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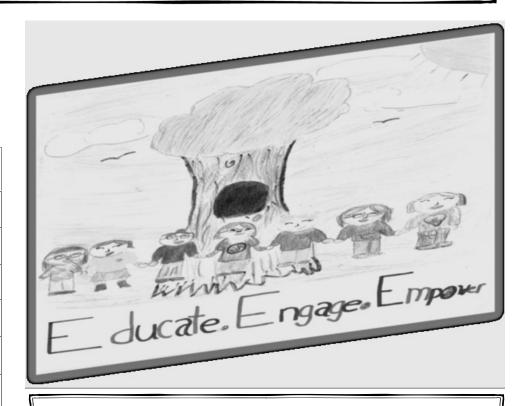
2019 Fall Issue

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### Caring for our Environment

Fall 2019 is the Final Printed Paper Edition Future editions will be online

Called Wanted Loved

### President's Report—Rebecca McCarrell



It was my absolute pleasure to represent the London Diocese at both the Provincial Convention (Kingston July 2019) and National Convention (Calgary August 2019). Faith Fun and Fellowship were enjoyed by all. You will find various articles throughout this edition from the executive who attended these conventions.

Our resolution on Abortion and the Effects of Mental Health was passed at the Ontario convention. We will be addressing the action plan at our Fall Regional Meetings.

The elections were a true surprise this time around. The diocesan presidents were asked if they wanted to revote the initial instructed vote or go on to the 2nd round if a majority was not reached after the instructed vote. We all said yes as this cut down on the time and paperwork at the election time.

Pauline Krupa conducted the elections. She asked the executive to vacate their chairs, then asked the diocesan presidents to take a seat on the upper tier...1st weird thing... Then, we had no instruction to sit with an empty spot between us, or to bring our votes with us. 2nd weird thing.... "Ding, ding, ding" Little light bulb went off...we weren't voting! Position after position was announced that a majority was had with the original instructed votes! Even the standing committee chairpersons! This is the first time in 72 years this has happened. The results of the vote are posted on our website and the Ontario website. Congratulations to Marie-Theresa Lamphier who was acclaimed as Treasurer!

Newly named Ontario Provincial President, Colleen Perry shared her vision for the future. Her theme will center around LONELINESS with praying the ROSARY as often as possible as a sub theme.

Directives are starting to be shared to our executive and points that are relative to the London Diocese will be shared with each council.

National Convention was held in Calgary this year! The Western ladies are full of fun, and I must say one of the most hospitable gatherings of the CWL that I have been privileged to attend. Look on the National website for some great pictures...you might even see a couple of cowgirls or two in the pics. Congratulations again to Marie-Theresa Lamphier, who received her appointment to Life Membership. So now, MT...the work begins! ....oh, did you think Life Membership was a free ride??? Not so, take a look at the P & P for what is expected of a Life Member.

Fran Lucas did a wonderful job in presenting the next stage of Strategic Planning. Shari Guinta will be presenting this workshop at all the Fall Regional meetings. Congratulations to Nellie Kelders who is part of this committee at the National level! Looking for great things to come from here. Several months ago an appeal went out to the general membership for

persons to complete surveys to assist the planning committee. If you are so inclined, send your information to info@cwl.ca to be included in these surveys.

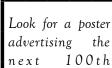
Another announcement that came at National was the discontinuation of the "800" number to National office. For inquiries other than purchasing, please contact your Regional Chairperson who will pass the request up the line. For purchases/supplies, please call the National office directly to order and pay by credit card.

Resolutions will take on a new look in the future. No longer will whereas clauses be part of the Only the resolved resolution. clause will stand alone. The information that would have been part of the whereas clauses now become the topic for the first paragraphs of your summaries. There are new rules to follow as well for documentation. Ioan Lobsinger will be happy to share this information.

I look forward to bringing more information to you in directives and at our Fall Regional meetings. Hope to see everyone at these meetings!

Blessings for now,

Rebecca



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### Past-president—Angela Pellerin Historian. Nominations & Elections



I hope everyone had a great summer, taking time to rest and enjoy spending time with family and friends. We will shortly begin planning for our bazaars and other fall activities.

