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Called
Wanted
Loved

We have a new section in our newsletter. It is a "Memoriam Corner" to honour one of our own who has passed away this year. Look for it on page 1



Memoriam for Toni Zelaska of Simco, then Delhi—Ingersoll & Judy Purcell - Immaculate Conception, Stratford—Huron Perth

A number of years ago Toni Zelaska of Simcoe served for many years on London Diocesan Council Executive.

She died on April 25th, 2017 on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Toni was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Delhi

There was a guard of honour at her funeral. Some of our older members may remember Toni.

I remember her in my early years doing the League Lingo.



Toni Zelask



Judy Purcell

Another long time member was Judy Purcell, who died on May 27th, 2017. She was a member of Immaculate Conception, Stratford.

Judy was a past President and currently this past year (2016) was treasurer. she was a recipient of the Maple Leaf Service pin. Judy helped in whatever way she was asked both in her council and in the parish community. She was the kindest person you could ever meet.

She was well known by the Diocesan Council.

I also remember Judy at conventions and from our contact through League Lingo

Sandra

Angels Explained by Children

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son, who's a very good carpenter

My Angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.

President's Report—Angela Pellerin



It is hard to believe the summer break is over and it's time to get back to work. I trust you all had a good summer spending time with family and friends as well as vacationing.

Since I last wrote to you in the Lingo, I have been busy bringing greetings to various councils who were celebrating their anniversary and attending year-end events. Although I am shy, I find it is the most pleasant part of being your president, meeting members from across our diocese.

In July, myself along with several members from our diocese, attended the provincial convention in Thunder Bay. Lucy Hendriks and her companions had a beautiful trip up to Thunder Bay, stopping in Mackinaw along the way. Rebecca McCarrell had a very long trip home as her flight was cancelled due to the weather. Fortunately, some of us had decided to stay over an extra night so Rebecca could return to the hotel to spend the night. The resolution we passed at our diocesan convention was presented at provincial and passed there also. You will find information on this on the provincial website www.cwl.on.ca shortly. Our very own Pat Rivest was elected as provincial treasurer and Marie-Theresa Lamphier was elected and given the position of communications chairperson. Congratulations girls! You will find reports of this convention elsewhere in the Lingo. Thanks to the 3 ladies who "volunteered" to prepare a

report. The provincial convention next year will be in Toronto.

As I write this report, I have just returned from the national convention in Charlottetown, PEI last night. Today is unpacking and laundry day. There was a total of 938 registered for the convention with Ontario having a contingent of 123 members! London diocese was well represented with several of us attending, including a member who only just joined the League. The keynote speaker on Monday was Ken Yasinski who spoke on A Catholic Identity Crisis and Becoming A Living Thank You. He was an excellent speaker. You will find a report elsewhere in the Lingo. The provincial presidents and the national president gave their reports on Monday also. On Tuesday the keynote speaker was Dr. Reginald Bibby who spoke on Canada's Catholics. Elisabeth Duggan's report on this can be found elsewhere in the Lingo. Donna Dunn also led us in the Building on Foundation, the League of the Future discussion. I hope some of you were able to connect and join in the process. The ladies from PEI, N.S., N.B. and PEI who were at my table engaged in a lively discussion as I input their responses to the questions on my iPad. There were 4 resolutions brought forward with 2 being from Ontario and 2 from B.C. All of them passed after much discussion and a report on them, prepared by Mary Bannon, is in this Lingo. It was a busy few days but we all enjoyed meeting other

members from across the country. Next year the national convention will be in Winnipeg.

Over the summer the executive have been busy planning the fall regional meetings which will be held in Windsor, Exeter and London. We are having 2 workshops along with some activities for you to participate in. Your regional chair has the information to pass along to you. Please join us for a time of faith, fun and fellowship.

The councils in London region have begun to prepare for the diocesan convention in April 2018. This will be an election year so please discern if God is calling you to serve the League at the diocesan level. Those eligible for election will be hearing from Marie-Theresa Lamphier soon.

May you continue to be inspired by the spirit as you continue to respond to God's call.

God bless.

Angela

Look for the reports on the National Convention to be found on Pages



London Diocesan Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Father Greg Bonin

Dear Sisters in the League,

I have just taken off my boots as it has been a remarkable experience of my first flooded rectory in 27 years as a priest. Though there is no comparison whatsoever with the devastation which Hurricane Harvey has caused, Windsor got hit with a rain storm this past week like never before. My rectory was one of the 3,800 homes that became “officially flooded”. So, I have taken off my boots to dry and sit here reflecting on my article for the wonderful women of the Catholic Woman’s League

A slogan at one of our funeral homes here in Windsor reads: “With you every step of the way”. I have felt this slogan come alive with the Catholic Women’s League in many ways. How each woman holds each other up as we share the same Mission of the CWL. This slogan became so real for me when I attended the Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay! What an experience (not so much the driving) but being present for my

2nd Provincial Convention and witnessing the One Heart and One Voice of Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of the Conference, Bishop Fred told each of us to be open and accepting of “surprises” referring to how God surprises each of us when we least expect it. Bishop Fred was right on! The surprises that I received personally from God cannot all be written in this report! For the sake of mentioning any, trust me, God is Beautiful and full of Surprises!

As I gazed around the Conference Room I was simply inspired by everything I heard and saw. Please allow me to share a few notes that I wrote down as I was surrounded by these qualities of so many beautiful women. Women are honest, loyal and forgiving. They are smart, knowing that knowledge is power. But they still know how to use their softer side to make a point. Women want to do the best for their family, their friends, and themselves. Their hearts break when a friend dies, gets sick or are

treated unjustly. Women drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. Women do more than simply give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family, friends and the Catholic Women’s League of Canada. And all they want back is a hug and a smile.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin”*the ageless beauty of a true and gentle spirit is of the greatest value in God’s sight*”
1 Peter 3.4

Bless each of your hearts! As you read this, You are that woman mentioned above!

I am with you every step of the way!

Father Greg Bonin





A Very Special Honour for Shirley George—A London Diocesan Life Member and Past President of the London Diocese & Past-President of Provincial Council

On Saturday, September 2, 2017 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Delhi, we surprised and paid tribute to **Shirley George with the presentation of the Bene Merenti Medal**. This award is a papal award presented to those who have lived a life of faith, hope and love displayed in the community and the Church through action and service in the community

Shirley George:

- Founded O.S.A.I.D. (Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving) and O.C.A.I.D. (Ontario Citizens Against Impaired Driving) chapters in Delhi, ON
- Founded Norfolk County Crisis Line and Crime Stoppers
- Taught crafts classes at night school programmes
- Served on the hospital auxiliary at Norfolk General Hospital in Simcoe

- Served as enumerator, Deputy Returning Officer and Deputy Poll Clerk in elections
- Canvassed for United Way after assurances that funds would not be used for abortions
- After receiving her sociology degree she did market research
- Awarded Citizen of the Year in Delhi in 1986

In the Church, this model of faith:

- Joined the CWL in Antigonish in 1961
- President of CWL in Delhi in 1974-76
- President of London Diocesan CWL in 1994-1996
- Was awarded Life Membership in the CWL in 1998
- President of CWL in Ontario 2006-2007
- Cancer survivor
- Involved with the CWL in supporting the Grandmothers

- in Argentina in their protests concerning their lost children and grandchildren
- Campaigned with the CWL to ban lap dancing in Ontario
- Supports priests in their vocations as well as vocations to marriage and single life.

Shirley George certainly follows the mission of the Catholic Women’s League - rooted in gospel values calling the members to holiness through service to the people of God.



Angela reading her speech before presenting Shirley with the **Bene Merenti Medal**.
Fr. Al Dufraimont - Shirley’s Parish Priest at Delhi



Shirley proudly shows off her medal after the presentation



President-Elect – Rebecca McCarrell
Membership & Organization Standing Committee

**Recruiting Leadership –
 Our On-Going Journey**

At our 97th Annual Convention in Stratford each executive was challenged to relate to a woman of the Bible who epitomized the work of her standing committee. I chose Naamah (*pronounced Na-may*), wife of Noah.

Naamah was a truly gifted woman who showed leadership in a quiet unassuming way through very difficult times. A team leader, a comforter, a gatherer, a woman who met challenges head on and worked through them, recruiting her daughters-in-law to work with her. She is often depicted with an apron full of every seed and bulb so that the plants of the earth will also be saved from the flood. Some Jewish traditions associate her with singing...joyfully leading the way! She is recognized as the founder of vocal music!

Naamah endures life in the ark with her husband and children while the world is destroyed around her. She preserves life and enters a new world. We are most like

Naamah when we endure through a storm and prepare to create a new future.

As organization chairpersons, you have these qualities, especially as you prepare for elections and succession planning. The storm surrounds us as we attempt to promote the attributes of the League to obtain leadership who have an eye to the future. We also are taxed with increasing or maintaining the current membership...reshaping how we deliver our messages of love for the League to younger women of our communities. Be like Naamah – sing out joyfully with the virtues of our organization, and help prepare for the new future.

As I write this, I am preparing to head out to Charlottetown PEI to attend the National Convention. I am most excited to take part in the town hall meeting on strategic planning. I am hopeful this will be a door opening exercise into a new form of leadership for our future. As we all know in order to move forward, we must change how we present ourselves to our younger

women and give them the insight into the meat & potatoes of our existence. It is imperative that we open the doors of acceptance, friendship, and change of methodology to allow our young leaders to step out in confidence, experiment with new (and maybe sometimes old) ways, to experience the high of success, and the frustration of failure. This is how we grow. We need to listen, pay attention to the interconnections between individuals, and adapt to define what we need to do, but allow others to determine how they will achieve the end goal.

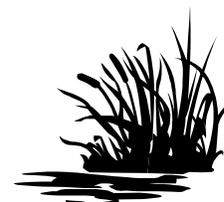
I look forward to continuing our journey together as we respond to God's call. May Our Lady of Good Counsel joyfully lead us to experiences of gathering and preserving our calling!

Blessings.

Rebecca



Look for
 Information on
 the Fall Regional
 Days on Pages ...





Recording Secretary—*Elisabeth Duggan*



We have had a great summer. I pray everyone is well rested. This year will be our election year for new positions on the Diocesan executive for 2018 - 2020. I ask everyone who is eligible to consider letting their name stand for the various positions on the Diocesan executive. Remember we all have a gift to give and share.

*“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'”
Audrey Hepburn*

I have attached a copy of the “Parish Council Election Reporting Form.” - found at the back of the newsletter

Please return the form to me by December 31, 2017. If this is an election year for your counsel but not till January, please submit the names of your present council for 2017.

Once you have a new executive for 2018 - 2020, resubmit the form with the new names and positions to me.

Elisabeth



Corresponding Secretary—*Madeleine Visser*



I hope everyone has been able to take time out and enjoy the summer, I have even thought it was not quite what we have been used to in the past. I enjoyed the time I spent looking after my flowers and the many walks I took when the weather was suitable.

As corresponding secretaries we need to keep in mind the theme for this year: “Inspired By the Spirit, Women Respond to God’s Call”. I encourage all Corresponding Secretaries to attend all executive and general meetings of the council, submit all correspondence received to the President for her information and compose and send out all correspondence as directed.

The 97th Annual Diocesan Convention held in Stratford April 24-26. 2017 was a huge success. The Provincial and National Conventions were also very successful and attended by many CWL members.

I encourage all corresponding secretaries in the Parish Councils to obtain a copy of the handbook for secretaries. You can download it from the national website www.cwl.ca, also check the provincial site at www.cwl.on.ca and London website at www.cwllondon.ca

*God, source of all life,
continue to bless me with the
movement of your Spirit in
my life. Help me to remain
open to the gift of new life that
comes from you through the
Holy Spirit.*

I pray that Our Lady of Good Counsel will guide us

Yours in service of God

Madeleine

*Past-president—Marie-Theresa Lamphier
Historian, Nominations & Elections*



There has been so much that has been happening in my life lately... all blessings and opportunities to grow. We sold our house on the lake and are moving back into town. That process in itself was a blessing. It will be bittersweet, as we will miss the solitude, the view and the fantastic location that we had. This is truly God's country! But we look forward to less traveling, a new neighborhood, smaller home and being closer to our grandchildren. So we re-adjust and life goes on!

The other event that I was blessed with was attending the Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay in July where we heard amazing speakers and were part of a smudging and spiritual walk while praying for lost indigenous women. We also blended water from our area with the water of the Superior Lake. It was quite a moving celebration. We went back in memory of the many years as we watched a display of different styles over the past 70 years and listened to the history of our times and the challenges that faced the CWL. As it was election

time for the Provincial Council, I was really amazed that I was chosen and very excited to be given the Communication Chairs position. This is an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about the website, Facebook and a lot of computer things that I haven't used in a long time...an opportunity for growth and blessings as I come across special sayings and articles to publish, and work with other members of the council. Don't forget to join the Ontario Provincial Council Facebook group and like and share the site.

As Historian, I have had all the archives at my home for the last little while and preparing them to go to our London Diocesan Offices for storing. These are boxes that I do not want to bring with me to the new home. Once again, I have been blessed to have Lee Levergood and Patricia Rivest working with me as sub-committee chairs to get the files in order and ready to go. We should have the majority of them done before I move. Praise the Lord!

My next project will be to start my presentations that will be given for the Fall Regional days on the election process...yes, that's right, it is that time again, where Diocesan Elections will be taking place in April. I hope that you have started to pray and discern about how and where God wants you to be in the League.

So many things happening,... some endings and some new beginnings. Our journey is not always smooth, but some steps are probably best taken sooner than later.

I look forward to these new beginnings, new opportunities and hope that you keep yourself open to hear God's will in your life.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Fall Regional days!

Marie-Theresa

Chocolate causes endocrine glands to secrete hormones that affect your feelings and behaviour by making you happy. Therefore, it counteracts depression ... your stress-free life helps you maintain a youthful disposition, both physically and mentally. So, eat lots of chocolate!!

There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with chocolate

There are four basic food groups: milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate and chocolate truffles.

Treasurer—*Mary Lappan*



“My heart leaps up with joy to the Lord”

Is it time to get back to our CWL activities already? I hope everyone had a restful summer and took the time to enjoy our terrific summer weather. Now it's time for bazaars, breakfasts and don't forget, a membership campaign.

There was an excellent turnout for our Day at the Shrine in July. As usual, Father Greg did an excellent job. It was enjoyable listening to him tell of his experience at the Provincial Convention with Cardinal Lacroix.

I have just returned from the National Convention in Charlottetown, P.E.I. What an

uplifting four days it was! Over 900 delegates listened to fabulous speakers and participated in an energizing spiritual programmed. Of course, it was not all work. The members from P.E.I. graced us with their down-home hospitality, terrific entertainment and a wonderful tour of the island. They even arranged beautiful weather! Be sure to read further reports on the convention - found later in this newsletter.

Our Fall Regional Days are beginning soon. The first one is in September for the Windsor, Essex, Chatham - Kent regions on September 23rd at Our Lady of the Atonement in Windsor. October 21st, we will be in Exeter for the

Huron Perth, Ingersoll regions followed on October 28th at St. Michael's in London for the London, Sarnia regions. I hope you plan to attend the day for your region. I would especially like to see as many treasurers as possible for a short workshop on the treasurers' report.

Once again, please use the remittance forms with my name and make the cheque payable to the “Catholic Women's League of Canada”.

I'm looking forward to a fun and successful year!

Mary

A Special Prayer - submitted by - Mary Lappan

I was adding a name to our family tree in my Grandmother's Bible and found this prayer which she prayed while her three sons were overseas in World War II. I have no idea where this prayer came from but it is just as relevant today as it was 70 years ago.

