

Christian Family Life Annual Survey - 2020

ID. Council Code (e.g. SSM-001)
name

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As parish council Christian family life chairpersons, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of the survey. There are many options, but we understand that each council has unique gifts to them which drive their priorities. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

Thank you for completing this form, It will help us to know better what your council is doing and what interests your members.

Pat Deppiesse, National Chairperson of Christian Family Life

About You

Q1 Parish Council Name:

Q2 Parish Council Registered Town:

Q3 Parish Council ID number:

Q4 Reporting to:

Q5 What is your name?

Q6 Is this position filled or vacant?

Filled

Vacant

Q7 If filled, was the position filled by election or appointment?

Election

Appointment

Leadership Profile

As the implementation committee begins its research into leadership in the League, your input into the profile of leadership is important. We invite you to answer the following three questions. (Note: Responses are voluntary.)

Q8 How long have you been a member?

Less than 5 years

6-10 years

11-15 years

16-20 years

21-25 years

more than 25 years

Q9 Have you held this position previously?

yes

no

Q10 What is your age?

under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75-84

85+

Marriage and Family

"The family is the basic cell of society. It is the cradle of life and love, the place in which the individual 'is born' and 'grows'." (*Christifideles Laici*)

Q11 Which programs for family enrichment were promoted by your council?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> encounter weekends for engaged couples | <input type="checkbox"/> programs for single parent families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marriage preparation courses | <input type="checkbox"/> programs to support happily married couples |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marriage encounter weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> Our emphasis was on other topics this year. |

Q12 Does your council have a way to support people suffering from domestic abuse?

- yes no

Q13 If so, how?

Q14 Did you or your council members attend workshops or seminars on the topic of family life?

- yes no

Q15 Did your council celebrate or organize events for National Family Week?

- yes no

Sanctity of Life

The Catholic Women's League of Canada believes in life from its beginning to its natural end.

Q16 Does your council hold membership in a local pro-life organization?

- yes no

Q17 Have your members attended any of the following:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40 days for life | <input type="checkbox"/> pro-life walks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> life chain | <input type="checkbox"/> pro-life vigils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> march for life | <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't participated. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pro-life masses | |

Q18 Has your council sponsored or attended a presentation on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body?

- yes no

Q19 Has your council donated money or gifts to any of the following organizations that advocate for sanctity of life?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birthright | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and Family Support Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Life Coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> local pro-life organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanasia Prevention Coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> No, we haven't. |

Q20 Does your council ensure every member has a copy of the current pro-life brochure available from national office?

- yes no

Q21 Does your council have copies of the current pro-life brochure available in your church vestibule?

- yes no

Q22 Has your council met with pro-life legislators?

- yes no

Q23 Has your council written letters to inform legislators of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia?

- yes no

Q24 Does your council regularly pray for the protection of life?

- yes no

Q25 In August 2019, national council adopted the resolution Canada to Honour Its Commitment to the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, which urges the federal government to provide legal protection to children before birth. Which aspects of the action plan have been address by your council?

- Write to the prime minister and minister of justice urging legal protection to children before birth.
- Educate members on the importance of legal protection for unborn children.
- Raise awareness of the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children, held annually on January 22.
- Monitor the federal government's response to this resolution.

Ministry to Youth

Young people are the church, the people of God. Youth today have much to share, an exchange of ideas between generations is a source of growth and renewal for all.

Q26 The next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2022. Have you begun promoting this event in your parish? Please skip this question if the position is vacant.

yes

no

Q27 Have you participated in programs for young people in your parish?

yes

no

Q29 Is there a Catholic Girls League in your parish?

yes

no

Q31 Has your council sponsored youth events or youth ministers in your parish community, excluding initiation and bursaries? Please check all that apply.

Catholic Christian Outreach

summer camps

Girl Guides of Canada

Sunday school

leadership camps or retreats

World Youth Day

NET Ministries

youth conferences

Ministry to Disabled

The aim of each council is to create an attitude that regards disabled individuals not only as people to be loved and served, but as responsible partners in the church's mission.

Q34 Has your council organized or participated in support groups and respite for caregivers?

yes

no

Q38 In what ways have your council members reached out to the disabled?

brought communion

sent cards

prayed

visited or called

provided transportation

We haven't focused on this ministry.

Ministry to Seniors

Seniors provide a gift to society of tradition and heritage acquired through a lifetime of experience.

Q39 Has your council done any of the following with seniors in your community?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> brought communion | <input type="checkbox"/> prayed with them |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gifted them with membership | <input type="checkbox"/> provided transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> initiated social programs and celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> sent cards of encouragement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> invited newly-retired women to join | <input type="checkbox"/> shared a meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> involved them in intercessory prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> called/visited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> involved them in CWL events | <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't focused on this ministry. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> organized social events | |

Ministry to Widowed

By the sharing of their gifts in church and society, the widowed may find their personal fulfilment in reaching out to others.

Q40 Has your council done any of the following with widows and widowers in your community?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> arranged memorial services and/or funeral lunches | <input type="checkbox"/> provided prayer and support after the death of the spouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> encouraged participation in programs offered by the parish | <input type="checkbox"/> sent cards of condolence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> invited them to attend community events | <input type="checkbox"/> called/visited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> invited widows to attend CWL meetings and events | <input type="checkbox"/> We haven't focused on this ministry. |

Ministry to Separated and Divorced

Many single and divorced people face the responsibility of raising children alone. The need to express the message of hope by offering assistance can be very beneficial.

Q44 Has your council sponsored or attended any informal presentations on the annulment process?

- yes no

Q45 Has your council purchased copies of the new brochure "Annulments Today - Merciful and Just" to make available in your church vestibule for those who may need this advice?

- yes no

Vocations

Religious vocations "are a gift from God" and "they are born in communities of faith..." (*Ecclesia in America*)

Q46 A variety of options are available to promote religious vocations. Has your council undertaken any of the following?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> adopted or supported seminarians | <input type="checkbox"/> participated in prayers for vocations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> encouraged families to invite priests and religious into their home | <input type="checkbox"/> sent spiritual bouquets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hosted luncheons for priests and religious | <input type="checkbox"/> supported discernment events for youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> invited priests and religious to speak on vocations | |

Q47 Did members of your council:

- visit the World Day of Prayer for Vocations website?
- watch the video on the YouTube site regarding the call to serve God through a vocation to the ordained ministry and religious life?

Summary

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your council's initiatives will be added to the strong voice of Catholic women across Canada.

Before pressing the "submit" button, please "print" the survey responses for your records.

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