In July I attended the provincial convention where I met old friends and made new ones. Four of us drove to Kingston and shared a room together. We had a great time. The spiritual programmes and masses were beautiful and the speakers excellent. Reports can be found elsewhere in this Lingo. It was exciting to have one of the

resolutions passed at our diocesan convention presented and carried. One thing of interest to me was the way the "elections" were done. Only the 13 diocesan presidents vote in the elections which makes it a lot simpler than for us with 95 councils. No actual voting took place, they just used the instructed vote as a majority was reached for each position. Unfortunately, this procedure would not work for us at the diocesan level. As you know, we will be conducting an election for the diocesan executive at the 2020 convention in Chatham. Next vear the provincial

convention will be held in Kitchener, hosted by Hamilton Diocese.

As it is so close, each council should consider sending someone to it.

I will look forward to seeing you at one of the three fall regional meetings.

God bless. Angela



### London Diocesan Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Father Greg

Dear Ladies of the CWL,

It is with great pleasure that I greet you.

Recently, I received from Anne-M Gorman, National president, a copy of The Catholic Women's League of Canada Plans Strategically: 2018-2022.

On page 2 of the Strategic Plan, Anne quotes; "If a member knows she will be spiritually nourished, enjoy some meaningful social time with likeminded woman of faith and become educated about the happenings in her council, she is apt to be more engaged. She will leave (meetings) feeling that her time was well spent, having been given and giving of herself, and

having been made to feel fully welcomed, needed and sent. There is nothing like leaving a meeting full of vigor in anticipation of the next step in one's journey."

I really like how Anne has said this. My hope is that we take her words and make them a reality in each of our Councils throughout the Diocese of London.

The participation of each Council President along with her Executive, her membership and her Spiritual Advisor will help determine the success of Anne's words.

May we do everything possible, through the intercession of Our lady of Good Council, to ENGAGE WOMAN OF FAITH! Also, there is much excitement as we prepare to celebrate our Diocesan Catholic Women's League's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020!

I humbly beg for each of you to pray for those responsible in all the planning for this new and exciting part of our history.

I remain committed to each of you in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Most Sincerely, Your brother in Christ,

Father Greg Bonin

## Come to the Well!

## London Diocesan Catholic Women's League Fall Regional Days

Sat. Sept. 28, 2019
Sacred Heart Parish
220 Carling Terrace
Wingham, ON

Sat. Oct. 19, 2019 Holy Angels Parish 502 Talbot Street St. Thomas, ON Sat. Oct. 26, 2019 Visitation Parish 5407 Comber Side Rd Comber, ON

Educate: Nominations / Election Workshop
Engage: Speaker Pennie Vandenbroek
Come to the Well – a Journey for Healing Post Abortion
Empower: Take Action – Letters to support Anti-Abortion
Educate: National CWL Strategic Planning
Shari Guinta – 1st Vice President, National Council

RSVP to your Regional Chairperson

1 week prior to the session you will attend

**Cost: \$10** 



Directions on the website! www.cwllondon.ca



### Recording Secretary—Wilhelmina Kole



"We underestimate ourselves, but God never does. He knows what you are capable of in collaboration with him"

### Matthew Kelly – Rediscover the Saints

As I sit here on a beautiful late summer's day contemplating what to share with you, I think of the beautiful flowers and produce that the Lord has gifted us with. We are truly blessed to be living in this amazing country.

We need to recognize that we have a part in keeping it beautiful by taking care of our *common home*. It is very important to "Reduce – Reuse – Recycle". Think of ways you and your council can do this. An example is to stop using single

use plastics at your meetings. Another is to send minutes electronically rather than in hard copy. Remember that you need to have one hard copy of your minutes for the Minutes Book and one hard copy of the motions for the motions book. In this way, you will have a continuous history for future executive to look back on for guidance.

When you receive your September Directive, you will find a form that you, as Secretary, are required to fill in and return to me by regular mail or email (using the form) no later than December 31, 2019. This identifies the **New or Returning** core executive members of your CWL council. If your

council is having elections and changing the executive, please give the updated information. Good communication with the councils in the London Diocese assists in making the Catholic Women's League a stronger and more effective organization in this everchanging world.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Regional Days. God bless you all!