Prayer for Those in Active Service

O God, we beseech thee, watch over those exposed to the horrors of war and to the spiritual dangers of a soldier's, a sailor's or airman's life. Give them such a strong faith that no human disrespect may ever lead them to deny it, or fear to practise it. By thy grace fortify them against the contagion of bad example, that being preserved from vice and serving them faithfully, they may be ready to meet death wherever it may happen, through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Sacred Heart: Inspire them with sorrow for sin and grant them pardon.
Mother Mary: Be with them on the battlefields, and if they should be called to make the supreme sacrifice, grant that they may die in the grace of thy Divine Son.*

St. Joseph, pray for them. May their Guardian Angels protect them. Amen.

Community Life Standing Committee
Chairperson—Helga Stuermer



God of love, grant that we may be your voice, your hands and your heart in everything we do!

Summer is finally here, by the time you will read this it will be fall with all the beautiful colours that are so amazing. Being here at our family cottage many wonderful adventures are here. Family gatherings, boating swimming. Enjoying our grandchildren with dogs and other pets. How wonderful life can be. We must never forget that our God is with us, and we have to be thankful every moment of our lives.

On Saturdays or Sunday's at our island cottage I go by boat to Parry Sound to church. On one such



occasion the priest asked all C W L Ladies to r a i s e t h e i r h a n d - including

visitors. I did so. He called me to the front and asked if I would carry the CWL banner for the procession for a few blocks. Myself and another lady agreed. It started raining, but we carried the banner proudly around, and back into the church. It was a great experience. During the procession, the priest carried the beautiful monstrance with the consecrated Host for veneration. The Knights of Columbus carried the statue of St. Peter the Apostle and we all recited the rosary while we were walking. It was beautiful.

Dignity & Rights of Persons: is a huge concern, especially for the elderly in our society. Recently I gave a small workshop about elder abuse, how to recognize and how to prevent it from happening. The feedback I received back, was mostly denial. This can't happen in our society. But unfortunately, it does. Be a friend, be reassuring and supportive volunteering in nursing homes, stay in touch. Abused victims often resist our efforts to help because they feel guilty and ashamed because many times it involves family members. Read about it. Have group discussions. The older person must always be included when decisions concerning his or her welfare are being discussed. Excluding an older person from making his or her own decisions - is considered a form of abuse.

Public Health Department, Community Information Centres. There are many types of home support and community health care services, such as home care and visiting nurses, that can help older adults. This allows them to stay longer in their homes. Often family put them in nursing homes for their **own good**.... Rarely do they really want to be there. Listen to them. Consider their wishes. Too often however, restraints are being used to prevent older people from falling out of the bed or chair. Friendly visits and open discussions will let us know how they really feel about this.

Stay in touch. In my next directive, I will give more info on how to get

in touch with - and how to obtain more information. If any council wishes for me to come and show a short film to better understand what is involved let me know, perhaps you can get several councils together. Just let me know, and we can plan a workshop.

Elder abuse is against the law. Financially, bodily, or emotionally ... Recognize it.

When people grow older, they are often seen as a burden, yet we need to remember they are the ones who raised us, fed us, and paid their taxes so we could live in the comfort we are used to. They started businesses, gave jobs to jobseekers. Never should we see them in a negative way - as weak, sick, forgetful, and dependent. For we too will become them and be in their shoes one day

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all."

(Part of Galatians 6:9-10)

May you open your heart, and always be kind to one another.

Helga





Resolutions Standing Committee
Chairperson—Mary Bannon - 2nd Vice-President

As we approach the season of thanksgiving for a lovely summer, crops harvested and our renewal of membership in the sisterhood of the Catholic Women’s League, it is with immense gratitude that I write about successes of resolutions passed at the Provincial and National levels. I am filled with thanksgiving for all those who worked on our London resolution including the hard work done by our author, Mary Ann Lealess, (Mitchell council) and then the Provincial Resolution committee who polished it.

Resolutions passed for Provincial action:

Inclusion of Nurses in Provincial Bill 163 (The Supporting Ontario’s First Responders Act)

Resolutions passed for National action:

2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders (from Ontario Provincial council)

2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites (from B.C. & Yukon Provincial council)

2017.03 Zero-rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the *Excise Tax Act* for Child Safety Products (from Ontario Provincial council)

2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals (from B.C. & Yukon Provincial council)

My work with Resolutions made me think of the fact that all our work is to bring about God’s kingdom, to share God’s light, to reflect God’s love through our resolutions. Once again Max Lucado inspired me with his words:

What does the moon do? She generates no light. Contrary to the lyrics of the song, this harvest moon cannot shine on. Apart from the sun, the moon is nothing more than a pitch-black, pockmarked rock. But properly positioned, the moon beams. Let her do what she was made to do, and a clod of dirt becomes a source of inspiration, yea, verily, romance. The moon reflects the greater light. And she’s happy to do so! You never hear the moon complaining. She makes no waves about making waves. Let the cow jump over her or astronauts step on her; she never objects. Even though sunning is accepted while mooning is the butt of bad jokes, you won’t hear ol’ Cheeseface grumble. The moon is at peace in her place. And because she is, soft light touches a dark earth. What would happen if we accepted our place as Son reflectors? Such a shift comes so stubbornly, however. We’ve been demanding our way and stamping our feet since infancy. Aren’t we all born with a default drive set on selfishness? I want a spouse who makes me

happy and coworkers who always ask my opinion. I want weather that suits me and traffic that helps me and a government that serves me. It is all about me. . . .

It is for certain that in my role as Resolutions chair I have come to realize that so many others have spent their time crafting resolutions, especially the one our diocese submitted. This craftswomanship is able to make us all Son Reflectors, sharing God’s light.

My challenge is issued to all councils—Look for the change you want to make and work on a resolution this year. Become a “Son-Reflector”.

Mary



Look for the reports on the Ontario Provincial Convention submitted by 3 of the diocesan executive—1 for each of the 3 business days Found on pages



*1st Vice-President—Theresa Ryan
Legislation Standing Committee*



The Provincial & National CWL conventions are over and it is time for us to act on resolutions that were gifted by CWL members across Canada such as yourself. There were four resolutions passed at the National level. The full text for them can be found at www.cwl.ca under Resolutions by Year.

- 2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders
- 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites
- 2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise

Tax Act for Child Safety Products

- 2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals

Also passed at the Provincial level was the following resolution:

ON.17.03 Inclusion of Registered Nurses in Provincial Bill 163, Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act 2016

The federal government will start sitting September 18th and the provincial government on September 11th. Please contact your members of parliament and let them know your concerns.

Passing a resolution is only the first step. Now that we have identified the problem and researched it we have an action plan to follow through with. Make sure that your representatives know exactly how you feel.

Is there anything bothering you at the municipal level? Perhaps going to a meeting at that level will stir your interest and spur you onto bigger projects.

I received the following email and thought it may be of interest to you. If so I urge you to act by either signing the petition or contacting your member of parliament along with the minister of Health.

Just last week, Health Canada released its latest data on the levels of chemicals in the bodies of Canadians. The results are not encouraging – BPA and parabens are detected in almost all of us. But it doesn't have to be this way. The solution is simple: the federal government must fix our outdated toxics law, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA).

The federal Ministers of Health and Environment and Climate Change will be making a decision about whether to strengthen our protections from toxics very soon. This is why we are asking you to sign our petition urging the ministers to not delay action and to commit to reforming CEPA based on the recent recommendations of the parliamentary committee on environment.

https://action.environmentaldefence.ca/p/dia/action3/common/public/index.sjs?action_KEY=11294&supporter_KEY=91281849

If we don't fix CEPA now, it may be another decade before parliament reviews the law again.

*Your voice and action will make a difference! The more letters the ministers receive this week, the greater the impact. **Just two years ago, 20,000 letters were sent to decision makers to ban microbeads, and because of you, microbeads are now history.** By fixing CEPA, we can ensure that highly concerning chemicals like BPA and phthalates are taken out of products, that bans are implemented quickly, and that our children and most vulnerable people are protected from toxic chemicals.*

Thank you for supporting this important cause.

Sincerely,

Muhammad Malas
Toxics Program Manager



*Christian Family Life Standing Committee
Chairperson—Kathy Levesque*

Welcome back! It is hard to realize that summer is over and fall is around the corner. Summer seems to just fly by and we wonder where it went to and then it is gone. Summer was a wonderful time to spend with family – being together, sharing many memories on places we visited.

Fall is just around the corner. This is the start of getting back into the routine of work and school. Starting back to work and school for families is sometimes very daunting. Many of our children are just starting schools for the first time and are very unsure of themselves, feeling scared, even out

of place. It will take time and patience for them to feel comfortable. We need to encourage them and mentor the children that they will like it and make many new friends, even liking their new teacher. Even the older children, going to high school, college and university will feel out of water. We can encourage them, to trust their feelings that all will work out. As a family, we can do this together. We can pray for our children to give them courage and trust that they are never alone, God is with them. Jesus says, “Do not be afraid, I am always with you”. We, as parents, are also there for

them – to love, guide, mentor and always love our children.

Many councils celebrated birthdays for seniors in nursing and rest homes. The seniors were so elated to have these celebrations. I thank our CWL Sisters who volunteer at nursing homes. They bring so much cheer to them.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Regional Days. God Bless everyone and may Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you and your families.

Kathy



Sandra Cabiddu—League Lingo Editor

What an incredible privilege it was to attend the Ontario Provincial Convention this past July. Five of us drove to Thunder Bay under the leadership (& driver/organizer) of Lucy Hendrikx. My council of St. Michael in Bright’s Grove was chosen to show our quilt we had created for the National CWL Challenge. Unfortunately because we had already donated it to our local hospice, it was not entered into the judging because it could not be given to the ‘grandmothers’ as part of the programme of Provincial Convention.

Now it is time to get back to work for another faith filled year with friends, old and new. Let’s hope winter is not too bad, because our summer has not been one of the

best!! I have had a tremendous response for this edition of League Lingo, for articles and especially for the Pin Awards to your members.

I got a good number of orders at our convention this past April and again from the Fall Regionals in 2016.

I will do my best to attend all 3 of the Fall Regionals which occur this month and also October, so I can get in advance, orders for 2018 editions.

I do hope you read the reports from the Provincial Convention and the National Convention. The London Diocese had a strong contingent of members who were

able to go to these conventions. Next Year the Ontario Provincial Convention is in Toronto, so what an opportunity to attend when it is so close to home.



Sandra



Spiritual Development Standing Committee
Chairperson—Wilhelmina Kole

Havi *“If we are willing to surrender and serve God by serving others, we will see miracles”*

(Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic)

Having just returned from Prince Edward Island and the National Catholic Women’s League Convention, I feel blessed to be part of an organization filled with such a wonderful and spiritual group of women, who are following the League’s commitment to “God and Canada”, working together to respond to God’s call in joyful service.

On July 19th, this year, 180+ members and visitors came together at the Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine Day in Merlin, ON. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny summer day, coming together to pray and get to know

one another as ladies of faith. One of the highlights was Father Greg’s talk on his adventures at the Provincial CWL Convention in Thunder Bay.

Coming soon are the Fall Regional Days that are open to all League members. Try to attend one of them – you won’t be sorry!

**September 23 – Windsor/Essex/
Chatham**
**Our Lady of Atonement Church,
Windsor, ON**

**October 21 – Huron Perth/
Ingersoll**
**Precious Blood Church,
Exeter, ON**

**October 28 – London/Sarnia
Lambton**
**St. Michael’s Church,
London, ON**
 The Poster for the Fall Regional

Days will be on the Diocesan CWL website (cwillondon.com) as well as directions to each church.

The 2018 Lenten Retreat is booked for February 17, 2018 (more info to follow). Try to attend, as this will be a wonderful day of learning and prayer.

Parish council Spiritual Development Chairs, thank you for your support and courage in standing up for your beliefs. I look forward to working with you over the next year.

God bless you all and may Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in all your activities.

Yours in Christ,

Willi



Communications Standing Committee
Chairperson—Mary Maxwell

Attending the Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay in July involved a two-day drive through some of the most beautiful scenery in northern Ontario. I was struck by the many rock outcroppings along the highway. Rocks everywhere. When I went to Phoenix in August, I was struck by the beauty of the desert. In Sedona, there were amazing red rock outcroppings. Finally, we reached the Grand Canyon and again we were amazed by the immensity and

the beauty of the rock. Needless to say, I took many photographs. In both of these areas the indigenous peoples are close to nature. We should be more like them and admire and protect the natural world around us. The symbolism of rock is close to us in our faith. In the Psalms, we read the Lord is our rock and fortress.

In our councils, we strive to do many activities all year long. I would like to encourage you to

remember to take photographs to add to your archives, parish displays and newsletters. Even the “ordinary” deserves to be remembered for the future. These media tools help us promote the league in our parishes and communities. As we begin our fall season, be steadfast in our promotion of the League in many varied ways.

Mary


*Ontario Provincial Convention—July 10/12th, 2017— Thunder Bay
Ontario. Submitted by: Denise Lalonde-Morris Education/Health Chair*

Monday, 10th July, 2017

Early in July a number of your sisters in the League were inspired by the Spirit and travelled up to Thunder Bay, Ontario for the provincial Convention.

Day One opened onto a sea of Red and White with the attendees all sporting our national colours in support of Canada's 150th Birthday. We opened the day with a Eucharistic Celebration. After the Rules of order were read and reviewed and all committee appointments were acknowledged, Treasurer Pat Rivest went over the Financial Statements for the previous year and secured the auditors for next year.

1. Our first inspirational speaker was His Eminence Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, and Primate of Canada. Cardinal Lacroix (who donned a Red Cap) took his speech from Pope Francis's Book - The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia. Pope Francis spoke of Love as being a Craft. This craft will succeed with lots of Patience and perseverance. In Chapter 8 of the book there are four steps to take to reflect the Ministry of the Pope's ministry. These steps are: Welcoming and Listening - to start a good pastoral dialogue and remain attentive and respectful
2. Accompany - walk along side with all persons: couples, families, all groups leaving no

one out, and take the time to allow healing to take place

3. Discerning - listen to what God as to say in regards to the circumstance of family, learn to grow and guide the faithful to the light of God
4. Integrate - find places for growth to happen always being welcoming and showing **c o m p a s s i o n** and understanding. Cardinal Lacroix referred to the church as a Field Hospital where we need to find out our strengths and weaknesses.

His next topic was the Challenges Women Face Today. The world view of women has greatly changed over the past few centuries. We are no longer guests but are active members of Society. Women are free and masters of their lives. It is now the time to accept the call of Evangelization. They must open their eyes in order to evangelize. Women today should embrace the word of God and seek a relationship with Jesus.

The final discussions with the Cardinal had us reviewing Biblical situations to help us to look at people in different ways. The situation with Zacchaeus the Tax collector (Luke 19:1.10) shows us how everyone has dignity no matter how bad a person is and deserves respect. Another situation to consider is Jesus with the Centurion (Matthew 8:5.13) where the Lord deals with someone of another Faith and shows how we are all children of God. Other

persons he noted were the Sinful Woman (Luke 7:36-50), Nicodemus, the disciples of Emmaus and stopped there pointing out there are so many we can refer to. Cardinal Lacroix wanted us to see how important it is to gain the trust and confidence of others so they will stay to ask for more.

Our afternoon began with a procession and the blessing of the Quilts. Afterwards each Council President and executive member presented their views on the Fruits of the Spirit. Our diocesan President Angela Pellerin did her talk on the Fruit of Goodness. The reports from the Provincial Officers finished off the day. A group of 25 from the London Diocese enjoyed a meal at Boston Pizza and completed the evening with a Fashion Show covering the past 150 years and dancing.



Rebecca, Joan & Denise at the Provincial Convention


**Ontario Provincial Convention—July 10/12th, 2017—Thunder Bay
Ontario. Submitted by: Sandra Cabiddu, League Lingo Editor**

Tuesday, July 11th, 2017

What a beautiful part of Ontario this is. Had a great road trip seeing places I have never seen before with 5 CWL sisters to get here.

