

To Our Mitchell CWL members,

We held a lovely Christmas dinner on a blustery day on Nov 28, 2023. It was impressive how many members were able to make it in. Out of 25 members that paid for their dinner, 17 people were able to make it in. This included both Fr Philip and Fr Ronnie. Marybeth made a wonderful dinner and left food so those that weren't able to come in could pick up their supper the next day.

During this dinner we also held a meeting where we discussed the future of our CWL. Everyone has been aware of the struggle we have had to fill the executive positions and in December of this year none of the positions will be filled. Options have been discussed at least during the last three meetings over the last few years. At one of those meetings (Nov 2022) Mary Bannon explained our options.

This very special group of women are always available when called upon to serve our parish in any way necessary. In the last two years this included but is not limited to serving at funeral lunches, serving at the Community Center along the Knights of Columbus, obtaining gifts for children celebrating their Sacraments at school, continuing to support a family through Save A Family Plan, programs through our church family such as COR, Vacation Bible School and Alpha and community events.

During this meeting we acknowledge the years that each member has served. The following motions were made:

Motion made by Ingrid and seconded by Shirley V that our Mitchell CWL will disband at the end of this year – Dec 31, 2023. Motion carried with 13/15 members voted in favour for this

Motion made by Ingrid and seconded by Mary Katherine S. that we direct \$1000.00 to support Mathew Sawyer as he is ordained in April 2024. Motion carried with 15/15 members voted in favour for this

Motion made by Ingrid and seconded by Shirley V. that we continue to support our present venues as in the past two years and note to each venue will include that this will be the last year of support as our group has disbanded. Motion carried with 15/15 voted in favour for this

Motion made by Ingrid and seconded by Cathy R. that SAFF will receive twice the amount to support their family this year so they have time to search for new support for them. Motion carried 15/15 in favour for this.

Motion made by Ingrid that we support our refugee family for a sum of money. This was followed by a discussion that indicated there were some questions about how this money would be dispersed. Ingrid has volunteered to go to a meeting in the New Year to find out more information. Motion not carried and not voted on.

We discussed the formation of a women's group but this needs to include other women from our parish. Ingrid agrees to set up an account for this group and Mary Katherine S. agrees to plan and communicate an introductory meeting for this. Ingrid will announce this group in the new year and we plan to meet in the beginning of 2024 to discuss the purpose of this group and who we will serve. All further structure of this group will need further discussion with members when we meet.

CWL members will be able to continue their membership with a parish of their choice. All presidents of Kinkora, Seaforth and Dublin have been notified of this change.

Ingrid Hanrath (Treasurer of CWL Mitchell)