May Our Lady of Good Council continue to guide us in our work for God and Canada.

Willi

### Administrative Assistant—Elisabeth Duggan



What a great summer we had and now we continue with our Parish Councils and our other sisters in the League to another exciting year. I had the pleasure of attending the Provincial Convention in Kingston. We had great speakers. There was so much information. Make sure to read reports that are on the CWL web site to get informed.

The role of Corresponding Secretary has been changed to Administrative Assistant. This was changed with our last elections which were initiated by our Provincial CWL. The position is no longer an elected position but appointed by the president. Our next

upcoming election for 2020 will NOT include corresponding as a position.

As before, your position as Corresponding Secretary will continue as the person who sends greetings for birthdays, sympathies, thinking of you and thank you cards. You may also be the person who makes calls forwarding information. We all love receiving a card that gives us support, encouragement or gratitude. I encourage all Administrative Assistants to attend the executive and general meetings of your council. It is

important to submit your correspondence to your council that was received and that you sent out. Your president will need to know of any mail received that she has to respond to. You will also be instructed to send out correspondence as directed by your president.

May Our Lady of Good Council guide you in your role.

Elisabeth

# 1st Vice-President—Mary Bannon Education & Health Standing Committee



I have been totally amazed at the amount of information and activity that has been happening in the areas of Education, Health, Environment and Genetics. seems that every time I turn around there is an issue that we as Catholic Women's League members need to do to educate, engage and empower ourselves to take action. When I expected a rather quiet summer, it was really the direct opposite! I attended our diocesan executive retreat in Oxley, "Being Joyful Disciples", Provincial convention in Kingston, the National convention in Calgary and the ONroute gathering on human trafficking at the Woodstock On Route.



**EDUCATION:** 

There are many c h a n g e s
Premier Ford
wishes to make

in our education system, such as increasing class sizes, reducing extra help for special needs students, creating a "waiting list" for children with autism before they enter the school system resulting in them not receiving extra help once they begin school. Due to public pressure and

parental advocacy there are some upcoming changes for this group of children and their families although I don't think they lead the province back to the assistance received in the past. Also, those students leaving high school for further education and training will see the effects of OSAP cuts. He has had to change his Minister of Education in the latest cabinet Feel free to write to shuffle. Stephen Lecce, the new Minister of Education at the Ontario legislature.

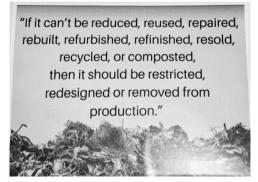


**HEALTH:** In Canada this year 1,700 children will be diagnosed with cancer. We

need to demand that the Canadian government double the current 5% of cancer research dollars to childhood cancer. Children are worth more than just 5% of cancer research dollars. Every day, a thousand sick Ontarians are left waiting in hospital hallways for hours on end ~ unsure when they'll see a doctor. Premier Ford promised to end hallway medicine in one year, but there's one problem ~ his slash and burn budget means

our hospitals are in crisis. Funding has been decimated, nurses have been fired, and surge beds have been closed ~ further aggravating the chaos in our hospitals. If you have been in a hospital this crisis is obvious. We need to talk with or write our MPPs about this.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**



Hope to see you at a Regional Day!

Mary



Look for the reports on the Ontario Provincial Convention submitted by the diocesan executive delegates.
Found on pages 11/18

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### 2nd Vice-President, Mary Lappan, Spiritual Development Standing Committee Chairperson

As I sit here writing this article, it's another one of those hot humid days. After the wet, cold spring I thought we would never see this kind of weather but here we are in full sweat mode. I suppose we shouldn't complain since we know what will be coming in a few months.

Our day at the Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine was great. Although it was very warm we were able to say the rosary outside before going into the church for Mass. An extra bonus was the arrival that morning of our first bench that was purchased with the profit from our London Diocesan shirts.