The morning started with mass in the ballroom with Bishop Colli, Provincial Advisor, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, Kingston Diocese & His Eminence Gérald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, Primate of Canada - (keynote speaker on Monday).

After mass the Resolutions were presented to the delegates:

17.ON.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Courts *Gladue Decision (1999) for Indigenous Women Offenders* - **CARRIED with amendments**

17.ON.02 - Grant GST Zero-rated status to all child safety products listed in the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA)* is subject to the *Goods & Services Tax (GST)* - **carried with amendments**

17.ON.03 - Inclusion of Registered Nurses in Provincial Bill 163 *Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act 2016* - **CARR** (London Diocesan Council Resolution)

Look for all the full resolutions on the Ontario website www.cwl.on.ca

The task now is to watch for the decisions at National Convention being held in Prince Edward Island from August 7th to 9th 2017.

Bishop Colli gave a report on sharing ideas, advice on new spiritual advisors with regards to CWL, meetings etc. & supporting Catholic Missions in Canada. He was presented with a "Spiritual Bouquet" on his retirement as Ontario Provincial Spiritual Advisor.

A *Social Justice Award* was given to Marth Whelton - Toronto Diocese. She feels sometimes she does not do enough, but this will motivate her to do more.

Catholic Women's League Leadership Foundation - last June 2016 a council was formed to facilitate visits to raise \$1.5 million to stabilize the foundation & move forward. 95% of the goal has been raised (\$1,244,300) - now stands as of today, at convention \$1.35 million. There are 83,000 CWL women in Canada - Ontario has over 50,000. We received a postcard in the Spring national magazine but National has only received this card from 200 members to date. The goal is to meet the 1.5 million or over by the end of August - works out to only \$3.00 per member.

Bishop Colli blessed 3 new Life Members - Jeannie Coleman - Alexandria/Cornwall; Anna Brady - Hamilton; Mary Capobianco - Toronto.

In the morning it was explained by Cindy Crowe, Blue Sky what "Walking in Spirit with our Sisters" was. They work with governments & industry. A circle

is important - shows we are all one tribe - Legend of a Medicine Wheel. One part is each part of a person in one quadrant. The four colours depict the 4 colours of people around the world - *White, Black, Yellow & Red*. Each group carries a special gift, but until we join these groups together, we will continue the way we are now in Canada. Cindy believes strongly that we need to take our own responsibility for our own actions. Simple as reaching out to your neighbour, holding a door open for someone. We are no longer connected to each other. We are sisters from all races. Each delegate was asked to bring a small bottle of water from the area they lived in in Ontario. These waters were gathered and poured into 2 large containers and were taken by some delegates who poured the water into Lake Superior with our prayers for the missing & murdered Indigenous Women.

In the afternoon, we took part in a Ceremonial Walk & Circle outside the hotel. Around the circle we all participated in "smudging". This was a way of cleansing ourselves. Sage is seen as one of 4 medicines - tobacco, sweet grass, & cedar are the others. We were fanned by the smoke of the dried Sage to cleanse us. Then we received a small amount of Tobacco wrapped in cloth - we were told to take it home and place it under a tree or a sacred place in our home. The 'grandmothers' told us stories of children committing suicide and other tragedies while we each were

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being “smudged. This was quite an experience for all of us to have as they closed the “Walking in Spirit with our Sisters” part of the day. It was no accident we all met today at this Ontario Convention.

Some of the quilts that each diocese brought to the convention & blessed yesterday were gifted to the “Grandmothers” of Blue Sky Community (Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation).

In the afternoon, we had a Storyteller Presentation by Jody Porter, Senior Reporter, CBC.

- “Finding a Way Forward” – taking up our responsibilities. Lots of stories are hopeful, some are hurtful. “All she sees is need, & she sees no need to reason out the need for the need
- Stories were told of missing indigenous young wome
- 2 more young children from a Northern Ontario Reserve committed suicide recently.

She spoke about all the suffering that the indigenous youth go through in their young lives.

Feathers of Hope is a 1st Nations Youth Action Plan – Google this for more info. Why are there no high schools in 1st Nations? Why do they have to move from their home & go to a big city?

Truth & Reconciliation:

- Child Welfare – annual reports
- Education – reduce the funding gap
- Health – cultural training for health care professionals
- Youth Programme – consistent on-going funding (for example funding for mental health)

The day ended with social time and then a delicious Banquet.



Mary Bannon, Trucy Cornelis & Elisabeth Duggan - Provincial Convention



Fr. Greg Bonin & Bishop Lacroix

Top Right - Fr. Greg, Pat Rivest & Marie-Theresa Lamphier at Provincial Convention

*Prayer for Missing & Murdered
Aboriginal Women*

*Heavenly Father,
Grant the souls of murdered
women and their families
to rest in peace.
Nurture and care for the women
who are still missing,
sustain them with Your love.
Give me the grace to bring
healing and comfort to their
families through my actions.
May I be God's warm embrace
on earth, bring hope for justice.
Amen.*

Sandra



Placing an old earring to remember a missing/murdered native woman.



*Ontario Provincial Convention—July 10/12th, 2017—Thunder Bay,
Ontario. Submitted by: Teresa Ryan, 1st Vice-President, Legislation*

Wednesday, July 12th, 2017

The final day of the convention began with prayer which ended in the Litany of the Seven Gifts of the Spirit. It was reported the collection which was taken up at Monday's Mass amounted to \$1,500. It will be given to "Dew Drop Inn" a local organization that feeds 200 people a day and receives no government funding.

Margaret Ann Jacobs, National President gave her report. She started by telling us that the best gift she could give a woman, is a membership in the League. She reported that "Be League" on the national website has been retired. She urged us to make use of "On The Spot" on the same site by reading updates and sending in submissions.

Margaret Ann also announced the creation of a new committee for "Strategic Planning for the Future of the CWL". Barbara Dowding, Anne Gorman and her have agreed to be on this committee until the work is completed. There are four other women appointed to this committee which includes Pauline Krupa, outgoing Ontario provincial president.

She commended everyone on all the works they have done in their councils. Margaret Ann talked about a nationwide CWL town hall meeting "WOMEN RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL" which will be held August 8, 2017 during the National Convention

being held in Prince Edward Island. She challenged us to gather in small groups and register by July 30th so that "together we can do something beautiful for God"

Pauline Krupa gave a recap of her 'AHA' moments during the year.

She was pleased with everyone in the province who embraced the Blessed/Saints project during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It was wonderful to see all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy undertaken by the councils. She mentioned the support given to refugee families.

Even though M.A.I.D. became law members rallied for ethical palliative and hospice care as well as conscience protection for those in the medical field. In May, the 4th Day of Prayer for Palliative and Hospice Care was embraced by all with prayers, learning, signing petitions and fellowship.

Bishop Bernard A. Pappin Bursary Fund saw 16 applicants, 10 of which will receive bursaries.

The election for a new executive took place with the following results:

- President—Anne Madden
- President- Elect—Colleen Randall
- 1st Vice—Linda Squarzola
- 2nd Vice—Colleen Martin
- Recording Secretary—Mary Capobianco
- Treasurer—Pat Rivest

Standing Committee:

- Marie-Theresa Lamphier,
- Karen Mc Donald,
- Joanna Sisk,
- Ann Tremblay,
- Wilma Vanderzwaag

We were very pleased to congratulate Marie-Theresa Lamphier & Pat Rivest on their election to the executive of the Ontario Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League.

Pauline Krupa reminded us of the acronym for T.E.A.M.:

TOGETHER EVERYONE
ACHIEVES MORE!

Teresa



The beautiful corner with the statue of Our Lady - displayed at the Ontario Provincial Convention this past July


***National Convention—August 6/9th, 2017—Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Submitted by: Wilhelmina Kole - Spiritual Development Chairperson***

**Spiritual Program 2017 National
CWL Convention**

“Inspired by the Spirit - Women Respond to God’s Call” - This year’s theme shone through in the ladies participating. The humility, sharing and listening to others views and spirituality were evident throughout the convention.

The opening mass at St. Dunstan’s Cathedral in Charlottetown, P.E.I. was in one word amazing. Watching the Provincial flags, the Canadian flag, and then the CWL flags process in was very moving. As we stood and watched the flags come in, we were asked to reflect on what it means to be a citizen of Canada and a member of the Catholic Women’s League.

Next to process in were seven Arch Bishops/Bishops, followed by approximately thirty priests. The mass, as usual was beautiful. Most Reverend Richard Grecco, Bishop of Charlottetown celebrated the mass. Visiting Archbishops, Bishops and Priests concelebrated with him. Bishop Grecco spoke of the Transfiguration of Christ and that we listen to what Peter says “You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1.16-19).

The recessional hymn for the mass was “Women of the Church”. This beautiful hymn was the recessional hymn for all the masses at the convention. I found this significant.

Monday’s mass, was lead by Most Reverend William McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary and National Spiritual Advisor. The other bishops concelebrated with him. Monday mornings closing prayer was the Angelus.

Monday afternoon reconvening prayer was a memorial service for deceased member and Spiritual advisors. It was beautifully done and was very moving.

Monday afternoon closing prayer was called restoring awareness of the presence of the Lord in our lives. It was taken from the book *Prayer Seeds: A Gathering of Blessings, Reflections, and Poems for Spiritual Growth* by Joyce Rupp

Tuesday’s Mass was lead by Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton. The other bishops concelebrated with him.

Tuesday morning closing prayer was the commissioning of 9 new Life Members. It was a very moving ceremony as the Honorary Life Members formed a line to honour these ladies. Bishop McGrattan them blessed them and prayed over them. Finally all the ladies in the room (approximately 800) raised their hands and gave them the special CWL blessing.

Tuesday afternoon, the Reconvening prayer was called Pentecost Fire. At the end of it, all prayed the following:

Spirit of the Living God
Open our hearts and minds
To experience the unconditional
love of God
Empower us with the gifts of
Your Spirit
So that we may
Respond to God’s call
In joyful service
Inspire and bless the
members of the
Catholic Women’s League
So that the fruits of Your Spirit
May be evidenced in all
that we say and do.

Amen

What a beautiful prayer said by approximately 800 ladies!

Tuesday afternoon closing prayer was call Finding God in nature. It prompted members to listen to the quiet and/or the din of nature - Prayer can happen in that silence, or din of nature.

Wednesday Morning Prayer was the saying of the Devine office of that morning, quieted us and focused us on the task of working through the resolutions presented. The Wednesday morning closing prayers was Lap Quilts of Love and Mercy Prayer Service.

A quilt from each province and Territory was processed up. The following was stated - “The production of lap quilts for the elderly, infirm and those in palliative care is just another manifestation of how our members live out their motto ‘For God and Canada’ ”

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Wednesday afternoon reconvening prayer was the Pentecost Prayer which was from the book *Prayer Seeds: A Gathering of Blessings, Reflections, and Poems for Spiritual Growth* by Joyce Rupp

The closing mass was celebrated at

St. Dunstan's Cathedral. This was a very moving mass with Bishop McGrattan celebrating the mass with the other six bishops concelebrating with him. In his homily, he spoke of how important women of the church are and that we need to continue to work for "God and Canada" in all that we say and do as members of the

Catholic Women's League.

The National Council were reaffirmed in their positions. Again the closing hymn was "Women of the Church".

This completes my report.

Willi

*National Convention—August 6/9th, 2017—Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Submitted by: Rebecca McCarrell - President—Elect, Organization*

Ken Yasinski
Key Note Speaker – Session 1
97th Annual National CWL
Convention
Charlottetown, PEI

*Becoming a Living Contact
for Christ*

Mr. Ken Yasinski began his presentation with enthusiasm telling us about his family and his journey to Christ. He presents in an energetic, joy-filled manner that excites his audience to be fully engaged in his mission. What an exciting and spirit filled key note speaker! He pursued the purpose of our Christianity, tying it in to the purpose of the Catholic Women's League through our mission statement. Ken is a gifted speaker and teacher of our faith!

He reminds us to be on a "first name basis" with God and in turn with those we minister with and to. We need to become a living contact for our communities for Christ. It is important to be POSITIVE and

OPTOMISTIC in all things, and express gratitude at all time. No one gets rewards for complaining. Complaining revolves about self-focus and unhappiness. Instead we must turn things around and express GRATITUDE. Gratitude is not natural for people, it takes work, but, we must provide the opportunity to try this. Gratitude is a matter of choice while emotional response doesn't always utilize rational choices. Choice ... choose to express the choice then go to the feelings. You have control over choices. Love is a choice, virtues are a choice. Gratitude is a DECISION that has come from our choice to love.

"We always did it that way"

To change from the obstacles, including complaining, and blaming others, working in the past, we must move to a period of growth. Gratitude doesn't grow automatically, it is not the "hope" that things will change, but it is the CHOICES to change that leads to the transformation. How can we

take steps to lead to transformation? We first must change ourselves into a person of gratitude; someone who truly is wanting to take responsibility of our actions, make amends and move forward to influence and change. We must learn how to let God work through us, using his graces to lead others to the same transformation. Change will allow us to show others that it is okay to let go, to let others try, to let God lead and take us to places we could only imagine. "A change of heart equals a change of life". (Ken Yasinski)

Steps to change:

1. Manage change: throw away blamelessness...we need to blame ourselves, and take responsibility of our actions. Recognize places in our life that needs to change, then take steps to make this happen.
2. Gratitude Journal: everyday for 6 months write a simple

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thought of what we are grateful for. This is a simple exercise to thankfulness. Consistency is important in spiritual life; little discussions over a long time brings you to gratitude. You cannot convince anyone to come to Christ by being miserable. Life with Joy each day. Make life an adventure and fill it with wonders. Scan your world to find your gifts from God

3. Visual reminders. Be simple,

- remind of the good and the beautiful; be aware of negative conversations with yourself.
4. Express your thanksgiving! Compliments go a long way. Express them immediately, Shout it out! Thank you, I appreciate you confiding in me, thank you for sharing, you have an amazing gift, I've never thought of that before, thank you for your insight, etc. Be uplifting to others, let Christ's light shine through you.
 5. Recall times in your life when God moved perfectly for you.

Share these with others. Be Positive and Optimistic when sharing your love of Christ with others. Share blessings & goodness...God moment's.

For more information go to Ken's website. He has many short video's available on his website and through You Tube.

www.catholicspeaker.com

Rebecca

*National Convention—August 6/9th, 2017—Charlottetown, P. E. I. Submitted
by: Mary Bannon - Resolutions Chairperson*

Four resolutions were passed at the 97th Annual Convention of the Catholic Women's League.

Resolutions passed for National action:

2017.01 Full Implementation of the Supreme Court decision in R. v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders (from Ontario Provincial council)

This resolution came about from reflection on how many of our aboriginal peoples come before our court system and that many times there are factors over which they had no control which brought them into our court system. A Gladue report is supposed to be submitted addressing these factors but often isn't, so this resolution hopes to rectify this. I have been to several

National conventions but I have never seen such discussion and amendments made on a resolution. The amendments completely changed the intent of the proposal. After much time the amended resolution was defeated and a return made to the original which then passed.

2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites (from B.C. & Yukon Provincial council)

This resolution was passed quite easily since our children need protection from the very easy accessibility to these sites.

2017.03 Zero-rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the Excise Tax Act for Child Safety Products (from

Ontario Provincial council)

This resolution will hopefully prompt the government to get rid of the GST on child safety products.

2017.04 Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals (from B.C. & Yukon Provincial council)

This resolution addressed the freedom of conscience and religion for medical care professionals from the view of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In my future directive this year I will inform you of the action plans for each resolution.

All in all, a most interesting convention for resolutions!

