

CWL Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson

➤ Overview

The Christian Family Life Standing Committee is a function of the Parish Council Executive with specific responsibilities for Christian Family Life as outlined in the Catholic Women’s League of Canada Executive Handbook.

➤ Activities/Responsibilities

- *Marriage and Family;*
 - Promote programs that enrich and support all aspects of home and family life such as; encounter weekends for engaged couples, marriage preparation courses, marriage encounter weekends, natural family planning methods, programs for single-parent families, parenting courses and stress workshops.
- *Sanctity of Life;*
 - Encourage members to join and support local, provincial and national pro-life groups.
 - Initiate and encourage members to support pro-life walks, marches, fundraisers and meetings.
 - Encourage members to make their views known to politicians and the media.
 - Educate and keep members informed of the church’s teaching on pro-life issues.
 - Provide workshops on ethical issues.
 - Support pro-life legislation and legislators.
 - Prayer at prayer services, for pro-life issues, using pro-life rosary, and support Life Chain.
 - Offer friendship and help to single-parent families and caregivers.
- *Offers ministry to youth, the disabled, seniors, the widowed, the separated and divorced;*
 - Organize educational workshops, support groups, etc.
 - Through encouragement, support and prayer
- *Vocations;*
 - Encourage prayer for vocations.
 - Invite priests and religious to speak on vocations.
 - Encourage families to invite priests and religious into their home
 - Encourage families to discuss vocations with children, grandchildren and friends
 - Promote and distribute materials that offer tips on making the family a community of faith.

The Activities/Responsibilities listed above may not completely reflect the ministry performed at this parish. Please refer to the ‘Other Specifics’ box for duties that are specific to this parish.

Other specifics:

➤ **Skills, Experience, and Qualifications**

- Is a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church in good standing.
- Must be at least 16 years of age.
- Is familiar with the Catholic Women’s League of Canada Mission Statement and objectives as outlined in the CWL of Canada Executive Handbook.
- Is considered to be a person with good reputation within the parish community.
- Has a reasonable standard of education.

➤ **Personal Traits and Qualities**

- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Is honest, trustworthy and enthusiastic.
- Is able to communicate well with others and has good leadership skills.
- Has the ability to work independently or part of a team.

➤ **Orientation and Training**

Standard Parish orientation program and training provided by past Chairperson and League Executive.

➤ **Participant Group**

Members of the parish and local community.

➤ **Support, Supervision, and Evaluation**

The President and past Chairperson are the first level of support, supervision and evaluation.

➤ **Length of Ministry Appointment**

Two year term.

➤ **Benefits and Working Conditions**

Will directly contribute to the enrichment of marriage and family life within the parish community.

Will further develop leadership and communication skills.

Will promote collaboration with different groups, enabling them to become better acquainted with various tasks within the Catholic Church.

This is a volunteer position requiring a time commitment of ___ hours per week/___hours per month.

Must be able to attend the orientation session and training sessions as required.

➤ **Screening Recommendations**

This is a High risk position.

Completion of a Volunteer Information Form is required.

An interview and personal reference checks are required.

A Criminal Record Check is required.

Training and orientation are required.

There will be supervision and periodic evaluations.

Participant Follow-ups will be conducted.

This ministry position description accurately reflects the Ministry of CWL Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson currently practiced at _____.
(Parish Name)

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor _____ Date _____

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