I attended the Ontario Provincial Convention in Kingston the following week. Our own Marie Theresa Lamphier is now the Treasurer for the Provincial Council. The speakers were interesting and the spiritual components were excellent. At the end of the convention, the spiritual bouquet that we contributed to, was presented to Archbishop Brendan O'Brien. He was very touched by the generosity of the Ontario councils.

I also attended the National Convention in Calgary. Once again the hospitality at a National Convention was overwhelming. The host councils are always welcoming and helpful, as were the citizens of the city. They all seem to know when a convention is in town and roll out the red carpet.

Our Fall Regional days will be here quickly. The first one is in Wingham on September 28<sup>th</sup> followed by Holy Angels, St. Thomas on October 19<sup>th</sup> and Visitation Parish in Comber on October 26<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful day of faith, fun and fellowship has been planned. I hope to meet many of you at one of these days.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to support you in all your endeavours.

Blessings

Mary



# Human Trafficking—International Day to End Slavery Submitted by: Rebecca McCarrell—President

#### Human Trafficking: International Day to End Slavery of persons July 30<sup>th</sup>

London (Ontario) Diocesan Catholic Women's League has been working with Kelly Tallon of Farmtown, Canada to make the initiative work since Regional days last fall. July 30<sup>th</sup>, we shared an hour (9:20—10:20a.m.) at one of the three Highway 401 ONroutes

in support: Tilbury, West Lorne, and Woodstock in our diocese.

Dignitaries in each area; MPP's, MP's, City Council members, and our past Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Matt George were on hand at the ONroutes. Crime Stoppers, Victim Services, OPP, Municipal Police Services, and the Indigenous were some of the other groups represented there.

Project ONroute has been replaced with a National #Project Maple Leaf that now becomes a National Project. We are continuing to work with them.

Rebecca



# Celebrating

100 years of Faith, Fun & Service in the London Diocese!

Bradley Center, Chatham ON

FAITH
Mass each Day
Spiritual Fulfilment
Crowning of Mary

SERVICE
Social Justice
Bursaries
Speakers

FUN
Banquet Tues
Silent Auction
Entertainment
High Tea

Speakers: Debra Major Kennedy, Archivist, Colleen Perry,
Ontario Provincial President; Medodie Gabriel,
CNEWA...and more



## Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson—Denise Lalonde Morris

Welcome back Ladies! It is my hope your summer was everything you could hope for. As I am writing this article Mother Nature is letting us know she is a force to reckon with. Throughout our most wonderful country she has issued Tornado warnings, thunder and lightning which lit our skies, dropped golf ball size hail and buckets of all too needed rain (just too much at one time}. It really makes you understand the importance of Caring for Our Common Home. Hopefully you will pay attention to the directives from National, Provincial and our Diocese to find

ways to promote the preservation and conservation of our water supply.

I hope that many of you were able to view the movie "Unplanned". It is a real eye opener to what people will do to end our most precious commodity—Our Children. The Sanctity of life can also be brought into consideration when major companies are ploughing up our most valuable farmland to build high rise apartments. Please pay attention to land development as many important wetlands and water sources are lost or rerouted.

Make an effort to find out what your candidates stand for. They are voted in to fulfil our needs not their own.

Hopefully I will see and talk with you at our upcoming Regional Days!

God Bless you all!!

Denise

Look for the reports on the National Convention, found on Pages 18/20



### Sandra Cabiddu—League Lingo Editor

### Well this is the final printed paper edition for Fall 2019

Sad day for me, as I have really enjoyed creating this newsletter. This edition is the 20th Anniversary of me taking over. Who would have thought this day would come. It is hard to accept, but I do understand the reasons why. Change has to happen in everything we do, otherwise we become stale. I hope & pray that now the younger members of our parishes would become members, now that we are trying to become more up to date.

I hope you will all give it a try. Meaning, go to our website, and read it online. If you know of someone who does not have a computer, please try to get a copy to that person.

I was very privileged to have attended the Ontario Provincial Annual Convention as a delegate for my council of St. Michael, in Bright's Grove. A group of us went by train which was a treat for me as I have not been on a train since my youngest daughter was 4 years old. She is now 41 years old.

