

# Spiritual Development Annual Survey - 2021

ID. Council Code (e.g. HY-071)  
name

PO - # 019

## Introduction

Thank you for participating in the annual report survey. As spiritual development standing committee chairperson, your report adds value to our diocesan, provincial and national perspective.

Please fill out the form even if you do not have a chairperson of spiritual development. We greatly value your input into the spiritual activities of your parish council. The form is very comprehensive and broken into each sub-heading. Please do not feel daunted by the length of this report. There are many options, but we understand that councils will focus on just a few of the priorities listed. It is perfectly okay to leave questions unanswered if your council has not pursued a certain topic.

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

Cathy Bouchard, National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development

## About You

Q1 Parish Council Name:

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Q2 Parish Council Registered Town:

BOWMANVILLE, ON

Q3 Parish Council ID number:

PO- # 019

Q4 Reporting to:

PETERBOROUGH

Q5 What is your name?

MICHELLE LANGE

Q6 Is this position filled or vacant?

Filled

Vacant

Q7 If filled, were you elected as a standing committee chairperson, or were you invited by appointment to fill a vacancy?

Elected

Appointed

### Spiritual Growth of Members

The spiritual dimension sets the League apart from all other women's organizations.

Q8 How did you help your council learn more about the national theme, *Care for Our Common Home*? List activities.

- integrated into as many areas as possible in prayers, meetings, Spiritual Update Newsletters, etc.

Q9 Does your council spend one third of the business meeting on spiritual growth programs and activities of members?

yes

no

Q10 If you answered no to this question, please explain the reasons.

At a council general mtg: (emails + fliers)  
\* Program Presentation by Joan Miller on <sup>she provides sessions</sup> Psychotherapeutic Treatment (Member) "Be An Active Agent in Creating Your Best Life"

Q11 What type of liturgies and programs have you organized for your council this year?

ME - online executive and general meetings  
- online CWL Social Day for each month run by one of the CWL members.

ME - attended Diocesan Mtg - Presentation by me for/re Dev't + Peace

ME - D + P Petition work - Did a presentation re this.

Q12 How many retreats or programs of at least two hours in duration with a focus on spiritual development were organized by your parish council in 2021? [For strategic planning feedback.]

None



Q13 How did your council celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26th?

- prayers - advise / inform via email  
- masses available online & in church

Q14 How did your council celebrate CWL National Faith Day on September 19th?  
*- is new - in development*

Our CWL - We were not operational that day / time of the month of Sept.  
*SUN.*

Q15 Does a spiritual advisor attend council meetings?  
*priest*  
 always  
 most of the time

**Q11**  
Fr. Craig Cruikshank is very active in meetings, helping with technical, giving helpful suggestions, - is supportive etc.  
 sometimes  
 never

Q16 Do you have your spiritual advisor on your meeting agenda?  
*priest*  
 yes  
 no

Q17 What role does your spiritual advisor play in your council? List the ways:  
*development*

*I AM:* - part of all exec. duties, prepping & helping in more than 1 role, since we have had to use our limited no. of exec. members in all areas. HAS BEEN LOTS OF WORK!  
- active in all aspects of exec. & general meetings  
- have prepared SPIRITUAL UPDATE NEWSLETTERS by email

Q18 Identify how you have personally developed your spirituality.

- daily rosary
- novenas
- liturgy of the hours
- bible study
- prayer partner

School Rosary Program - but not during Covid

- journaling
- retreats *(not in Covid)*
- divine mercy recitation *unless online*
- spiritual books
- other rosary

throughout the lengthy COVID period.  
online sacrament (Recon + First Euch.) prep. of 80+ videos + lessons for the entire diocese.

Q19 List other sources of inspiration.

- book studies  
- Pope Francis Encyclical studies  
- Gospel Reflection group  
- Development and Peace (numerous opportunities for dev't & inspiration)  
- online webinars, meetings, conferences, my desire to learn & do more to assist in this area.



Q20 Do you use the national website resources that are available?

yes

no

Q21 If yes, which ones do you find helpful?

