



April CWL Newsletter 2025

"Here I am Lord, send me."

Volunteer Work Awards

Twenty-six residents from Simcoe-Grey have been awarded the King Charles 111 Coronation Medal, for their contributions to their communities and Canada. New Tecumseth's Donna Jebb former town councillor and deputy mayor, was honoured for her volunteer work, including leadership roles in 4H, the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario and her fundraising efforts for the Canadian Paraplegic Organization. Recipients were nominated by MP Terry Dowdall and MPP Brian Saunderson. Congratulations Donna on achieving this deserving award!

Lenten Retreat

The event was a huge success for the 23 people who attended it. The topic was engaging since Dr. Murray Watson never disappoints. This was his fourth visit conducting a workshop in our parish hall. After two hours we left feeling more engaged with Lent. The pictures were interesting and helpful in getting to know more about Jerusalem through his personal journeys there. A special thank you to those who contributed food; set up tea, coffee, juice and water; set up the hall and those who helped with cleaning up afterwards. A special thank you goes to our Faith Chairs Pattie Oliveira and Loretta Gismondi. Photos by Beatriz Baumfeld.





Ordinandi Dinner

Loretta Gismondi and Dawn Westcott attended the Ordinandi Dinner on Tuesday, March 28, 2025 along with other Northern CWL ladies in attendance.



From left to right-

Connie Cristinziano – Toronto Diocesan Vice-President

Mary Capobianco- Life Member

Dawn Westcott– St. Paul’s Council Alliston - Newsletter

Loretta Gismondi- St. Paul’s Council, Faith Chair

We met a new lady whose sister had recently passed away, and so she kept up the tradition of attending the Ordinandi dinner by doing it on her own this year

Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26, 2025

We will meet for Mass on the Saturday at 9:00 at Immaculate Conception Church, followed by a group breakfast at the Symposium Restaurant.

Following is a Novena for our Lady of Good Counsel.



9 Day Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel

FEAST SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Concluding prayer for each day:

Remember, O Immaculate Mary, Virgin Mother of Good Counsel, that it has never been heard of in any age that such as had recourse to thee, imploring thy help and seeking thy powerful intercession, were ever rejected or refused or abandoned. Inspired with hope, I fly to thee, O Mary, Virgin Mother of Good Counsel, and my Mother; before thy shrine I come, casting myself on my unworthiness. O Mother of the Eternal Word made Flesh, obtain for me, through the whole course of my life, all the graces and blessings I more require, from the Sacred and Adorable Heart of Jesus, my Savior, O Virgin Mother of Good Counsel, reject not my petitions, but mercifully hear and answer me. Amen

First Day

O Mary, my mother, I humbly beseech you to counsel me as I begin this novena of prayerful petition. I fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. You are the defense of all Christians, the Seat of Wisdom, the Mother of Good Counsel. You know, most Holy Virgin, how much I require your all-powerful aid. Guard me from the evils that affect me; heal my wounds; relieve my wants and miseries. Obtain for me strength and courage to bear the trials and temptations of life. O Virgin most prudent, help me to persevere until death in the love of God.

O Mary, most Blessed virgin, Mother of good counsel, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3X Hail Marys Concluding Prayer

Second Day

O most Holy Virgin, cause of our joy, you were chosen by the Blessed Trinity to be the Mother of the Word made Flesh. You alone were conceived Immaculate; you always remained faithful to the indwelling Holy Ghost. Every moment of your life you were "full of grace."

O Mary Immaculate, I gratefully acknowledge the countless joys you have gained for me the happiness I have found in my Faith, the contentment in prayer; the security of your protection. As I make known my petitions in this novena, I promise always to revere you as the Treasure of divine grace.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Marys....Concluding Prayer

Third Day

O Mary, Refugee of sinners, you are our life, our sweetness, our hope. It has never been heard that anyone ever sought your help and was rejected. Amid the uncertainties of life I turn to you; with aching heart I seek your comfort And counsel.

No one can ever number the favors you have granted; the tears you have dried, the needs you have supplied, the sickness you have cured, the petitions You have answered. O Mother of Mercy, hear my prayers and grant my requests.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Mary's....
Concluding Prayer



Fourth Day

O Virgin most renowned, you are our advocate at the Throne of Mercy. By your intercession with your Divine Son you have saved us from the punishment we deserve for our sins. You have obtained for us mercy and pardon.