Even after all these years of going to our conventions and quite a few of the Provincial ones and maybe 2 or 3 National ones, I still learn something new. There is nothing like that feeling of being in a room with over 300 women of

all ages, and feel the passion emanating around the room for all that we do. The masses are especially beautiful with all those women singing together so loudly. That I miss in my own church, seems people are too shy to take part in the singing of the hymns.

It is something I urge all councils try to set aside some money to send a representative to one of these conventions, especially when they are so close to our Diocese of London. It is a good training exercise.

Sandra

## Resolutions Standing Committee Chairperson—Joan Lobsinger



I hope you had a great summer and feel refreshed and ready to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. I had a great summer and was able to attend the 72nd Annual Ontario Provincial CWL Convention in Kingston, I am happy to report that four Resolutions were passed, one of which was our 2019-01 London Resolution, Abortion and the Effects on Mental Health. Our second Resolution, 2019-02LON, Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, an Amendment to the Express Entry System under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act as it relates to Religious Workers was returned for additional work. I am so proud of all those who worked on these resolutions.

The other three resolutions that passed were:

ON.19.01 Psychotherapy Pilot Project For Adults ON.19.03 Long Term Care Beds in Ontario

ON.19.04 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Three of the resolutions will be brought to the Ontario government this fall. The fourth resolution, Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was presented to National for consideration at the National Convention in August. This Resolution, 2019.02 along with Resolution 2019.01 Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child were both passed.

It is my hope that some of you are interested in writing a Resolution that can be presented at our 2020 Diocesan Convention and guide it to fruition at next years' Provincial and National Conventions. There is a change in the writing of

Resolutions that I have explained in my September Directive. "Whereas Clauses" are no longer required. Just a reminder that if you are writing a resolution, the title and short descriptive summary of your resolution is to be submitted to me by October 1st and the whole resolution, (resolve clauses, brief and research bibliography) is due by October 15th.

I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Regional Days where you'll have the opportunity to learn about writing letters to support Resolution Action Plans.

#### Joan



#### GOD TO ST. FRANCIS

Frank .... You know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on he planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

#### ST. FRANCIS

It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

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## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Mary Bannon—1st. Vice, Education/Health

On Monday afternoon, Hazel Markwell continued speaking on the meaning of dignity and that all humans have intrinsic dignity regardless of looks, orientation etc. They're not broccoli. She talked about the reality of death for all of us. This reality brings on many fears and concerns; fear of suffering and loss of autonomy. She reminded us that a nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members. (Gandhi) She touched on M.A.I.D (Medical Assistance in Dying) and

some of the criteria, not necessarily followed. She also recommended certain actions that could be taken to help loved ones die with dignity such as:

- 1) Be present and listen.
- 2) Find something to like or love
- 3) Walk the wounded path,
- 4) Practice fidelity to your profession and your faith and
- 5) Live in humility.

In Laudato Si Pope Francis sees the destruction of our world as related

to social destruction and moral relativity; there can be no position on ecology without human dignity. Concern for ecology is not compatible with abortion or euthanasia—they are part of the "seamless garment".

Mary

## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Denise Lalonde Morris— Christian Family Life Chairperson

What a wonderful place to visit! A group of us travelled by VIA Rail and had a great time. The organizers did a wonderful job and couldn't have been more helpful especially the ladies in charge of getting to and from our destinations.

While I was in the conference sessions I was asked to take note of what the presidents had to say from across our province. As our National theme is Caring for Our Common Home each president was asked to pick a word to reflect this topic as well as our provincial theme Conserve and Preserve. Many of the presidents used Pope Francis' Laudato Si as a reference and used words like resistance, emissions, water, the elements, habitat as well as many others. Their topics touched on pollution and education, radiation and how it affects us. There were also some good

suggestions on things we can do in our own councils such as use of cloth bags instead of plastic, have a Water Poster Contest or have a community clean-up day. Over all they were very informative.

Denise





## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Mary Ann Horne White—, Community Life Chairperson

I was very fortunate to attend the Ontario Provincial Convention this July in beautiful Kingston, Ontario; the Gateway to the Thousand Islands. A number of us from London Diocese took the train and roomed together at the convention. It was such fun! We were able to meet and catch up with members from all over the province.

