



Theme 2025 "Here I am Lord, Send me."

Charter Date of St. John Vianney Parish Council

November 27, 1957

Who we are: We are the voice of Catholic women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world.

What we offer: We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to reach their full potential.

What we do: We provide faith-based opportunities for women to participate in the following activities under our Standing Committees:

- **Faith Standing Committee** - Spiritual growth is the very heart of the League and the essence of its existence. We evangelize, promote spiritual growth and encourage members to pray, individually and communally, uphold the sanctity of life, study Catholic teachings, stress the importance of the role of women in the church, foster vocations, and advance ecumenical and interfaith endeavours.
- **Service Standing Committee** - We encourage our members to promote activities in service to members, the parish and the community, to advocate for and support services that include but are not limited to homelessness, human trafficking, poverty, bullying and racism and we educate members about charitable needs, especially mission assistance at home and aboard.
- **Social Justice Standing Committee** - Whether it is saving the environment, combating racism, protecting human life, ensuring safeguards against access to pornography or many other social justice issues, members are called to action. Resolutions are the League's voice with local, provincial and national governments and member voices are the League's voice.

Yearly Fund Raising Events - The parish allows the Catholic Women's League to host and organize two events a year:

Themed Spring Tea - All proceeds are donated to the St. John Vianney Parish

Christmas Bazaar - Approximately 86% of the proceeds are monetary donations made in 2024 to the following charitable organizations:

<u>Parish Community:</u> St. John Vianney Parish Schools in St. John Vianney Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish	<u>National:</u> Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay National Catholic Broadcasting Council Net Ministries Canada Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Canada Indspire	<u>CWL Voluntary Funds Donations:</u> Toronto Diocesan St. Michael's Scholarship Fund Margaret Ann Jacobs Catholic Children's Aid Scholarship Fund
<u>Barrie and Surrounding Area:</u> Barrie Christian Hospice The Busby Centre Women & Children's Shelter of Barrie St. Vincent de Paul Society - Marygrove Camp Rosary Apostolate, Inc. Covenant House Martyr's Shrine Association (Midland) Barrie Refugee Committee	<u>International:</u> Chalice Canada MaterCare International Perpetual Help TV Devotions	Provincial Council Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Foundation Scholarship Fund National Council Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace Catholic Missions in Canada Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Coady Institute National Bursary Fund

Parish General Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month January to June and September to December after the 7 pm Mass in the Parish Hall (subject to change due to religious activities and civic Holidays).

The strength of our league is our membership. Membership dues are \$37.00 per year which includes a subscription to The Canadian League Magazine published 3 times a year. Call us today and become a member.

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