To you I turn, imploring your aid. O gentle and loving Mother. Pity me in my misery; help me in my needs; give me good counsel. To you I pour forth my petitions in this novena, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Marys....Concluding Prayer

Fifth Day

O Virgin Mary, Queen of Martyrs, I thank you for the consolation you have given me in times of sorrow and anxiety. I bring to mind the great suffering you so patiently endured. In the Temple as you offered your Divine Son, you heard the words of your prophet:

Standing at Calvary, you compassionated your dying son. The lance which opened His Sacred Heart was the word which pierced your soul.

I am deeply sorry for my sins which caused you Son to suffer such cruel Passion and Death. O compassionate Mother, help me in my hour of suffering & tribulation; counsel me to unite my sufferings with the Cross of Christ; teach me to draw from his Passion the strength to bear my cross daily and so to atone for my sins.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3X Hail Marys Concluding Prayer

Sixth Day

O Mother of Good Counsel, Star of the Sea, to you I turn for light to guide my uncertain steps through life. Throughout the world, in every land, your picture is venerated. Your gracious image is given an honored place in countless homes. So many people, in prayerful petition, have obtained from you good counsel.

O Virgin most faithful, renew in my heart the joy of true devotion to you. May your counsel enlighten the darkness of my mind and safeguard me from the misery of sin.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Marys....Concluding Prayer

Seventh Day

O Mother most admirable, I recall the wondrous gifts of grace and healing which have occurred at your shrine in Genazzano. For five hundred years there has been the constant testimony of grateful clients. To countless multitudes who have knelt before your picture, health has been restored, affections have been removed, peace of mind restored, faith has been strengthened, repentance for sin granted.

Beloved Mother of Good Counsel, be mindful of the favors you have granted to others. Listen to the prayers I humbly pour forth. Protect me from the dangers that surround me; keep me secure under your protection.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Marys....Concluding Prayer

Eighth Day

O most glorious Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, I rejoice that I can call upon your protection. Your great desire is to be my counsellor in the urgent matter of my eternal salvation. Kindly receive me, O Consoler of the Afflicted; awaken in me a spirit of true repentance; entice me towards perfection; comfort me in my sorrows; remove from me all doubts; draw me nearer to your Divine Son.

Today I implore you to heed my prayers. Obtain from Jesus pardon for my sins. Show yourself a mother unto me; counsel me to become a true child of yours. May He, through you, receive my prayer Who, for love of me became your Son.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Marys....Concluding Prayer

Ninth Day

O most glorious Queen of Heaven and earth, with joy I gaze upon your renowned picture. In your arms you lovingly enfold the Divine infant, your head turned tenderly towards Him. Safely He nestles in the protections of your embrace. From Him you draw all knowledge and counsel.

In union with all who venerate you at your shrine in Genazzano, I gratefully praise God for the gift of this picture. While I mention my petitions in this novena, I promise to heed your counsel and to be fully reconciled to God's Will. I shall always strive to prove myself to be a true child of yours. O Help of Christians, give me your counsel; in life and in death assist me, O Merciful Mother.

O Mary, most Blessed Virgin, may the blessing of your Son come upon me.

3 x Hail Marys.... Concluding Prayer





Our Lady of Good Counsel

This is the story of an eggshell-thin fresco of Our Lady which was all the way from Albania centuries ago and can still be seen today in Genazzano, Italy.

SAVE the DATE

Just a REMINDER to our parishioners doing their

“Spring Cleaning ”

Our ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

8 A.M. until 2 P.M. Fr. Bennett Hall

NO CLOTHING OR BIG FURNITURE

Please hold on to those treasures that are in “good, clean, working order” until May 27th when we can start receiving them in the parish hall.

For FREE pick-up, please contact before MAY 23 to set-up an appointment

Delivery times for bringing in your items to the hall

May 27, 28, 29 & 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for sorting, cleaning and pick up Please contact:

Loretta @705-458-9504 Dawn @705-435-9914

CWL Strawberry Social

Our CWL President Donna Jebb has graciously invited us to a Strawberry Social on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at her residence from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring a folding chair with you. More details will be coming in the May Newsletter.

****Please keep Faye Gallant, Connie Orr and Charlotte Traverse in your prayers.****

Easter

This year, as we celebrate the Jubilee of Hope, let us approach Easter with renewed hope that the power of Christ's resurrection can transform all the evil in our world if we but believe.

This Easter, let us inflame the embers of hope in the hearts of one another.

JESUS IS RISEN INDEED! HAPPY EASTER!

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