Our Ontario Provincial theme the last two years has been Homelessness.

One of the speakers was Marilyn McLean. She worked 38 years at Rideaucrest Retirement Home in Kingston, facilitating programmes for residents with a multitude of challenges. Marilyn retired and lives with her 81 year old frail Mother and her 26 year old daughter with some health issues.

Marilyn spoke about the Kingston Street Mission. She has volunteered seven seasons and has been coordinator/director for four years. Marilyn is known as "Mom", "Street Mom/Mama" to many on the streets and at the mission.

During the day, she assists people to probation appointments food banks, attending court dates, methadone treatments, speaking engagements, lawyers meetings, etc. She takes groceries to those who don't have enough food. Her phone starts at 4:30 a.m. and goes until late at night. In the evenings she will drive around searching for those needing assistance.

The Kingston Mission is run by volunteers and relies fully on donations from churches, organizations, businesses and individuals. Many helped are marginalized; living below the poverty line and/or on the streets. Volunteers at the mission serve warm beverages, snacks, offer free clothing, toiletries, blankets, and other needs. They play board games/cards, and provide a caring,

compassionate atmosphere.

Many guests have never experienced a birthday party. The Kingston Mission just had their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthday Party Spring 2019, planned out with musicians, cake, decorations, and a celebration for all to enjoy.

Marilyn is one of three operations' managers at the Embassy Live Music Café; a weekly music venue that offers live music with food and fellowship. A charge of a \$5.00 fee is charged to those able to pay. No one is turned away.

Marilyn's mission is to recognize the homeless and those who have been sold to the 'human traffickers', and to change judgement to compassion.

She left us with a quote: "She doesn't want to just be a light—she wants to be a lighthouse"!

Mary Ann

#### GOD:

Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies., birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

#### ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

#### GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

#### ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it—sometimes twice a week.

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## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Helga Stuermer, Legislation Chairperson

It always amazes me when I enter the room of any CWL Convention. The feeling I get, the room is charged with all the dedication of all the ladies of FAITH. I cannot forget Archbishop Emeritus Brendan O'Brien, Provincial Spiritual Advisor & all the present Clerics.

I was so looking forward to the Kingston convention. It started going on the Go-Train, and connecting with the gang in Toronto. The hellos when we met were happy, and we chatted all the way to Kingston. Food and beverages were shared with all. Oh what fun we had. Arriving in Kingston, we happily greeted some more of our London CWL sisters. We just dropped our luggage into our rooms & rushed to the bus for the opening mass. Then we attended the Open Mass Reception. Here we found Friends from other dioceses. Much hugging and chatting was going on all around.

Monday morning started with mass intention for those who lack adequate housing. The Keynote speaker: Professor Hazel Markwell on Dignity for all: The lived Experience of human Dignity (Pellegrino). Only when Dignity is threatened do we understand how inseparable our dignity is from our humanity. So much can be said about loss of Dignity, vulnerability, loss of autonomy, shame & guilt, being a burden. Feelings specially at the end of life, and the poor. Care for our environment demands that

we care for each other. Care for our common Home.

Here are some pictures:



Prayer Corner



Crowning of Mary



Mary Ann, Rebecca, Lucy & Helga



Session Break

All in all so many interesting activities I didn't want to take a bathroom break in fear I would miss something. There was the voting of the resolutions, the various executive reports on taking care of our common home.

Ethics, a term of different ways of understanding morality. Right or wrong, & why we make certain choices. Good and Evil, Morality has been watered down to the point we are not certain what to do.

- Character Ethics based on Virtue
- Faith based ethics on fundamental alignment with ultimate reality
- Developments in medicine.
- Provide cure, relieve pain, and comfort always
- Transformation of understanding life's possibilities
- Consequences of current situations
- Failure to heal & provide necessary care & medicine.

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# Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Helga Stuermer, Legislation Chairperson (cont'd)

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 Cultural shifts, changing attitude. Promoting the M.A.I.D.