— Magazine mainly  
— CWL - ordered items (pins, stamps, brochures, brooches, + other ORG, etc.) — supported nat'l fundraiser re shawls

### Study of Catholic Teachings and Role of Women in the Church

Faith is a way of life which is characterized by a constant and ongoing conversion and renewal of mind and heart. Members must constantly be in the process of spiritual growth. Women are called to take an active and responsible leadership role in the church's life and mission by actively participating in the League, church and community.

Q22 Did you encourage your council and members to study and discuss Catholic teachings and the role of women in the church?

yes

no

Q23 If yes, give details.

— Did as much as possible, considering difficulties during such an extended period of Covid-19 life.  
— in meetings + spiritual updates (newsletters)  
— in all we do

Q24 On October 3, 2020 Pope Francis released *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). Has your council studied this encyclical? — very inspiring

yes Just a small group of parishioners, incl. me!

not yet

Q25 Pope Francis asked the faithful to pray the rosary daily in May to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Did your council participate?

yes — encouraged, but due to Covid, could not monitor this

no

— emphasis on this through Spiritual Updates newsletters prepared by me and sent out by email  
— 2 mtgs were started with online rosaries

Q26 Members are called on to work toward the kind of personal development and structural evolution which would enable the church to reflect more fully the partnership of women and men in Christ's mission. In response, what leadership roles have your members undertaken in the church?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> canon lawyers                            | <input type="checkbox"/> pastoral associates       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chancellors/vice chancellors             | <input type="checkbox"/> regional pastoral council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> diocesan council/committees              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trustee        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parish committee chairpersons | <input type="checkbox"/> none of the above         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parish finance committee                 | <input type="checkbox"/> other                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> parish pastoral council                  |  |

Q27 Other, Please describe.

Q28 Have you joined your parish liturgy committee?

- yes  
 no

*- We have committees for Eucharistic Ministers, and for Lectors.  
 There is no liturgy committee in the parish. - but a group does the write-up for Prayers-of-the-Faithful  
 - There are CWL members in these ministries.*

### Evangelization and Mission Assistance

Members are called to lead all people to encounter Christ. The League's mission will remain incomplete until we can say we have shared not only our material goods with others, but more importantly, our gift of faith.

Q29 Did your council participate in the CWL Day of Prayer for Home Missions on October 1st? If so, please check all that apply.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> organized rosary                          | <input type="checkbox"/> special activity                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> special prayer given to members to recite | <input type="checkbox"/> other                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> had a guest speaker                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We did not participate in 2021. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> visited a local mission                   | <i>We were not meeting yet.</i>                                     |

Q30 The Catholic Women's League of Canada officially supports Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC) through donations provided by members and it is a permanent national voluntary fund. If your council supports CMIC, list how and type of assistance.

*- The Catholic Missions in Canada calendar is on our CWL BULLETIN BOARD  
 - only donating some - limited donations all around due to limited funds during COVID-19*



Q31 List other missions in Canada that your council supports and type of assistance.

• PLUS OTHERS - see website.

• St. Vincent de Paul Society - very active in our parish + gets help from CWL members as needed.  
 • Development + Peace • Kindred Spirits - Parish  
 • Could not help with Communion Service Ministry in 4 Senior Homes during Covid. 1 Senior Home has moved to Whitby.

**Lay Ministries**

The strength of the ministry of the League can be measured in proportion to the depth of members' spirituality.

(in conjunction with Bish.M.) Bowmanville  
 \*available on our St. Joseph's Church website

Q32 Please list the lay ministries you have personally participated in during the year.

\* Sacramental Prep. Program for online using the texts for these 2 sacraments.

- \* FOR THE WHOLE DIOCESE  
 Part of team of 6 who prepared 30+ videos/lessons for the First Recon. + First Euch.
- catechist
  - choir/music
  - decorating (limited due to Covid-19)
  - Eucharistic minister
  - facilitator
  - hospitality
  - lector
  - sacristan
  - usher
  - I am unable to participate.
  - I choose not to participate.
- in various other ways

Q33 Please list the lay ministries your council members have participated in during the year.