Mary


*National Convention—August 6/9th, 2017—Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Submitted by: Rebecca McCarrell - President—Elect, Organization*

Ken Yasinski
Key Note Speaker - Session 2
97th Annual National CWL
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A Catholic Identity Crisis

If we do not know our true identity, we cannot live right. The body doesn't function right because we are listening to a lie.

So where do we look for our identity as a Catholic? Look to the Holy Scriptures and to the church's Catechism.

God-given design:
The church is MISSIONARY
Sent by CHRIST
To ALL NATIONS
To make DISCIPLES
O f t h e m t h r o u g h
EVANGELIZATION.

We are called to be Fishers of People. Christ promises peace in our hearts if we follow him and bring others to him. We are asked to lead, teach and empower others to do the same. It is not the Spirit of Christ that is lacking in our lives, but our response to life that is lacking.

We must learn to nurture our gifts. We must become responsible to the call to communicate these gifts to all people through the love of Jesus Christ. This is evangelization.

When things are not used for their design, they break. This is what is happening in the church. Our gifts are not being utilized properly so

our God-given design is not functioning in unity. We are not focusing on using our gifts to evangelize, and offering others more than the world is offering.

A healthy parish is an evangelizing parish. They look for opportunities to make disciples of all people. We can overcome division and tension by becoming missionaries.

Missionaries are evangelizing for Christ.

We need to respond to challenges within the cultures of today. We need to stop being babysitters, but instead use personal investiture in people to Love, Meet, Listen, Become friends...this is evangelization.

So what is holding us back:

1. Lack of evangelizers: evangelizers need to have a personal encounter with Christ in order to proclaim the gospel in a clear and simple way. Invest in a personal relationship with Jesus. We must be constantly proclaiming the message of the Gospel as people need to hear things many times before they buy into it.
2. Repetition of Love: as able... over & over how God loves you.
3. Confusion on the role of Jesus in our life: to share our faith, we must know how Jesus is relative in our own lives. Investigate in your own heart how Jesus is relevant to us and

to our church.

4. Confusion of "Social Justice" with Evangelization. These are totally different. Don't fool yourself into thinking them the same. Social Justice is giving someone what they are due. Evangelization is proclaiming the Gospel as the center of our lives. Missionary tasks are foremost.

In Acts 2, the disciples are filled with the Spirit, then they went out to evangelize and baptise all.

We must be welcoming to change hearts ... Jesus came for people with problems, He will not deny anyone who calls out to Him. We must share how God has worked in our own lives. Tell people of the miracles that we have seen. Be a river letting information flow and not a reservoir where things become stagnant. Giving is how we receive.

How to evangelize:

1. Pray with the person...can we pray right now
2. Repeat the pain point the person has shared
3. Respond & request healing & God's blessings for the person
4. Close prayer.

Young people are especially open to this approach.

Evangelization: bringing people to an encounter with Jesus.

Rebecca

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Submitted by: Rebecca McCarrell - President—Elect, Organization

Conquering Fear

My road trip to our National convention was a difficult one for me. I have a phobia of heights and water. I first noticed this “fear” when I was first married. My husband and I went on a vacation with my parents and younger siblings which included a visit to Ontario Place in Toronto. My fear was apparent this trip as I literally could not move up the steel grid steps into Ontario Place...that giant orb hovering over Lake Ontario. My father ended up “rescuing” me, carrying me to safety ... into the building! But that meant I had to return to the lakeside to get back to the car. I still remember that day over 4 decades ago like it happened yesterday. Later that same summer, we attended a “party” on the canals at the Lighthouse. The group all knew I was nervous in the water... anyone who has difficulty seeing without their glasses may have the same fear. I am always aware that I cannot see without my glasses, so am afraid to lose them in the water. The group was just itching to dump my canoe into the water...they laughed and laughed when it happened until they saw how panicked I was! Incidents like this happened periodically throughout my life, but I gallantly tried to overcome the panic. Until this summer.

We had a wonderful trip to Montreal. And, then, I made a wrong turn on the freeway and ended up on this very high bridge headed into the central city, and worst over to the north shore of the

St. Lawrence. I knew, of course, this meant another bridge to cross the river somewhere through Quebec. I figured the sooner I crossed, the narrower the river ... so at Drummondville we crossed the expanded steel suspension bridge! I felt like I was going to fall directly into the water, lose my glasses, and not be a help to myself or anyone else. (never occurred to me that I probably wouldn't survive such a fall!). I made it across with a prayer, and we drove steadily towards New Brunswick.

The mountain roads were beautiful ribbons snaking their way through the forests with glimpses of the mighty St. John River here and there. The bridges on the Trans Canada highway were level and I felt safe. We talked about the Confederation Bridge going into Prince Edward Island but I kept telling myself it was okay since the last bridges didn't give me the crippling fear. Until I got closer to the bridge! The sign said the bridge was 12.5 km and the rise in front of me sent me spiralling down. I started praying...and praying...and praying...and, to my dismay the bridge went up again with a curve at the top! That's when the fear gripped me completely! My sobs were echoing through the car, and my prayers to our Mother Mary more intense! After 6 decades of the Rosary, we finally made it to land where I said a prayer of thanksgiving. It really was the most fear filled half hour of my life. But I made it!

The remainder of our trip didn't include a lot of bridges, we took the ferry to Nova Scotia so that I didn't face the Confederation Bridge again, and there was one other large bridging structure in Halifax. But God spared me from that experience again!

After hearing Ken Yasinski speak, I know that this was a huge teaching lesson to me from God. And, it also can relate to our work within the Catholic Women's League. It is imperative that we face our fears to grow. We must recognize places in our Leagues where we can influence change, educate others and then empower them to go on to do the will of God. We must give others a chance to succeed and lose the “we've never done it that way before” attitude. If we are to survive as the wonderful League it is, we must step out from behind our fear of failure, our fear of trying something new, our fear of welcoming others of different backgrounds, faiths, and ages to our table. Because without conquering our fears, we will not be able to change and to grow into the missionary people of God that we are called to be.

Life is a Gift, Love is a choice, Gratitude is a decision. Evangelization is our call.

Rebecca

National Convention—August 6/9th, 2017—Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Submitted by: Elisabeth Duggan - Recording Secretary

Dr. Reginald Bibby a Canadian Sociologist spoke to us at the PEI National Convention on “Canada’s Catholics”

He has been monitoring social trends in Canada for four decades, and he did a cross-Canada survey of 3,000 Catholics, monitoring the religious and social trends of adults and teenagers. He indicated that religion in Canada is changing but it is not being abandoned. He stated that there are three key things that were apparent.

1. **Ongoing Identification:** The fact that we are talking about this and that 85% of the people continued to identify with one group or another, (Christian or Non-Christian)
2. **Polarization:** That there was a solid core of people who continued to embrace religion even at the time when media attention was given to an increase of people who were rejecting it. He stated that

30% embrace it; 45 % are in the middle and 25% reject it..

3. **Worldwide Religious Vitality:** Christianity is the largest in the world slightly ahead of Islam

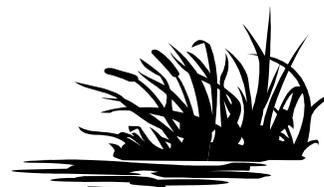
Bibby did a survey where he asked the question, “I’d be open to more involvement with religious groups if I found it worthwhile.” He found that many were open to the idea, but had to feel their participation was worthwhile to them and that it would also benefit the family. He stated that faith remained important to Catholics and that some embrace it and some reject it and for some that God is a Being who relates to people. He went on to say that Catholicism is experience, image and story.

Bibby ended by speaking of the CWL, that they are recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as a lay association of women. That the

CWL serves to unite the Canadian Catholic Women promoting spiritual development, promoting catholic teachings, promoting family life and contributing to social justice.

He has written a book called Canada’s Catholics, Vitality and Hope in a New Era

Elisabeth



Regional News—Essex
Chairperson—Denise Masse



Life is indeed a precious gift and we are often reminded of the latter. For myself the prior sentiment rang very true this summer. My son had surgery on his shoulder and my League sisters were there. He was then a few months later trampled by and elk and my sisters were there. My aunt had three surgeries, my uncle soon needed care too after caring for her. My sisters were there. Several other issues involving family members surfaced and my sisters were there, in the most powerful way-with prayer and support. Prayer is the core of our League, where the inspirations for our works come from, what guides our decisions, allows us the strength and energy to perform the many works that need to be done and to support each other all the while enhancing the lives of those around us.

As I reflect on Convention in Stratford, I recall the many lessons of compassion learned. Whether through beautiful quilts, made for those in hospice, or the speakers and their stories of perseverance through faith that allowed them to make a difference. The theme had also continued with the stories of the women in the bible and the women on our Diocesan executive who made connections through the woman that was chosen for their research. Easily each one made connections between the woman studied, and how the biblical story related to their position on the executive. The flow of inspiration continues on from biblical times to today, as we all ride the wave that is the Holy Spirit moving through us.

The flow that allows for many good works to be done. Like waves on a shore, the good works, the women who perform them and the people who appreciate them continues, endlessly. I thank the ladies of the Region for a great turn out, the beautiful stories told through your quilts, your generous donations and for the gifts you are.

St. Simon and St. Jude Parish celebrated 95 wonderful years on June 13th, 2017. Co-Presidents Jeanne Lauzon and Linda Prestyko hosted a lovely dinner. Lee Levergood, Past President worked diligently with a committee to update the archives, displayed for all to tell the story of their council. While the task was extensive, it was a labour of love and journey of discovery. For instance, did you know conventions were held in the homes at one time? Members of our region's CWL councils attended as did executive from Diocesan.

As summer was drawing to a close the Region of Essex sadly lost a wonderful man, Fr. Patrick Fuerth passed away. In May he had celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination. The CWL of St. Michael's Leamington served a beautiful dinner at his reception after mass. My husband and I had gotten to the church later than expected. We wound up in the chapel behind a group of women in white blouses that reminded me of angels. Then I began to recognize the faces of these "angels". They were CWL members and it became clear they were

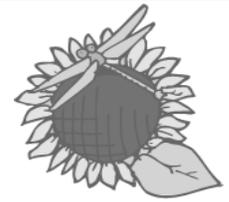
serving once again. Barb Quenneville was asked to make his favourite, apple pie for dessert. No problem, she made 50. The ladies honoured Pat beautifully with smiles as they brought out dinners and cleared tables. Fr. Pat was always proud of them and knew he could count on them. I saw these same angels who were so joyous and now had tears for a man who respected them and knew their great works. God rest his soul. Fr. Pat was a dear friend and a wise, kind man who will be missed.

The one thing I remember Fr. Pat saying is about the importance of using your talents and gifts to change the lives of others for the better. As the fall approaches, so does a celebration of accomplishments and gifts. St. Anne Parish will be celebrating their 95th anniversary on Sunday, September 17th, 2017. Good Shepherd Parish is celebrating their 25th anniversary Sunday, November 5th, 2017 at the new church. Fall Bazaars will fill the calendars of communities, who highlight the anticipated events on their calendars each year. A tradition that is enjoyed as the line-ups for them to open attest to each year. The countless works begin again after a brief rest in the summer. Fall Regional days bring an opportunity for us to begin that renewal process together, be inspired and bring this to our parishes and communities.

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Regional News—London

Chairperson—Joan Lobsinger



Here we are right in the swing of things in the London Region. Plans for the Fall Regional Day and the 2018 Diocesan Convention are well underway but let me put the brakes on for a bit and reminisce about the past few months. St. Francis-St. Martin's council and Redeemer Lutheran Church, as well as St Michael's, St. Andrew the Apostle's councils and the Good Shepherd Lutheran church joined together to participate in the Luther Rose Proposal. It was a very rewarding experience.



On June 26th, we had our closing dinner at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn. It was well attended and an opportunity to just enjoy good food and fellowship. A special thanks to Irene Kennedy and Sandra Mitchell for organizing this dinner.

I experienced many highlights in the month of July. The first was attending the Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay. It was 'Superior'. There were many spiritual moments, enlightening moments and fun moments too. His Eminence Cardinal Lacroix in his keynote address shared his thoughts on "Amoris Laetitia The Joy of Love", Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope

Francis. He presented us with these four important words/attitudes that are necessary today to help families grow in love: Welcoming and listening, Accompanying, Discerning and Integrating. You can read his keynote address on the provincial website (www.cwl.on.ca). Both Cardinal Lacroix and Bishop Colli gave us much food for thought. I encourage you to attend the upcoming 2018 Provincial Convention in Toronto.



Upon returning home from convention, there was lots to celebrate. I had my birthday, attended my niece's wedding and my husband Al and I celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary. It was indeed a fantastic weekend.

Another highlight of the summer was The Diocesan Day at the Shrine in Merlin on July 19th. The

weather was good and the friendships and prayers shared were beautiful. Fr. Greg taught us two words and encouraged us to live out these words: WADI (Welcoming and listening, Accompanying, Discerning and Integrating) and Bambelela, a Zulu word meaning "never give up".

I'd like to thank Betty Mitchell for her many years of dedication as our Regional Treasurer and wish her well in the coming years. I'd like to welcome Elaine Kocher and Sandra Mitchell who are going to co-share the duty as Regional Treasurer. See Betty, it takes two to fill your shoes.



A BIG THANK YOU to St. Michael's council for hosting the upcoming London and Sarnia Lambton Fall Regional Day on October 28th. As mentioned, plans are well underway as are the plans for our Diocesan Convention April 23rd to 25th. Save the dates!

Our Regional meetings resume at St. Michael's parish on September 25th and our next Convention planning meeting is scheduled on October 23rd. I look forward to another great year with the presidents in the London Region.

May God bless you and your families.

Joan



*Regional News—Ingersoll
Chairperson—Fatima Cabral*

"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."

Mother Teresa

Our Ingersoll regional CWL councils have been busy this year doing just that. May 4, 2017 - World Day of Prayer for Palliative care had all councils participating in an hour of prayer from 8am to 8 pm. One council had members gather at Sakura House (a palliative care hospice) and recite the rosary with a long-time CWL member who was a resident there at the time and dying. That member unfortunately passed away the following morning. Those in attendance certainly felt the peace and tranquility of hospice care and the power of prayer.

Fundraising is an important part of the work of our councils. Funds raised support our school graduates and youth programmes. Community groups that help our poor and needy are often recipients of CWL donations. Most importantly are the volunteer hours spent by members helping in soup kitchens, pregnancy support centres and protecting the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

Lastly, Ingersoll region welcomes Tinie Klunder as incoming president of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Waterford CWL council. She will be a wonderful addition to our presidents group. Our councils collectively will be launching the mental health awareness postcard campaign again in September to raise awareness of mental health

services required by the youth in our communities. With back to school upon us the pressures that young people face will be greater than ever.

The second half of 2017 will certainly start off busy as many councils return back from a summer hiatus. Christmas bazaar planning will be in full swing and preparations to attend fall regional days throughout our region. Inspired by the Holy Spirit the CWL members of Ingersoll region continue to respond to God's call.

Fatima

*Regional News—Essex
Chairperson—Denise Masse (cont'd...)*



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My son has finally healed. As I visited him in Jasper, AB again this summer, we were able to watch the beauty of the dancing Northern Lights. A wonderful contrast to the smoky air from the forest fires down in Banff and adjacent in British Columbia. The majestic mountains

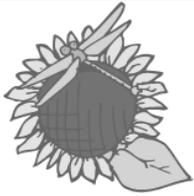
came in and out of sight as a result. The beauty of the lights however shone through at night. They reminded me of the many women of the CWL, working, dancing, celebrating and living life with an invitation to all to join. There is room at the table to all to share their gifts and talents. Room for everyone. For this we are blessed

and grateful to be members of the League. Share the good news and invite someone new to join us!

God Bless.

Denise





Regional News—Windsor
Chairperson—Mary Ann Horne-White

It seems like no time has passed since our Diocesan Convention in April in Stratford. Wonderful greetings, praying, and enjoying the company of other members of the league.