Withdrawing food & treatment. Medical assisted suicide (M.A.I.D) is very much promoted.. Professor Hazel Markwell emphasizes to talk to people who feel they are a burden to their families and society. Ask them why the feel that way

Families asking the Dr. "Please take my mother or Father out of MY suffering". People are afraid of suffering. Loss of control, being a burden.. It breaks my heart to think how we have evolved into thinking taking a life is OK. Healing not killing should

be the motto.

Abortion is another thing. Abortion & the effect on mental health. It was discussed and analysed. It's OK to extract a baby out of the body. After all it is my Body my Right. What about the right of that little baby. We need to work hard on this issue. Morality is not present.

Another speaker really moved me to the point I cried, & I noted others felt the same way.

Marilyn McLean. She is running the Kingston Street Mission. Her narrative of any given moment of what is happening with the poor and homeless & runaways how much help they need,& how little money she has available. How the shelters are full & some have to be turned away. Her voice sounded so hopeless it moved us all.

- Needs Long term care beds
- Physiotherapy
- Pharma finds its way into our water shed. All living things need water. Please read my notes on that subject. Plastic pollution in our oceans and everywhere.
- Human Trafficking (Modern day slavery)

Women united in a common purpose can and will accomplish much.

Blessings to all

Helga



## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Joan Lobsinger, Resolutions Chairperson

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ontario CWL Convention held in Kingston was once again a great experience.

We arrived in time to participate in the Resolutions Dialogue held at 2:30 on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 100 delegates were grouped at tables to review the four resolutions to be presented Tuesday afternoon. I had the privilege to act as a facilitator. I have to admit I was a little nervous, but the nerves soon left when Colleen Martin and Karen MacDonald presented a skit on

how to write a resolution. At our table, each delegate then participated in the reading of the resolutions and readily shared their thoughts.

On Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, the four resolutions were presented to the delegates and all were accepted. They were:

ON.19.01 Psychotherapy Pilot Project for Adults ON.19.02 Abortion and the Effects on Mental Health ON.19.03 Long Term Care Beds in Ontario

ON.19.04 Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The Resolutions are posted on the provincial website www.cwl.on.ca. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at the Provincial Convention and encourage you to attend next year in Kitchener.

Joan

## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Angela Pellerin, Past President

On Monday afternoon National President, Anne-Marie Gorman spoke to us and mentioned that we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the strategic planning process. She introduced those members who are serving on the planning team that were present at the convention. She also mentioned that Margie Royle has been appointed to the national resolutions committee. The way resolutions will be presented has been changed and the "resolved" clause will now be the resolution.

Anne-Marie advised that an update will be given at the national convention regarding Development & Peace Caritas. At this time councils can donate to the organization but should send directly to D&P and not through national office. Also, at the national convention, a motion will take place regarding the Coady Institute.

Recommendations are being made with respect to the annual reports i.e. how to save and submit; reminder to print; importance of completing; what skip means; may have more room for comments.

The 800 number for national has been disconnected as members were bypassing the local, diocesan and provincial levels.

The theme "Care for Our Common Home" was not motivated by climate change but rather by Laudato Si. Anne-Marie wants to focus on looking after God's creation. The logo – green leaf stands for everything alive and mother hand stands for women as nurturers. It is a combination of nature and creation. She posed questions:

- 1. What is happening to our common home?
- 2. What does gospel of creation tell us?
- 3. The human roots of ecological crisis should we be doing something or not?
- 4. Integral ecology what is happening to our water supply
- 5. Look at lines of approach and action.
- 6. The need to change.

She next showed some video clips and talked about ocean problems, extreme weather, unsustainable energy, social instability. Information was shown regarding types of plastics and the length of time it takes for them to break down.

Lisa Henry, who is on the strategic planning team spoke on how they began and are now looking on the need to change. She told us where the team is now and what happens next. The structure needs to be torn down and rebuilt to make us strong. The core principles have been refreshed: core purpose; core values; envisioned future; mission statement. These define the purpose, the activities and the future of the CWL. Over 800 hours has been invested by the team so far. Lisa advised we should watch the website and magazine for future updates.

Angela





## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Rebecca McCarrell, President

#### Report on talk given by Tara Hurford, re: Development & Peace

On Wednesday morning of the Ontario Provincial Convention, Tara Hurford, the Development and Peace regional representative for Eastern and Northern Ontario, spoke about the organization. She stated, "Development and Peace helps us to live out the call to help those persons who are underprivileged, especially those in northern areas of our country and those in the global south."

