

Have you ever sat at a funeral luncheon and wondered who was responsible? Probably not. That's just one of those things we take for granted and never question.

Here at the Cathedral, this is a wonderful service offered by a group of volunteers. It is a great help to the family of the deceased person, removing the stress of having to feed the friends and family who have come to help them grieve and bury a loved one.

Volunteers are badly needed for this committee.
Without volunteers, the service will falter.

This service is open to anyone from the parish who would like to help.

Men, Women, and Youth — You are all Welcome!

There are four teams and at each funeral, two teams work – one prepares the food and does the set up while the other serves and does clean-up. Then at the next funeral, the other two teams work. Each shift only takes about two hours. *Note: Our awesome custodian, Robert sets up all the table and chairs so there is no heavy lifting.*

Of course there is no way to determine the frequency of working. Sometimes there are two funerals in a week and then you may go for two months without one. You are not obligated to join a team. You can be on the spare list and could be called by any one of the 4 teams to help.

We do have volunteers that because they are still working can only do Saturdays, others wish to be involved in the preparation only, others to serve and still others who bake for us. Any way you can help would be welcomed.



Please consider joining this very worthwhile group of volunteers. If you wish to be a spare, that's fine too.

For further information, or to submit your name as a volunteer, please call:

SHIRLENE CONDIE AT 493-0718

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Below are just a few comments we have received from families who have used this service - as you can see, it is greatly appreciated and a wonderful way to give back.

"My relatives and friends are still raving about the Funeral Luncheon."

"Thank you for the prayers, Mass and support shown to me and my family when my Mother passed away. The Funeral Luncheon was so wonderful & delicious. You ladies who prepared and served were so wonderful, caring and respectful. Many people commented on the lovely reception. You did a superb job!"

"We extend our thanks to the ladies of the Funeral Luncheon Teams for a lovely reception and acknowledge the very busy day they had in handling two Funeral Luncheons in one day. What a wonderful team effort!"

"Many thanks for the delicious lunch you had prepared for us. Your smiles, words of comfort and the whole general feeling you created for us. We found it all very comforting."

"Please thank the ladies for the beautiful lunch. It was greatly appreciated. Would also like to say that you truly represent your parish well. You were all truly very welcoming."

See How You can Make a Difference?

The Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) of Canada, founded June 17, 1920, is one of the largest organizations of women in Canada with in excess of 88,000 members represented in every province and territory and the military. The League is organized and pledged to serve all citizens and has often received the commendation and a keen appreciation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities for the voluntary services ably performed by its nationwide membership.

The CWL is a grassroots parish-based organization that is part of the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada.

Our Mission

"The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God."

Objectives



Shall be to unite Catholic women of Canada:

1. To achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. To promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. To exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. To protect the sanctity of human life
5. To enhance the role of women in church and society
6. To recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. To uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. To contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

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The CWL welcomes all female members of the parish sixteen years and older. The League is affiliated with the provincial and national groups bearing the same name. The CWL works to enhance the spiritual development and individual development of its members. It is a vehicle for communication and development of Christian fellowship among Catholic women everywhere.

Guest speakers are frequently invited to assist in educating or involving members in community resources. Service to the community involves support and participation in many activities including: Catholic Charities, the Gathering Place, post-secondary student bursaries, breakfast programs at three schools and visits to a ward at the Regional Mental Health Centre. Support is also provided to the North Bay Food Bank, VON Meals on Wheels, Right to Life and Birthright. Financial support is given to several provincial and national programs.

Our members serve in many areas of our parish community, and their generosity and spirit lives out our mission statement.

Meeting times and locations are advertised in the parish bulletin.

Along with the national organization, the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption celebrates its 95th year in 2015.

The Catholic Women's League

2015 Theme

ONE HEART VOICE MISSION

One heart – filled with mercy, compassion and holiness

One voice – united in harmony to speak the truth with courage and zeal

One mission – witnessing to the Good News of the Gospel through personal encounter and joyful service