July 19th, our councils went to Merlin for our Diocesan Day of Prayer. Fr. Greg Bonin, our spiritual adviser was there to celebrate Mass and spend the day with us.

With fall comes Advent and thoughts of Christ's coming. The celebration of Christ's birth and time with loved ones. Pray for peace in the world while you share time together.

Our May Windsor Regional Meeting was a potluck. We invited Mary Lappan - Diocesan Treasurer, and Pat Rivest-Ontario Provincial Treasurer, to share the meaning of our theme for 2017-2019. It was a lovely presentation of "Inspired by the Spirit - Women Respond to God's Call".

Saturday, September 23rd we welcomed Chatham, Essex, Windsor councils, and other councils of the London Diocese, to join us in Windsor for our Regional Day at Our Lady of the Atonement Church.

Wishing you all blessings and peace.

Mary Ann

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Regional News—Sarnia Lambton
Chairperson—Patricia Sloan

As I look back at my year of representing Sarnia Lambton I marvel at all the wonderful Sisters of the League.

All are Called — All are Wanted — All are Loved

This years theme "Inspired by the Spirit women respond to God's Call" was certainly evident at the Day at the Shrine in July.

More and more of our Parishes are going to rely on us to step forward and answer God's call. As I look back on the Year of Mercy, open doors, Lenten Retreat, World day of Prayer, 12 hours of Prayer for Hospice, all I see are women ready to do God's work

Then Canada 150 celebrations and all the beautiful quilts at Convention. It just shows us all the power of CWL women

St. Michael's and the cluster parishes of St. Benedict's, St. Joseph's and OLM took part in the town hall meeting from National Convention in PEI by way of the internet in August. Once again all Councils are gearing up for their fall bazaars and festivities.

I am looking forward to 2017-2018 and working with all the fantastic women in all 12 Councils of Sarnia Lambton

Pat

98th London Diocesan Convention

Hosted by London Region

April 23rd/25th, 2018

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit
2017 Fall Regional Days



**September 23 – Windsor/Essex/Chatham
Our Lady of Atonement Church, Windsor. ON**

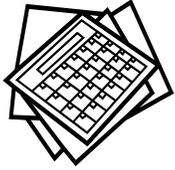
**October 21 – Huron Perth/Ingersoll
Precious Blood Church, Exeter, ON**

**October 28 – London/Sarnia Lambton
St. Michael's Church, London, ON**

**Lunch \$8.00 per person
Directions to church can be found on the website**

Non Scented Bars of Soap will be collected at the door for the Soap for Hope Campaign (Canadian Food for Children)

Please contact your Regional Representative to let her know you will be attending at least 7 days prior to event.



Some Dates to Remember in the Coming Year

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| September 1, 2017 | World Day of Prayer |
| September 8, 2017 | The birth of Our Blessed Virgin Mary |
| September 21, 2017 | International Day of Peace |
| September 25, 2017 | Canadian Martyr's Feast Day |
| October 1, 2017 | Respect for Life Sunday |
| October 1, 2017 | Vocation Awareness Sunday |
| October 2-6, 2017 | National Family Week |
| October 9, 2017 | Thanksgiving Day |
| October 16, 2017 | World Day of Food |
| October 17, 2017 | International Day for the Eradication of Poverty |
| November 5, 2017 | Summertime Ends |
| November 11, 2017 | Remembrance Day |
| December 8, 2017 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception |
| December 10, 2017 | Human Rights Day |
| December 12, 2017 | Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe |

Programme for Fall Regional Days

9 a.m. Mass followed by:

***A.M. Workshop on Elections & Discernment (Marie-Theresa Lamphier),
followed by Skit (Rebecca McCarrell & Denise Masse)
followed by the Treasurer's role (Mary Lappan)***

***P.M. — Gifts of the Holy Spirit Activity (Willi Kole) &
World Café Discussion (brought home from the Ontario Provincial
Convention held this past July)***

***Please join us — and if you cannot attend your local region, you are
welcome to attend the one closest to your region Just let them know.***

*Council News—London Region—Our Lady of Sorrows, Aylmer
Co-president - Lynn Van Wychen*



Mary Verhaeghe, second from left, received the Bellelle Guerin Award prior to the general meeting of the local Catholic Women’s League at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Aylmer on Wednesday, September

21st, 2016. Mrs. Verhaeghe, the co-president of the Aylmer CWL, was presented with the national award by CWL diocesan president Angela Pellerin, middle. Father Ben Huyge, left, regional CWL chairperson Joan Lobsinger, second from right, and Aylmer CWL co-president Lynn Van Wychen, were also on hand for the presentation.

League in their parish, diocese and province.”

Mrs. Verhaeghe has been exceptional in her Christian example and meritorious in her devotion to God, family and the other council members.

Lynn

The Bellelle Guerin Award is presented to a CWL member who has “kept the vision and dream of Bellelle Guerin alive in Canada and the world by dedicating themselves to the work of the

*Council News—London Region—St. Justin, London
Submitted By: Elisabeth Duggan, Diocesan Recording Secretary*

Our council has been blessed with many great members always able to help when needed.

This past June at our Pot Luck we presented a number of service pins for various years of service, but one special one was given to Rita Dufour for 70 years of service. Her proud daughter Joan Cox helped present the pin.

We are getting ready for our fall bazaar which will be held on November 19th from 9am to 2pm. This is our main fundraising project for the year. Besides donating to our various charitable groups we were able to donate money to the church.

We are blessed at St Justin’s

From left to right: Fr. Mark Poulin, Joan Cox, Rita Dufour, Annette Van Geel Past President, and Sandra Furlotte President



*Council News—London Region—St. John the Divine, London
President — Jane Williams*

On June 19th at our CWL dinner we presented service pins to the following members:

5 year pins - Almeida Naomi, Margaret Brac, Karen Ciupka, Anne Lugigits, Freda Zander

10 year pins - Kathleen Brennan, Johanne Hurd, Cheryl Leyes, Marianne Lovenjak

15 year pins - Dianne Kehoe, Sharon Rex

25 year pins - Mary Lou Foglton, Wilhelmina Sterling

30 year pins - Verlyn Clifford

35 year pins - Nives Dives

40 year pins - Anne Matus, Mida Egan

55 year pins - Pat McLaughlin

As part of our celebration we also placed the ties in our "Hospice quilt". As each of us tied a knot we said a prayer for the person who will be comforted by our quilt.

Jane



Colleen Kelly presenting a 55 year pin to Pat McLaughlin

*Council News—London Region—St. John the Divine, London
President — Jane Williams*



the ladies from St. Michael's, St. Andrews the Apostle and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church surrounding the white Rose bush planted at St. Michael's.



*Council News—London Region—St. Francis - St. Martin, London
Submitted by: Marj Dupuis*



This past June, we honoured Betty Mitchell for 65 years of service and Terry Brewster for 60 years of service in the CWL. Also we acknowledged Angela Carter (our past president) with a certificate of achievement and recognition for 14 years of dedication and service as President of our council.

On June 8, 2017, our council planted a white rose (the symbol of purity and also found in the Lutheran emblem) in our church grounds with our nearby Lutheran sisters. Following this dedication, we had a great time of fellowship with tea and snacks.



The Lutheran Redeemer planted a Jack Frost in their own garden which was followed with a great time of fellowship with tea and snacks.

Yours in Christ ,

Marj



*Council News—London Region—St. Patrick, Lucan
Submitted by: Debbie Andrews, Membership Convenor*



from left to right. Harriet Duynisveld

presenter -Corina Reymer

Maple Leave Service pin went to Jeannine Damen.

*Council News—London Region—St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica
London—Submitted by: Dora Dannecker, Communications Chairperson*

Summer is almost over and it feels like Fall already. Cool mornings and evenings and an overabundance of rain to date.

We have enjoyed a rewarding and productive year to date. Now, it is time to focus on the future. Julie Sans, President of our Council entertained our Executive at her home on Saturday, August 26th. She served a delicious lunch and afterwards, planning of our upcoming year began.

We have a lot to look forward to beginning with a reception following the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Fabbro on September 10th. Refreshments will be served to approximately 300 people.

We enjoyed a closing brunch on June 3rd which was attended by many members. Service pins were awarded at this time as follows:
50 Year Pin - Maureen Boone and Rita Denomme; 40 Year Pin - Frances Vitali;
25 year Pin -Josephine Guth, Anne Roxburgh and Jacqueline Rutherford;
10 Year Pin - Jackie Millman, Jackie Potters and Sandra Sanford.



At our September meeting, Maple Leaf Service pins were awarded to our Social Co-Convenors, Sandra Sanford and Joan Dalton. Both have faithfully served our Council and our Parish for many years.



We took advantage of a lucrative strawberry season and on June 28th gathered in the kitchen and prepared jars of jam to be sold at our Christmas Bazaar in December.

Some of our ladies worked the 2nd Annual Parish Picnic on June 11th. **Our work is never done.**



We acknowledged the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation which recognition was commissioned by Pope Frances to encourage Christian accord. On July 3rd, we invited the pastor and ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church in our area and we planted a white rose bush which symbolizes purity in the Lutheran Church emblem, in our front garden. Father Jim

Mockler (St. Peter's) and Rev. Steven Johnston (Trinity Lutheran) were in attendance and blessed the planting of the rose bush. Following the planting ceremony, we served refreshments and enjoyed the fellowship. This fall, we will present Trinity Lutheran with a blue perennial symbolizing "Our Lady" which will be planted in their church garden.



We attended the funeral and formed an Honour Guard for three of our members who died this Summer. Ruth Sans, Jacqueline Rutherford and Kay Brunton. They will be missed by all.

We will look forward to our 98th Diocesan Convention which will be held in London at the Best Western, Lamplighter hotel on April 23, 24 and 25, 2018.

Looks like a busy year ahead. We are READY....almost!~~~~~

Dora

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Michael, Brights Grove
Submitted by Nelly Kelders—President | Communications Chairperson*

A Lively Spring General Meeting

At St. Michael's CWL Council in Bright's Grove, we hold four general meetings a year and ten executive meetings, open to the membership. The spring meeting held in late May is always well attended and this year there was much to celebrate. There were presentations throughout the evening to show our support for the parish and community as well as to acknowledge the contributions of our own members. The meeting was held at Huron Oaks Golf Course following the recitation of the rosary at St. Michael Church. The ladies had time before they were called to order to enjoy some social time and to meet the other guests at their tables.



Presentations to Palliative and Hospice Care

This winter, the quilters got together to create two beautiful works of art in the form of lap quilts. The theme was based on

the 150th anniversary of Canada. Our quilt was chosen by our Diocesan Executive, at our convention in April, to represent the Diocese at the provincial conference in Thunder Bay. Needless to say, we were thrilled. However, at our May General Meeting we did present a quilt to Palliative Care at Bluewater Health and one to St. Joseph Hospice. Their representatives were very appreciative of these beautiful quilts, obviously made with much love. Each organization was also presented with a cheque of \$241. The funds were raised through a raffle; prizes donated by members of the CWL. The draws took place during the dinner to add to the excitement of the evening. Three of the four prizes were won by family of executive members! That was really funny as two of the prize winners were my sister and nephew!!

The Palliative Care/Hospice Raffle Winners

Bryan Wiggers: water colour painting by Regina Gudelis
 Matt Kelders: Kate Spade wallet donated by Lilly Wong
 Rosemary Rose: Tabletop quilt donated by the quilting group
 Julie Maginn: note cards by Regina Gudelis

Kitchen Renovation Support

Late this winter the kitchen in our parish meeting room received a make-over. New countertops, sinks, taps and backsplash were installed. The renovation has given us a bit more counter space and the backsplash done in white subway

tile has lightened up the room. Members of the CWL offered to spring clean all the cupboards after the work was completed, to ensure that all committees would have a clean environment to work in. As one of the groups who uses the kitchen quite a bit, we wanted to assist with the payment of work done. A cheque of \$1,000 was presented to our parish priest, Father Vince Gulikers to help defray the costs.

Service Pins

The highlight for many is the presentation of service pins and the Maple Leaf service pin. This year we had quite a few more pins to present as the increments have changed, making more ladies eligible. Another important distinction this year is the fact that this is our 30th anniversary as a Council so some of the ladies receiving 30 year pins are also founding members of this Council.

10 Year - Ann DelBen, Hilda Feimer, Joanne Marshall, Heather Robitaille

20 Year - Jessica Hubert, Diane McCahill, Brenda Paquette

25 Year - Eleanor Buscher, Melissa Dunphy, Regina Gudelis, Sonia Hillier, Jo Kulik, Katherine Pool, Donna Stewart, Vickie Taylor

30 Year - Sandra Cabiddu, Maureen Cartier, Monique Giroux, Mia Hubert, Mary Ann Hucker, Olga Iacobelli, Gen Hurst, Vera Lawlor, Betty Mackey,

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*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Michael, Brights Grove
Submitted by Nelly Kelders—Communications/Education/Health Chairperson.. (cont'd)*

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Karen Ouellette,
Anne VandenHoven

35 Year - Nelly Kelders, Laverne
Phills,

45 Year - Gen Kennedy

55 Year - Lucille Dallaire

Maple Leaf Pin

This pin presented to members who have served the League in an exceptional or meritorious manner, was presented to Annette Proconier for her many outstanding contributions to the League. A former member of the executive council, she continues to be a vital member of the annual bazaar fundraising team. Annette is well known for her creative talents making bows, swags, crafts and her Christmas basket-making and Teen Workshops. Thank you Annette, for sharing your talents with us.

CWL Education Bursary 2017

Each year St. Michael CWL offers a bursary to a grade 12 student in the parish continuing on to post-

secondary education. The name of the recipient is announced at the May General Meeting. This year's bursary was presented to Frances Ozburn, a grade 12 student at St. Patrick High School at the end of mass on Sunday, June 4. We wish her much success in her future endeavours in post-secondary education.

Business Meeting

You are probably wondering if we did any business. Yes, we absolutely did but we were efficient in our reporting.

1. President's report - a request for new volunteers to assist with funeral luncheons
2. plans for the 30th anniversary celebration in September
3. invitation to sign up for the Welcome Desk after masses on the
4. announced the organization of a road trip to the One of a Kind Craft Show in Toronto in November
5. Acknowledge and thank all the women for their work and contributions to the council and parish

Treasurer's Report - Current balance

Member Services -

- 1) Golf Tournament in June
- 2) Pie making workshops in September
- 3) Education - Bursary announcement

Time to Rest

The May meeting signals the end of most of our major projects and a time for rest. Members welcome the summer as a time to slow down from all the activities of the past fall and winter. We reside beside the beautiful shores of Lake Huron and the summer offers the opportunity for peace and tranquility, and to rejuvenate ourselves before we begin anew. Members are kept informed of any news through our monthly newsletter in the parish bulletin and occasional emails from the president.

Nelly



*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Benedict, Sarnia
Submitted by Carol Hall*

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation

At the spring meeting of the Sarnia Regional Council of the Catholic Women's League, an information sheet was given out that stated that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, encouraged Roman Catholics to reach out in reconciliation to the Lutheran churches. Members of a Waterloo Council proposed a Lutheran Rose ceremony. As St. Benedict's Church is a close neighbour to Redeemer Lutheran Church, they volunteered to spearhead a Lutheran Rose Ceremony on behalf of the cluster parishes of St.



Benedict's, St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Mercy.

To commemorate this event, members planted a white rose at Our Lady of Mercy Church and the women from Redeemer Lutheran Church planted one at their church. The Lutheran Church has recognized the white rose for centuries as their symbol. After the planting ceremony, the women met

in the church hall for a social hour. Approximately 50 women attended including members attended from St. Benedict's, St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Mercy, Redeemer Lutheran and Christ Lutheran. Both the Sarnia Observer and the Journal printed a picture and article.