- catechist
- choir/music
- decorating
- Eucharistic minister
- facilitator
- hospitality
- lector
- sacristan
- usher

□ Sacramental Preparation for Online Program for Peterborough Diocese

- some help is from a few members for altar cloths (cleaning, etc.), ringing of bells during daily mass, + other stuff

Q34 Please note if any of these ministries is chaired/organized by a CWL member.

- catechist
- choir/music
- decorating
- Eucharistic minister
- facilitator
- hospitality
- lector
- sacristan
- usher

**Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavours**

Ongoing interfaith dialogues have revealed vast areas of common action and result in the collaboration of churches on a range of social issues.

Q35 In what ways has your council reached out to women of other denominations or faiths?

- |                                 |                                  |                       |                       |                       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                 | other churches                   | other faiths          | both                  | neither               |
| initiated joint prayer services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| → very limited due to COVID-19  | →                                |                       |                       |                       |

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| invited women to council meetings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| invited women to social events    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| joint speaker                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q36 Did your council promote awareness of or participate in any of the following ecumenical activities?

- |  | yes                                 | no                                  |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fellowship of the Least Coin                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Women's Inter-church Council of Canada       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| World Day of Prayer (March)                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| WUCWO Day (May)                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Q37 Did your council promote awareness of or participate in any activities with any of the following interfaith groups?

- our parish does
- |            | yes                                 | no                                  |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Jewish     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Muslim     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Buddhist   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Indigenous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Hindu      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Q38 If yes to any of the above, briefly describe the activity.

- parish level - rep of Jewish customs  
 - parish - prayer before mass - every 2nd Sun.  
 - Truth + Reconciliation

## Summary and Final Thoughts

What training did you receive in support of your spiritual development position this year?

Q39 At diocesan level?

- was Spiritual Dev't in prior term, and have always helped in spiritual.  
 - retired elementary PVNE teacher.  
 - involvement in Book Studies, Gospel Reflections, Encyclical (Pope Fr.) Studies  
Development + Peace Council - meetings, webinars, activities  
 (national, provincial, inter-national)



Q40 At provincial level?

- sharing from provincial level
- diocesan mtg

Q41 At national level?

Q42 What training would you recommend be provided for this position next year?

Q43 Do you have any new ideas, projects, workshops you have used that have good results? If none, please leave this section blank. See our website: <https://www.cw/stjoseph.com>

I have really liked doing our SPIRITUAL UPDATES throughout the time of COVID. It was another means of communication with many opportunities to participate in reading articles, reflecting, learning, enjoying songs, <sup>videos</sup> prayers, pictures, photos, and so much more. SPECIAL INTENTIONS was an important part of every SP. UPDATE NEWSLETTER.

Q44 What information did you receive by way of communicate or other method that you found useful to share with your members at meetings this year? List below the topic and source.

- Our executive shared all the numerous communiqués from diocesan, provincial, and national levels to our members - online.
- COMMENT: There has been TOO MANY COMMUNIQUEES - can't keep members have commented about this up with this:
- All accessible by our website:  
<https://www.cw/stjoseph.com>

Q45 Share a success story from this standing committee. If none, leave this section blank.

- success of our church celebrating the Year of St. Joseph, with our organizing and presenting a wonderful celebration, with many people working together, from all ministries. Enjoyed by many parishioners and visitors, along with Bishop Njehm. It was wonderful!



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

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

To "print", ensure that pop-ups are enabled. If you are unsure how to enable pop-ups, please contact national office for assistance.

**WARNING:** Once "submit" has been pressed, the "print" function is no longer available.

OTHER: • Have maintained a beautiful  
CWL Bulletin  
Board.

• CWL participated in our  
Church Ministry Fair  
with beautiful hand-outs  
prepared by our Organizer,  
Hazel Degazon.

• Parish Celebration +  
Presentation of  
Truth + Reconciliation  
Sept. 30th.

• I presented about this  
to our CWL members  
at a General Mtg

• Current Challenge / Frustration:  
- difficulties that have arisen  
because of COVID-19  
- lack of attendance, volunteers,  
exec. committee members needed

