on current federal and provincial legislation? Mark all that apply. If none, choose "none of the above".

Legislation workshop *Faith in Action*

Federal department of justice website

Mailings from government representatives

In person and online forums sponsored by governments at any level

Hansard, the printed record of federal government proceedings

None of the above

LEGISinfo website

Other

Provincial council	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diocesan council (if applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional level (if applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q56 Has your council transitioned to the new structure?

No Yes

Q57 Which positions are filled or vacant and, if filled, by election or appointment?

	Elect	Appoint	Vacant
President	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Secretary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treasurer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spiritual Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christian family life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resolutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legislation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q58 Which position are filled or vacant and, if filled, by election or appointment?

	Elect	Appoint	Vacant
President	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vice President	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Secretary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treasurer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Justice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q59 Did your council contact government at any level in 2023, whether by email, letter, phone call or in person visit?

	Federal	Provincial	Municipal
In person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Phone call	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q60 How many of your members are under the age of 35?

<input type="radio"/> More than 5%	<input type="radio"/> 2%
<input type="radio"/> 4%	<input type="radio"/> 1%
<input type="radio"/> 3%	<input type="radio"/> None

Q61 How often have you reach out for advice to:

	Weekly	Monthly	Semi-annually	Annually	Never
Diocesan level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Summary

Thank you for participating in this year's annual report survey. The work of every council, whether large or small, active or prayerful, builds the story of the League's journey in 2023.

Q62 Is there anything else you would like your national board to know?

Q63 Would you like a copy of this annual report survey for your records?

<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no
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Q64 Please provide your email address.

Thank you for taking this survey. Your input helps the board to understand the priorities of councils for future planning.

There are two buttons at the bottom of this survey.

- Use "SAVE" if you have begun the survey but wish to complete it at a later time. Your responses will be saved.
- Use "SUBMIT" once you have completed and printed the survey. Surveys that are not submitted are not included in the final report. You will receive a message on your screen that the survey has been submitted if you have completed this step.