Since the picture & article were in the local papers, we have received some very encouraging comments. We at St. Benedict's were highly gratified by the acknowledgment of this event and look forward to meeting with the women at Redeemer Lutheran Church next February.

Carol

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Philips, Petrolia
President — Ann Selman*



Parish Breakfast in January



St Philip CWL Christmas party at a Petrolia restaurant



The welcoming committee of our Ladies at the Parish Breakfast in January

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—Our Lady of Mercy,
Sarnia—President—Phyllis Vanoverbeke*

- We attended the World Day of Prayer in March plus donated to WICC
- March, we hosted the reception for Peace and Development Quilt as it passed through Sarnia
- We attended the CWL convention in April - Joan Molson associate delegate - it was her first time attending the convention - she said she learned and really enjoyed herself along with Phyllis Vanoverbeke-delegate
- We attended the Devine Mercy in April at Queen of Peace
- May we hosted our annual Spring Tea. New this year we had Deacon Lyle's spring rolls, thus we were able to make many donations to local charities
- On Mother's Day offered our annual flowers before masses
- We hosted the reception for 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation - a white rose was planted near the front entrance of OLM plus the Redeemer Lutheran Church was offered another white rose to plant at their church
- In June, we attended the Potluck supper cluster at St Josephs'. It was decorated very nicely, with wonderful food, wine, and beautiful door prizes. Also, Teresa Brown received her 60 CWL year service pin and Jane Porter 50-year service pin
- We sent a Spiritual bouquet to Bishop Coli and outgoing provincial President Pauline Krupa by doing a mass at OLM
- We participated in the Town Hall meeting from national convention at St Ben's

Phyllis



I do not know how long I'll live, but while I live, Lord let me give some comfort to someone in need. By smile or nod, kind word, or deed and let me do what e'er I can to ease things with my fellow man.

I want nought but to do my part to "Lift" a tired and weary heart. To change folks frowns to smiles again. Then I will not have lived in vain. And I'll not care how long I live, if I can give and give and give.

*"I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday,
And I have love today."*



Council News—Chatham Kent Region—Blessed Sacrament, Chatham
Submitted by: Communications Chair—Lorelei Arnold (cont'd)

After all the fun, faith and festivities of our December meeting, it was exciting to get back to work at our January meeting. It was a busy meeting with our President, Pennie Vandebroek presenting her Annual report. We had such a wonderful year of 2016, it was interesting to think back on things that we had done. One of the most important things was the collection of ladies' undies. These were given to a group called the Bag Ladies in Wallaceburg. They make menstruation kits for girls in Africa so that they do not miss school during that time. We also got down to business and approved the 2017 budget. Two of our ladies, Deb Venne and Lesli Jeffrey put on a really cute skit called "Everything, Lord?" to demonstrate the importance of giving everything to God. It was enjoyed by all the ladies and helped to encourage League Object #2 to promote the teachings of the Catholic church and League Object #3 to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life.

Our CWL also hosted an after-mass Coffee Break in January. These breaks not only help to create a sense of community with those attending mass, but also help raise funds for some very worthy causes, to fulfill our CWL Object #6 to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere. January's break supported a local not-for-profit restaurant, The Shepherd's Way Inn. This establishment feeds everyone,

regardless of whether they have the funds to pay. It also hands out warm clothing, spiritual conversation and endless smiles.

In keeping with our CWL Object #4—To Protect the Sanctity of Human Life, at our February meeting, our speaker was Madison Herrewegers, an enthusiastic



student from Ursuline College who started a Right To Life club at the school, under the supervision of teacher Chris Gutteridge. It is called Lancers for Life. It fits so perfect with the Lancer motto "Living Life, Loving Life and Defending Life". She started her talk with a demonstration of a game that she uses when speaking in the classrooms that teaches that every life has a purpose, regardless of one's position in life. The Lancers for Life are a very active group that works in classrooms, and does campaigns to promote life. In October, they placed 1,000 pink and blue flags in the UCC Court yard, each flag representing 100 babies killed by abortion each year in Canada. It got teens talking. Their next campaign is an interactive video with the students. The group asks questions, shows the teens videos and tapes their reactions. Awesome job Madison and the rest of the group!

March was such a busy month. Our CWL ladies hosted the World Day of Prayer in Chatham. Prayers for this inter-denominational event were written by the Christian women of the Philippines this year. This event each year helps to encourage us in our league Object #8 to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony. Our ladies hosted a small reception following the event with many delicacies of the Philippines, including pineapple and coconut recipes.

"The smiles on their faces are the best.", Mary Johnston told us of her trips to Uganda at our March meeting. Mary is a Chatham woman who has made 6 trips with the "To The Nations" group. They work to help build houses, schools and soup kitchens. It is hard seeing so many grandparents who are raising 6 or 7 grandchildren, many of whom are HIV positive. Their parents are gone or deceased, many dying from AIDS. Mary and her group give each child a package. It includes a dress or pants and a shirt depending on if it is for a boy or a girl. They also include underwear, a small toy and always a rosary.

We also had a card making activity. These beautiful cards will be delivered when visiting some of our homebound CWL members.

Our CWL sister, Elaine Breyneart, brought in many of the prayer

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shawls that she had crocheted for our members to see. Elaine, Ruby Anderson, Maria Harrison, and Carol Robert have worked very hard to create prayer shawls and lap quilts. They are beautiful. These will be given to parishioners in need of our prayers and our comfort.

March also brought us our first edition of our monthly newsletter. It is full of news from our last meeting and what is coming up at our next. We fill it with lots of information about our CWL such as upcoming dates and events and special projects that we are working on. We always spotlight one of our sisters, to help us all get to know one another. Our members look forward to it each month.

Our CWL and Blessed Sacrament Church have always been strong supporters of Right to Life and its division Refuge House through the baby bottle campaign and the Playpen project among other things. Refuge House is a place of shelter, a pregnancy help center for before and after birth where women are shown God's love for them. B.J. Kivell and Katrina Brown of Refuge stopped by to tell us about their new programme "Walk with Me". It believes that "a woman that is supported can only do better and be better". The programme works with the pregnant woman from the time that she comes to Refuge until the baby turns 1 years old. It began in Chatham in October and there is currently 5 women participating. Refuge advertises in the

hospitals, doctor's offices, the public health offices and Chatham Kent Children's Services to find women in need of help. Refuge is always in need of financial support as it is 100% donation funded and is a wonderful way "to impact lives by supporting and partnering with Refuge".



Lauren & her Grandmother Carol Robert, a 25 year member of the CWL

We also had an update from new CWL member Lauren Mailloux, who was a student teacher at Ursuline College, the Catholic High School. Lauren started a group called "LEADS" to help encourage leadership qualities in at risk students. Students are recommended to the programme by the Principal, the Student Success teacher and other teachers. Through team building exercises, field trips and encouragement, these students blossom. Our CWL has supported this group and this is reflected with our logo appearing on the back of the student's t-shirts.

This month we were definitely reminded of our League Objects especially #4 to promote the sanctity of life and League Object

#7 to uphold and to defend Christian Education and values in a modern world.



The Procession

The Crowning of Mary celebration at our May meeting was beautiful. The evening began with a lovely procession of many of our CWL ladies presenting Mary with flowers. Our President-Elect, Patti Johnson, placed the crown of mini flowers on the statue of Mary as we all sang the beautiful hymn, "Bring flowers of the rarest". We prayed the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary. The music supplied by CWL member, Marilyn Gutteridge and two wonderful singers, Lauren McKerrall and Amanda Chinnick enhanced the celebration. We emphasized League Object #1 to achieve individual and collective spiritual development.

Following the Crowning, everyone came downstairs to the hall, where members displayed many beautiful tributes to Mary in the form of statues and pictures. Everyone enjoyed their coffee, tea and a lovely snack while we held a small meeting.

We celebrated Canada's 150th Birthday at our June meeting by coming dressed in red and white.

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Our 5 year members

We began with the Rosary and mass. We honored those members who are celebrating anniversaries with the CWL and welcoming our 9 new members with a beautiful pin ceremony. We have two special anniversaries, 45yrs and 60 yrs. League Objects we are emphasizing this month #5 to enhance the role of women in Church and society and we do this by celebrating the importance of the CWL in our lives. Our own CWL member, Cheryl Ball spoke on her nephew's ordination. Glen Ball, a Ridgetown native, who was ordained at St Peter's Basilica in

London on May 13, 2017. There was a beautiful display of many of the prayer shawls and lap quilts that our members have been creating with love. Father Jim gave them a special blessing.



Fr. Jim giving the blessing

We worked very hard through the first half of 2017 to emphasize and promote the League's 8 Objects.

While we take the summer off from meetings, we were still very active in the parish. Our CWL worked with the St. Agnes CWL of our cluster and the two Knights of Columbus Councils to make a parish picnic. A wonderful time was held by everyone.

In July, we were thrilled to learn that our parish cluster has been chosen to pioneer one of the new Families of Churches. We are excited to begin this new chapter and to have so many new parishes and CWLs to work with. We can't wait to see how this new journey will bring us closer to God and help us to connect with all our CWL sisters.

Lorelei



Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands and then eat just one on the pieces.

The 12-step chocoaholics programme - Never be more than 12 steps away from chocolate.

Chocolate is nature's way of making up for Mondays.

Chocolate is cheaper than therapy and no appointment is needed.

*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—Holy Family, Wallaceburg,
President—Judy Roy*

We started the year off with the installation of our new executive during Mass. Our council hosted our first Roast Beef Dinner in February, which was well received. Three of our members took part in the World Day of Prayer at the Trinity United Church, celebrating the women of the Philippines.

Tickets were sold after Masses on a complete Easter Dinner, with the proceeds going to Mom's Cupboard, which is located in the St. James Anglican Church. This organization looks after the needs of young parents who are struggling to feed and clothe their babies & young children. The three C.W.L. councils in our parish cluster hosted a reception for our R.C.I.A. Candidates after the Easter Vigil Mass, congratulating them as new members of the Catholic faith. We also celebrated Father Chris' 20th Anniversary to the Priesthood with a reception and a monetary gift.

Our Lady of Good Counsel was honoured at Sunday morning Mass with our flag and banner in full view. Many of our members took part in the procession before Mass as well as looking after all liturgical roles. Pins were also presented to our members during this Mass. This year, we are paying special attention to those in palliative care and hospices. With the help of many of our members, we made 13 lap quilts and shawls, which were displayed in front of the altar for all of our parishioners to see. Father Chris blessed all of

them, and then we gave them to Fairfield Park as well as our Hospice in Chatham. We are also sending our monthly newsletters to seniors in our residences and nursing home.

Two of our executive members attended the convention in Stratford, meeting new and old friends, and bringing back lots of information for our members. The annual Right to Life Banquet in Chatham was attended by ten of our members, and while there, we made a financial donation to Refuge.

During the month of May, we hosted a Right to Life Baby Shower in our church. A playpen was set up and filled with baby items donated by our parishioners. Our council hosted a Shut in Mass for our seniors and shut ins. We assisted in picking them up as well as looking after the Liturgical roles during Mass. Mary was crowned by one of our seniors and past president, Harriet Marchand. During this Mass, Father Chris, assisted by Father Bernard, anointed all of the seniors present as well as anyone else who wished to receive it. A luncheon was enjoyed by all who attended Mass.

Students receiving their First Communion, Confirmation, and graduation received gifts from our council. We, along with the other two councils in our cluster hosted a reception for those receiving their confirmation. In our annex, we have a religious goods store filled with gifts and cards for those receiving their sacraments, as well

as items to give to someone to show that you are thinking of them. We keep the cost down and there is not tax. We also have a Holy Family CWL Library situated near the entrance of our church. There are lots of good books and C D's that can be borrowed, read and brought back to be exchanged for another. We have lots of children's books as well.

Since the beginning of the year we have been busy writing letters and signing petitions for the rights of our health care workers and for our hospices. Our council also celebrated 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care.

Our June meeting was a dinner meeting, held at the Black Goose Restaurant, which was a nice change from our regular venue. Throughout the summer months, we continue to collect food, soap, candles, eye glasses, yarn for pneumonia vests, milk bags for CFFC as well as Campbell's soup labels for our school and stamps for Leprosy. We are also selling our raffle tickets during the summer months as well as canvassing our local merchants for penny sale items so that we are ready in October for our Annual Penny Sale, which is our biggest fundraiser for the year.

So far, we have had a busy year. We thank God for the continued support of our pastor and parish in all that we do. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us.

Judy

*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—Our Lady Help of Christians,
Wallaceburg. President—Marlene Judson*

We had another successful Roast Beef dinner, yard sale, Easter Basket Raffle and hosted the Marriage Prep weekend. With help from our 2 Cluster CWL'S we hosted the RCIA reception, Fr. Chris's 20th anniversary to the Priesthood, and Confirmation reception.

At our Spring Banquet, we give out anniversary pins and Merit Certificates. Our speaker talked to us about the Chatham Kent Hospice We also presented Margaret Cushman with a well deserved Maple Leaf Service Pin. Margaret was responsible for organizing a letter signing campaign (700+) to our local MPP

and Minister of Health Eric Hoskins against health care providers having to refer patients for euthanasia. Our membership continues to increase mainly due to the efforts of our Membership chair Margaret Cushman.

The Right to Life baby shower in May resulted in many baby items being delivered to RTL Kent. We also have 5 wonderful ladies making Leprosy Bandages.

Our 3 Cluster CWL's working together (4 hrs. each) completed the 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Prayer.

We are sad to report that we have lost 10 members this year.

R.I.P. Georgina Verbeem, Doris Thomas, Arlene Doan, Jo-Anne Regis, Jean Hottot, Alyce Hildebrand, Marjorie Foster, Rita O'Neil, Mary Lynn Buchan and Florida Misson.

Marlene

*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Michael, Dresden,
President, Sandee Chandler*

At our June outing, we celebrated our PIN Ceremony.

40 yrs
Judy Demers
Jean Hawkins
Jenny Landuyt
Anne Jennen

50 yrs
Yvonne Marhand

60 Yrs
Frances Kominek
Ann Kominek
Mary Stranak
Ann Hodulik
Lorraine Van Daele

65 yrs
Gloria Reaume

70 Yrs
Toni Cajka

Congratulations to all our ladies who received their well deserved pins.

Sandee



*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Francis Xavier, Tilbury,
President—Theresa Gadal*

The World Day of Prayer Service was held in our parish. The Island Country of the Philippines was the focus for the day with the theme "Am I Being Fair to You?" Representatives from the Philippine community were our guests. Everyone enjoyed the informative service, fellowship and refreshments.

We participated in the 12 Hours of Prayer to the Lord for Palliative Care which included the recitation of the rosary, celebration of the Eucharist, all day adoration with a 1 hour prayer service followed by Benediction.

In April, our CWL Council teamed up with the Knights of Columbus and Squirettes to sponsor a "Development and Peace Breakfast". Over 100 parishioners were fed.

Our Council along with the liturgy committee put out a 40-40 challenge during Lent. Parishioners were asked to collect 40 items (clothing/food) for forty days to fill a large white garbage bag. These were collected on Good Friday. This project was an overwhelming success. The generosity of the cluster parishes, were shared with local organizations in need.

In May, we celebrated the Seven Joys of Mary during the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was also presented with carnations.

A couple of members who were involved with the Rosary Apostolate in the French and English schools celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children in Italy. We joined in a procession to the church, a couple of decades of the rosary and the viewing of a DVD on the "The Miracle of the Sun."

Before the weekend masses, members lead the recitation of the rosary.

Also during May, we held our annual May Dessert Tea and Fundraiser. Many donations helped towards the bake sale, and door and raffle prizes. We also had our ticket draw and enjoyed a euchre tournament.

To help support the annual Right to Life Kent Refuge Pregnancy Center, our council took part in the Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign. Baby bottles were distributed to parishioners on Mother's Day and collected on Father's Day. The goal was to fill them with loose change or a donation in order to help save the lives of the unborn and to change the lives of men and women by giving accurate information. Of all the churches who participated in our Chatham Kent local community, over \$33,000 was raised.

In June, we gathered for a Pot Luck

Dinner Meeting celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada. We then held a memorial service for deceased members, reception of new members and presentation of service pins.

Also in June, some members visited Oxley Retreat House for a day of reflection with Sr. Sheila McKinlay.

Members helped prepare meals for the Confirmation candidates for their Super Saturdays in preparation for this important sacrament. First Communion and Confirmation gifts were presented to the students who received these sacraments.

In July, our council joined other parish organizations to host a farewell breakfast for our pastor Fr. Peter Amszej. He was presented with a gift certificate on behalf of our council and a beautiful stole from the parish. Over 300 people attended and enjoyed this delicious meal and to offer best wishes.

Theresa



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—Immaculate Conception,
Stratford—President—Lorraine Hertel*

Spiritual Advisor - Fr. Bester
Membership - 106

Immaculate Conception Council CWL members joined Christian Women from other churches on the first Friday of March for World Day of Prayer. The theme for 2017 was Women in the Philippines, Am I Being Unfair To You?

Our council facilitated the Stations of the Cross on March 3rd at 7:00n P.M. for the first Friday of Lent.

We hosted the Council of Churches Lenten Lunches each Wednesday for six weeks. The theme this year was the Seasons of Life... Early Childhood, Adolescence, Middle age, Retirement and End of Life. They were very well attended.

We started the year with 109 members but three of our members have gone to heaven to receive their awards - Rita Manley 73 years, Ethel Regan 53 years and Judy Purcell 41 years. Rita Manley and Ethel Regan were active members in the CWL in their younger years. We were all shocked when we heard that Judy

Purcell had a terminal illness in December. She was very active in the CWL, held many positions past president in 2008 and 2009 and was our treasurer until January 2017. She was always there to help or advise us. She was also active in the community. We all miss having her with us. She went home to be with the Lord in May.

The London Diocesan Convention was held at the Arden Park in April and our members helped with the many chores that needed to be done before and after the convention.

We had another successful fashion show in April. Everyone in the community looks forward to this and even if they cannot attend they purchase a ticket or make a donation to our worthy cause. We were able to donate \$1,500. To hospice.

In May we hosted a reception for Father Ross Campbell who was a former member of Immaculate Conception Parish, ordained to the priesthood on May 6th and said his first home parish mass on May 13th.

In June we had a Special Invitation from our sister council St. Joseph's Council for a Spring Tea Social for

accommodating their council during St. Joseph's renovations. They entertained us with music, a skit, tea and dainties, and many door prizes. It was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by all.

In June, we presented Melina Clemmer the CWL student award for her outstanding service to the Catholic church and volunteering for other activities such as bible camp, bazaar etc.

Student awards were also presented at St. Michael's Secondary school graduation to the student who displayed Christian Service to the Church Community, Jeanne Sauve for Academic Excellence in French and St. Ambrose the Citizenship award.

Our ladies are now busy selling tickets, doing preserves, crafts etc. for our annual bazaar on November 4th.

Lorraine

*Details about
Judy Purcell
are found on
our new
Memorium
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*Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Joseph, Listowel
Co-Presidents—Paula Smith & Marie Elliott*

- March - Attended and helped with the readings at the World Day of Prayer. Provided light luncheon and refreshments after a special church meeting and a Lutheran/Catholic Ecumenical Service.
- April - Presented our First Communicants with a Prayer book. Hosted a birthday party at the Caressant Care Nursing Home for anyone who had a birthday. Held one of our major fundraisers, the Spring Social with a humourous guest speaker, draws, and penny table. Raised \$200 for the Stratford Hospice. Eight members attended the C W L D i o c e s a n Convention in Stratford.
- May - We held our 2nd Victorian Tea with the traditional menu. Presented a \$200 Scholarship to a graduate at St. Michael's Secondary School, Stratford.
- June - Sent a Spiritual Bouquet to Pauline Krupa, Provincial President and Bishop Colli, Provincial Spiritual Advisor. Presented 2 ten, 1 twenty-five, 2 forty and 1 fifty year Service Pins at our year end Potluck Meeting at the home of the Co-President. Donated an award, and provided a celebration for St. Mary's School Elementary School 2017 graduates after mass.
- July - Supplied morning snack for the church bible camp for the week.

We give a Crucifix to couples getting married. Newly baptized babies get medals. Provide funeral lunches per requested and host Coffee Sundays throughout the year. We visit the sick, shut-ins and nursing homes. A nutritionist spoke about label reading at one of our meetings and we attended a landscaping venue for another meeting.

Our CWL is very active and we thank our members as they make this all possible.

Paula & Marie

*Council News—Ingersoll Region—Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,
Delhi—Submitted by: Vicki Braun, Secretary*

The CWL of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Delhi will be hosting a Fashion show Thursday, September 28, 2017 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 7 pm. Please join us for an evening of fun, fashion, coffee and refreshments. Tickets \$12, available by calling 519-582-1180.

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 25, 2017 from 11am to 3 pm. Join us at the country store, white elephant table, and so much more OR enjoy a social over lunch in Delhi at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Parish Hall.

Vicki



*Council News—Ingersoll Region—Holy Trinity, Woodstock
Submitted by: Linda Ferraro, Communications Chairperson*



(left to right) Lydia DeMelo, Carol Mullins (speaker), Jerri Beauchamp (President)

On Saturday, May 20 one hundred and forty women enjoyed a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship. A delicious luncheon was served followed by a musical presentation by Carol Mullins. Carol is the Pastoral Associate at St. John Paul II parish in Lake View, New York, and founder of Quiet Whispers Ministry. She is an inspirational speaker, composer and biblical storyteller. Her “passion is to encourage people to recognize God’s presence in everyday life”. She delivers her message through original song and humour. Throughout her presentation she showed us that our faith can help us find joy in our lives every day, even in the midst of life’s struggles. Carol’s enthusiasm, sense of humour, and musical

talent certainly brought joy to all who attended.

Following the performance we processed outdoors for the dedication of two trees donated by the CWL religious store. The trees were blessed by our pastor, Father Rick Dales. They were dedicated to our CWL members past and present.



Jerri Beauchamp (President), Fatima Cabral (Maple Leaf Pin recipient, Past President and Spiritual Convenor), Carmen Velocci (President Elect)

President Jerri Beauchamp presented Fatima Cabral, our Past President and current Spiritual Convenor, with the Maple Leaf Service Pin. Fatima served as our President during 2014-2015 and was instrumental in raising our visibility as a council through the introduction of our Hotmail website

and “Our Voice” newsletter. She also initiated a number of new fundraising, charitable and social events such as the Mother’s Day bouquets, the Baby Shower, Closet/Vendor event, Winery tour, Angel Tree and the Family Skate Day. This past year, during the celebration of our 95th Anniversary, she gifted our council with its first ever Manual of Policies and Procedures. Fatima now serves as our Ingersoll Regional Chairperson. She is a most worthy recipient of this distinguished pin.

Linda



*Council News—Essex Region—Holy Name of Jesus, Essex.
President—Janice Rounding*

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dave Boutette

- I attended the Lenten Retreat at Corpus Christi Parish in Windsor. Fr. Greg Bonin led a wonderful retreat to a full house.
- I attended the Diocesan Convention in Stratford in April. It was a great fun-filled, uplifting spiritual 3 days.
- Our council took a busload of members and parishioners to Faithville Studios in Maidstone to see where videos and television shows are filmed. They air around the world in many languages.
- We prayed a Living Rosary in the church during Adoration.
- We attended the Women's Conference in May, with wonderful speakers.
- We raffled off 3 beautiful planters full of colourful flowers to 3 lucky people on Mothers' Day.
- We honoured many long-standing members at our annual banquet.
- We held CWL and Parish Prayers at the funeral home for many of our deceased members, as well as Honour Guards at their funerals. Some of our members are part of the funeral choir and luncheon committee.
- We served ice cream to about 250 parish members at our annual picnic. Knights served hot dogs and chips. We had a cotton candy machine and face painter on a sunny August afternoon.
- Our annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner-our main fundraiser will be held in November.
- This is an election year. We are looking for a few new ladies to help out on our executive.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you and your families.

Janice

*Council News—Essex Region—St. Simon & St. Jude, Belle River.
Co-Presidents—Jeanne Lauzon Linda Prestyko*

April was busy with planning for our 95th Anniversary Celebration and attending the Diocesan Convention. Members enjoyed the speakers and meeting with old friends and making new ones. It is always nice to get to meet the executive and then be able to put a face to a name.

We started our May meeting with the rosary, as we do every May. Weather permitting, we go to the grotto at the front of the church. This year prayers at the grotto are very special since it is Our Lady of Fatima's anniversary. At the grotto,

there are statues of the children of Fatima praying to Our Lady. After our meeting, we had a guest speaker, Marissa Gatfield, from Canadian Blood Services. It was very interesting to learn about the different needs and the restrictions of donating.

In June, we ended our meeting with a Strawberry Social and blind auction. The ladies each bring a wrapped gift and they bid on one. It is always interesting watching the reaction of the ladies when they see what they purchased.

We celebrated our 95th Anniversary on June 13th with a beautiful mass at 5pm and dinner followed at the hall. A brief history of our council was given after dinner and social time after. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all the guests that came to help celebrate with us.

Our bazaar will be held on November 11th in the parish hall. Please come and join us for lunch. We have a great penny table and a large assortment of vendors.

Jeanne & Linda

*Council News—Essex Region—St. Michael, Leamington,
Co-President—Sister Elaine Cole, csj*

Symbolic Flower Plantings
Mark 500th Anniversary
of the Reformation
in Leamington, Ontario

To mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the Catholic Women's League and the Lutheran Ladies of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met the afternoon of June 19th at St. Michael's Church in Leamington. After a short prayer service focusing on the Christian commitment to love, the CWL

ladies explained that since Luther's emblem is a white rose, they would plant a white rose bush to mark the occasion. Also, the Lutheran Ladies were offered a blue hydrangea to plant on their property to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The photo shows Monica Weil on the left and Mary Lapos, co-president of the C.W.L. on the right, committing to overseeing the planting of the perennials at the respective churches.



Sister Elaine Cole, csj

*Council News—Essex Region—Ste. Anne, Tecumseh,
President—Linda Proctor*

Ste Anne's has had a very busy year to date. We held our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner, and many members attended the London Diocesan Lenten retreat, held in Windsor. Our Lenten project was to collect clothing, hygiene items, and foodstuffs for the Windsor Welcome Center for Women. We held our new executive Installation mass and breakfast in March. A soup and sandwich luncheon was held on April 5th 2017, the Day of Confessions.

We welcomed the OPP back again to speak to our members about telephone and computer fraud, and the latest scams.

Four members attended the London Diocesan Convention in Stratford. We hold a "Mothers Prayer Group" at the church every week, and our Prayer Shawl ministry has gifted over 500 shawls to those in need. We held a Basket raffle for Fathers Day, the proceeds going to support the daughter / granddaughter of 2 members going to Tanzania on the "Me to We" programme. We had our Scriptural Rosary mass and Crowning of Mary.

Our annual June dinner meeting was held and we welcomed 13 new members, and 3 members received the Maple Leaf pin.

We are celebrating our 95th anniversary on Sunday, September 17th 2017 with a mass followed by a luncheon at a banquet hall. Plans are underway as well for our Christmas dinner / fashion show.

Peace, Linda



*Council News—Essex Region—St. Michael, Leamington
Co-Presidents—Mary Lapos & Sr. Elaine Cole, csj*

- Confirmation and First Communion student candidates each received a corded cross from our CWL
- “Euthanasia Deception” DVD was offered for viewing in the main church one evening after mass for the parish. Petitions for conscience rights of doctors and for increased palliative care were signed the same evening
- May 4 -prayer for palliative care was organized as 12 hours of people coming to pray “the rosary for palliative care” including 1 hour of Eucharistic adoration
- CWL members planned and served a dinner for 200 people in the church hall for the 50th Jubilee celebration of the

ordination of Fr. Patrick Fuerth, our former parish priest now retired. - 30 members received pins at our annual banquet which includes a “Crowning of Mary” service followed by dinner at a local banquet hall. New members received an insignia pin , while 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 65 years of service pins were awarded

- 4 CWL members received a Maple Leaf Pin at the banquet for their outstanding service to the parish and League - Peggy Barrette, Essie Gulliver, Alice Ferreira and Maria Pandeirada
- Guest speaker for our annual banquet was Tina Quiring, president of South Western Gleaners, a local non-profit

organization that dries donated fruit and vegetables. Dried fruit snacks and vegetable soup mixes are then donated to food banks, schools, 3rd world countries and northern missions. All workers are volunteers

- St. Michael’s invited the Leamington Lutheran Church ladies to a prayer service and plant exchange, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Mary & Sr. Elaine

What do Angels Look Like?

They don’t take life too seriously, they travel light.

*They leave no forwarding address,
They ask nothing in return.*

*They wear sneakers with gossamer wings,
They get a deal on dry cleaning.*

*They are hard to find when your eyes are closed,
But they are everywhere you look,
When you choose to see.*


*Council News—Windsor Region—St. John Vianney, Windsor,
Past-president - Yvette Henkel*

Our president continues to keep our members informed by placing a note in the bulletin each week & also provides knowledge regarding this National organization. She is doing a great job.

March 2017

We led the stations of the cross "Mary's way of the Cross"

April

Joining us at our meeting was a speaker from IRIS House, a local charity we support. It is a family driven, charitable, not-for-profit corporation providing supportive housing for persons with mental illness.

We collected toiletries to send to London Diocesan convention with the 5 members. One of our parishioners donated an afghan to our council which was also brought to the convention to be blessed. We have presented it to one of our parishioners who now is living in a nursing home.

Also, in the narthex, was the petition regarding Hospice palliative care and encouraged all parishioners to take part. This petition asks our government to make hospice palliative care a covered medical service so that provincial & territorial governments will have funds to provide assessable & available hospice palliative care for all.

May

We collected baby items needed for Birthright & gave them to the

director at our May meeting & annual "Baby Shower for Birthright". She gave an informative talk to all present about everything they do for the young moms-to-be & the help they provide to get them started. Also, a member organized a tour of Hospice Village which some of our members attended & learned about the various programmes & care provided to our loved ones & families. This was on May 4th part of the 12 hours for Palliative Care.

June

We had another successful fundraiser bake sale with many delicious goodies donated not only from our members but also parishioners who continue to support us in our efforts to helping those in need. This time we also added a "donation table" & offered a "thank you" with a carnation & chocolates - this also went very well. Since we have had to stop raffles due to needing a city permit, we have decided it is too difficult to obtain, so we formed a committee to brainstorm some ideas on how to raise funds & will report back in September.

At our June dinner social, we handed out our newsletter to members present and then mail out to those who were not able to attend. Once again, we picked "Prayer Partners" to pray for that CWL sister over the next 6 months. This is also when we present any pins, certificates & welcome new members. Our president gave 12 new members

Insignia pins (Barb Adam, Helen Berry, Jo-Ann Brown, Susie Carreira, Jane Geary, Anna Kirby, Patricia Lafontaine, Pam MacDonald, Liette Sandison, Margaret Snyder, Pamela Taylor & Lisa Wilson) We welcomed 4 members (Pauline Barwise, Samdra Framsem, Patricia Renaud & Lily Seguin) who transferred from another council.

5 year pins went to: Angie Bernard, Helen Biales, Jan Conlon, Joanne Gelinis and Edna Lanoue.

10 year pins: Deanna Barratt, Cecile Beauchamp, Anita Bois, Gwen Demers, Claire Hryniw, Eileen McCloskey, Jeannette Polachok, Gloria Simard, and Dorothy Soulliere.

15 year pin - AnneMarie Kozak and Mary Rilett

40 year pin - Aurise Durocher

Certificate of Merit: Una Miller (years of service and taking on secretary position)

Jeannette Polachok - organizing fashion show fundraiser event

Yvette Henkel - organizing fashion show fundraiser event

Maria Dobby - faithfulness and willingness to help

Yvette

Council News—Windsor Region—Most Precious Blood, Windsor
Submitted by: Elizabeth Recker

The Catholic Women's League of Most Precious Blood, Windsor joined together with the Golden Hands Senior Group of Most Precious Blood to participate in a unique project of togetherness for their 100th Anniversary. We produced lapghans/lap quilts for the elderly, infirm and those in palliative care. This project was completed in 5 months, so we decided to continue to 150 lapghans for Canada's Birthday. They were distributed to Hospice of Windsor, Hotel Dieu/Grace Hospital Palliative Care, Aspen Lake Nursing Home, Downtown Mission, Drouillard Place, and Extencicare Nursing Home.

Identifying the people in the pictures:



Group Picture



Back Row: from left to right

Alice Groulx, Frances Koslowski, Cheryl Russell, Phil Ruszczak, Denise Eckford, Betty Recker, Father Greg Bonin, Carol Guimond.

Front Row: from left to right

Mary Cimarosti, Irene Hromi, Sr Florian Atkinson, Carmela DelDuca, Grace DeMaria, Donna Keelan, Theresa Ducharme.

Hands of Carmela DelDuca - 93 years young



Hands of Luisa Brotto - 84 Years Young



Hands of Sr Florian Atkinson - 78 years young



Loretta





Service Pin Awards for 2017
Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated members



**Ste. Anne, Tecumseh
Essex Region**

Maple Leaf Service Pin

Yvette Sauve
Leah Renaud
Annette Marier

70 Year Pin

Madeleine Morand

55 Year Pin

Joan Collins
Rose Laforet

50 Year Pin

Anna Louise Plackmann

35 Year Pin

Leah Renaud
Yvette Sauve
Jeannine St. Pierre

25 Year Pin

Katherine Korenich
Catherine Morand
Aracelli Bunagan

20 Year Pin

Blanche LaBute
Sandra Palko
Lorraine Ribble
Josephine Scarfone
Pat Tremblay
Annette Tuson
MaryAnn Wypych
Rejean Wengrzynski

10 Year Pin

Christina Andreozzi-Sak
Helene Champoux
Jeannette Ducharme
Jon Richie
Geraldine Rick
Joyce St. Pierre
Eleanor Tope
Susan Tope

**St. Michael, Bright's Grove,
Sarnia Lambton Region**

Maple Leaf Service Pin

Annette Procnier

55 Year Pin

Lucille Dallaire

45 Year Pin

Gen Kennedy

35 Year Pin

Nelly Kelders
Laverne Phillips

30 Year Pin

Sandra Cabiddu
Maureen Cartier
Monique Giroux
Mia Hubert
MaryAnn Hucker
Olga Iacobelli
Gen Hurst
Vera Lawlor
Betty Mackey
Karen Ouelette
Anne VandenHoven

25 Year Pin

Eleanor Buscher
Melissa Dunphy
Regina Gudelis
Sonya Hillier
Jo Kulik
Katherine Poole
Donna Stewart
Vickie Taylor

20 Year Pin

Jessica Madill
Diane McCahill
Brenda Paquette

10 Year Pin

Anne DelBen
Hilda Feimer
Joanne Marshall
Heather Robitaille

**Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia
Sarnia Lambton Region**

60 Year Pin

Teresa Brown

50 Year Pin

Jane Porter

**Sacred Heart, Sarnia
Sarnia Lambton Region**

65 Year Pin

Gloria Bernard

60 Year Pin

Ruth Daamen
Hildred Kuiack
Hildy Wyrzykowski

55 Year Pin

Lillian Durco

50 Year Pin

Virginia Stafford
Suzanne Sutherland

45 Year Pin

Connie Willems

40 Year Pin

Carol Newland
Sophie Welt

30 Year Pin

Dana Hadley

20 Year Pin

Marg Maheu
Carole Mitro
Jeri Soltis

10 Year Pin

Elsie Crosley
Joan Nienhuis
Anne-Marie Parizeau
Cathy St.Amand

New Members

Monica Royal



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Service Pin Awards for 2017
Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated members



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**Sacred Heart, Sarnia
 Sarnia Lambton Region (cont'd)**

Klara Orban
 Darlene Boote
 Elizabeth Crombeen

Deceased Membrs
 Doreen Wheeler - May 15, 2017
 Nancy Berry - June 21, 2017
 Mary Ceponis - August 18, 2017

**St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica,
 London - London Region**

Maple Leaf Service Pin
 Sandra Sanford
 Joan Dalton

50 Year Pin
 Maureen Boone
 Rita Denomme

25 Year Pin
 Josephine Guth
 Anne Roxburgh
 Jacqueline Rutherford - deceased

10 Year Pin
 Jackie Millman
 Jackie Potters
 Sandra Sanford
 Liz Sloan

**Mary Immaculate, London
 London Region**

50 Year Pin
 Josie Kersten

40 Year Pin
 Barbara Corriveau
 Linda Falconer
 Joan Friedrich
 Judy O'Brien

30 Year Pin
 Catherine Hagerty-Mwange

20 Year Pin
 Eleanore Parkin
 Irena Snyders

10 Year Pin
 Teresa Allard
 Bonnie Barnes
 Hugette Gilli
 Judy Tigert

New Members
 Mariah Brown
 Elba Daponte
 Lida DiNucci
 Nora Groshok
 Cindy Livingston
 Lori Smith
 Sue Taber

**St. John the Divine, London
 London Region**

55 Year Pin
 Pat McLaughlin

40 Year Pin
 Anne Matus
 Mida Egan

35 Year Pin
 Nives Dives

30 Year Pin
 Verlyn Clifford

25 Year Pin
 Mary Lou Foglton
 Wilhelmina Sterling

15 Year Pin
 Dianne Kehoe
 Sharon Rex

10 Year Pin
 Kathleen Brennan
 Johanne Hurd
 Cheryl Leyes

Marianne Lovenjak

5 Year Pin
 Almeida Naomi
 Margaret Brac
 Karen Ciupka
 Anne Lugigits
 Freda Zander

**St. Patrick, Lucan
 London Region**

Maple Leaf Service Pin
 Jeannine Damen

**Holy Angels, St. Thomas
 London Region**

60 Year Pin
 Betty Westelaken

50 Year Pin
 Helen Bremner
 Lucy Innes
 Jean Mac Donald

25 Year Pin
 Norine Caldwell
 Teresa De Graff
 Peggy CcCaffrey
 Mary Ressler
 Jean Smith
 Theresa Dielman
 Joanne Millman

10 Year Pin
 Theresa Bate
 Marg Trojek
 Ellen McLeish
 Cathy Norton

**Holy Family,
 Wallaceburg
 Chatham Kent Region**

65 Year Pin
 Joanne McGrail



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Service Pin Awards for 2017
Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated members



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**Holy Family, Wallaceburg
Chatham Kent Region (cont'd)**

Mary Van Campen
Helen Vynckier

55 Year Pin
Alfia Biscaro

40 Year Pin
Sue Denys

10 Year Pin
Lisa Moynihan

New Members
Beth Burrell
Grace Cunha
Mya Rosettani

**St. Agnes, Chatham
Chatham Kent Region**

60 Year Pin
Dorothy Kastoff
Alma Sherwood

50 Year Pin
Lynn Kosik

40 Year Pin
Gisela Balango
Yvonne Robb

35 Year Pin
Yvonne O'Neill

30 Year Pin
Jane Gray
Pauline Ramboer

25 Year Pin
Marlene Foster
Dianne Langan

20 Year Pin
Connie George
Helen Grison-McKeon

New Members
Dagmar de Liberator
Wendy Milford
Theresa Smith
Olivia Stallaert
Lind Treacy
Sarah Fernandes

**Our Lady Help of Christians,
Wallaceburg,
Chatham Kent Region**

65 Year Pin
Marion Kerwin

60 Year Pin
Madeline Emery
Joyce Provost
Margaret Ricciotti

55 Year Pin
Elizabeth Pharazyn

50 Year Pin
Lea Allaer
Maureen Davis

40 Year Pin
Pat Cavanaugh

35 Year Pin
Tammy Dobbelaar
Barb Lewis
Veronica Tanguay
Mary Van Vaerenberghe
Jill Van Zelst

30 Year Pin
Jo Ann Regis
Odra Riedl
Yvonne Van Damme

25 Year Pin
Marlene Judson
Dianne Matak
Rita Mulders
Liz Oliveira
Helen Riedl
Janice Van Dommelen
Cindy Bottley

20 Year Pin
Doris Bea
Peggy Benoit
Virginia Foulon
Laurie Gustin

15 Year Pin
Dorothy deBakker
Carolyn Nogueira
Pat Van Damme

10 Year Pin
Jean Aerts
Carol Bryden
Georgette Cornelis

5 Year Pin
Annabelle Bechard
Maria Blommers
Mary Caron
Michelle Judson
Barb Lauwereys
Terry Scharf
Kim Van Damme

Special Mention
Marie Van Linden - 72 year member
Georgina Verbeem - who would have received her 25 year pin this year

**St. Michael, Dresden
Chatham Kent Region**

70 Year Pin
Toni Cajka

65 Year Pin
Gloria Reaume

60 Year Pin
Frances Kominek
Ann Kominek
Mary Stranak
Ann Hoduloik
Lorraine Van Daele



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Service Pin Awards for 2017
Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated members



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50 Year Pin

Yvonne Marhand

40 Year Pin

Judy Demers
 Jean Hawkins
 Jenny Landuyt
 Anne Jennen

**St. John Vianney, Windsor
 Windsor Region**

40 year pin

Aurise Durocher

15 year pin

AnneMarie Kozak
 Mary Rilett

10 year pin

Deanna Barratt
 Cecile Beauchamp
 Anita Bois
 Gwen Demers
 Claire Hryniw
 Eileen McCloskey
 Jeannette Polachok
 Gloria Simard
 Dorothy Soulliere

5 year Pin

Angie Bernard
 Helen Biales
 Jan Conlon
 Joanne Gelinas
 Edna Lanoue

New Members

Barb Adam
 Helen Berry
 Jo Ann Brown
 Susie Carreira
 Jane Geary
 Anna Kirby
 Patricia Lafontaine
 Pam MacDonald

Liette Sandison
 Margaret Snyder
 Pamela Taylor
 Lisa Wilson

**4 new members transferred from
 another council**

Pauline Barwise
 Samdra Framsem
 Patricia Renaud
 Lily Seguin

Certificate of Merit

Una Miller
 Jeannette Polachok
 Yvette Henkel Maria Dobey

**St. Joseph, Listowel
 Huron Perth Region**

50 Year Pin
 Sharon Basler

40 Year Pin
 Jean Brown
 Anne Grubb
 Emma Askin

25 Year Pin
 Pat Grummett

10 Year Pin
 Barb Beier
 Betty Ann Greer

Deceased Members
 Eileen Hickson
 Kathleen Hamilton
 Margaret Haid
 Ann O'Grady

**Holy Trinity, Woodstock
 Ingersoll Region**

Maple Leaf Service Pin
 Fatima Cabral

65 Year Pin
 Anne Vos

60 Year Pin
 Jesse Leduc

55 Year Pin
 Julie Tremblay

50 Year Pin
 Alida Redigonda
 Sue Ogden

45 Year Pin
 Helen Croxford

40 Year Pin
 Angela Piovesan
 Annie Franssen-deJeu

35 Year Pin
 Marie Clermont
 Patricia Northcott
 Geraldine Rich

30 Year Pin
 Diane Watling
 Lois Whalley
 Shannon Hinnegan

25 year pin
 Mary Butler
 Sakurako Hatta
 Mary Longtin

20 Year Pin
 Pina Belardinilli
 MaryAnn Faddies
 Mary Hill
 Mary Holmes
 Aileen Mistrzak
 Eulalia Raposo

10 Year Pin
 Linda Raymer

5 Year Pin
 Betty Bruch
 Emina Krech
 Helen McCullough
 Mary Morabito
 Donna Rose
 Sadie Berzins



LONDON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
LIFE MEMBERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS
SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

In the past few years, some of our Life Members have passed away. Following the untimely death of Life Member, Helene Regier, the Diocesan Executive felt we should have some way to recognize the work done by our Life Members and Diocesan Past Presidents. As many of these ladies were involved in or had great concern for social justice issues, it was felt that the most appropriate way we could recognize them would be through the establishment of a Social Justice Award.

The London Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada has established a Social Justice Award to be awarded annually. The award is intended to recognize men or women engaged in social justice work. A person will be eligible to receive the award upon a nomination form being submitted.

Award Criteria:

1. Demonstrated involvement in social justice activities
2. Nomination by a CWL Council, a pastor or campus minister or equivalent
3. The award must be used to finance participation in a reputable social justice activity, either at home or abroad, e.g. Development and Peace, work in inner city or northern experiences
4. Priority will be given to someone who identifies with Catholic ideals
5. The committee may decide to give the yearly amount to one candidate or divide it among several nominees
6. Successful nominees will be asked to share their experience with League members
7. Decision of the committee is final

With this award –

- We hope to raise awareness of social justice
- To build solidarity and community to those in need
- To hold as our highest priority, the teachings of the gospels through our concern for the common good and dignity of all human persons
- To bring to light issues around the world and call the world to action on behalf of those who lack this basic human right.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

**Life Members and Past Presidents
Social Justice Award**

Nomination Form

Completed nomination forms are due any time before January 15, 2017

Name of Nominating Person or Council:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

CWL member: Yes No **Parish CWL Council:** _____

Please attach the following on a separate sheet:

- 1. Name, address, phone number of person being nominated.**
- 2. Reason for nominating the individual.**
- 3. Demonstrated involvement in social justice programmes. Please provide references.**
- 4. Recommendation of a pastor, campus minister, or equivalent with regard to the activity.**
- 5. Description of the social justice activity that has been undertaken: e.g. dates, place, purpose and your involvement and cost.**

Recipients of the award will be invited to the Diocesan Convention to speak about their social justice activity.

**Mail completed form to Diocesan President, Angela Pellerin, 67-555 Lawson Road,
London, Ontario N6G 3W2**

For further information contact Angela Pellerin at 519-471-3837 or email angelapellerin@gmail.com

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FORM FOR REPORTING DECEASED MEMBERS

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY AND CORRECTLY
AS RECORDED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP LIST

Name of deceased _____
(as shown on membership list)

Spouse's name (If applicable) _____

Full address _____
(as shown on membership list)

Date deceased _____

CWL Parish Council _____

Diocese _____

Parish councils are asked to forward a copy of this completed form to National office to ensure that the deceased member's League magazine is discontinued.

Provincial chairpersons of Spiritual Development are reminded to submit a complete list of their province's deceased members, for the current year, to National Office by January 15th of each year for inclusion in the National Book of Life.

Date _____
Signature of council president and/or chairperson of
spiritual development

MAIL OR FAX TO: **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**
C – 702 Scotland Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3M 1X5
Toll free fax: 1-888-831-9507

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Dear Parish Council Recording Secretary

Please complete the following information and forward to the Diocesan Recording Secretary by **December 31, 2017**. **This information is for the 2018 executive.**

Please Print

Parish Council Name _____

Parish Address _____ City _____

Is this an election year for your council? YES..... NO.....

President _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Spiritual Advisor _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Recording Secretary _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please mail To: **Elisabeth Duggan, Recording Secretary**
Catholic Women's League of Canada
6 Fennell Cresc.
London, ON.
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Please mail this form to me. If you have a rural address please include the 911 Emergency number located outside your home and your Road or Line Number. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.