Development and Peace partners with Caritas Internationalis which cares for creation and the most vulnerable in society, promoting solidarity, justice and empowering the poor to have the tools to lift themselves out of poverty.

She explained the journey of the donations given to Development and Peace, stating that 79% went to international projects in the global south and the 11% went to programmes in Canada.

An activity was done to show the imbalance of wealth and stated that 1% of the world's population owns 50% of the wealth.

Development and Peace in conjunction with Caritas Internationalis are beginning a 2 year Campaign—Care for Our Common Home—Protecting the Amazon, Lung of the World. There are 34 million people living in that area of which there are 400 indigenous groups.

As well, at present Development and Peace, Caritas Internationalis and Canadian Food Grains Bank have launched a 6 month project to meet the food needs of vulnerable Venezuelans. The project will reach some of the most impoverished women and children who are most affected.

Tara stated that Development and Peace are gratefully accepting donations. The most preferable way for CWL Councils to donate is to send the donation directly to the Development and Peace organization. None of the donations will be given to the 50 recipient groups that are being investigated by CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops).

#### Rebecca

#### Pictures from National Convention, August 2019 Submitted by: Jeanne Lauzon—Essex Regional Treasurer



Jeanne Lauzon (Essex Regional Treasurer), Peggy Barrette (Essex Regional Recording Secretary), Rebecca Mc Carrell (London Diocesan President)



Jeanne Lauzon, Peggy Barrette, Marie-Theresa Lamphier (Ontario Provincial Treasurer)

# Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Theresa Ryan, President-elect, Organization

Professor Markwell, Bioethicist at St. Paul University, Ottawa spoke with passion and left us with much to think about. She strongly suggested the need to have conversations about end of life issues with family and friends. She described the need to acknowledge a person's fear of being a burden. She differentiated between searching for 'dignity' vs 'autonomy' in the choice one makes. She reminded us "There is always an obligation to care."

I found this speaker well informed but the subject matter was difficult to understand, and definitely over my head. I will attempt to give you what I took away from her presentation.

Social destruction has led both secular and faith filled people to sometimes support M.A.I.D. (Medical Assistance In Dying). Ethics is a term for understanding moral principles that govern a person's behavior. It is about right and wrong and why we make certain choices. It is also a disciplined study of values and actions, that uses science to help determine which actions are good or bad.

She spoke on Organizational Ethics—which is the intentional use of values to guide decision, and the alignment of organized culture (mission & vision) with corporate decisions. Some of the issues:

- 1. Families don't accept prognosis on DNR
- 2. Clinics difficulty in giving

accurate prognosis

- 3. Difference in opinion
- 4. Cost

There are many different approaches to ethics and that is a good reason why they often disagree. Some of the approaches mentioned were based on: autonomy, consequences, obligations, rights, virtues, cases, relationships and faith based.

No one theory of Ethics is sufficient. In clinical practice they try to use best components of each model, trying to avoid problems in each. Every day decisions involve some or all of these. Families/patients and care teams often use different ways of reasoning resulting in conflict. We also hold different opinions on "The Good", resulting in further conflicts.

She spoke of the developments in medicine beginning with the goals of medicine.

- 1. Provide cure sometimes
- 2. Relieve often
- 3. Comfort Always
- 4. Avoid premature death
- 5. Maintain or improve function
- 6. Twin obligations: relieve suffering and cure disease
- Medicine as both understanding mechanisms of disease and "Doctoring" as art

Two of the current consequences of medicine are the loss of focus on the "art of Medicine" and failure to understand the value of suffering.

As medicine has developed it has become a more science—based

endeavor. Churches and religious orders have become less involved. There has been a divestment of ownership and sponsorship of faith-based institutions. This creates a challenge between "fitting in" as a publicly funded hospital and losing our identity as Catholic institutions. Therefore, there are both internal and external challenges to Catholic healthcare.

The outside challenges include respecting the ministry itself when it is often thought as a commodity. There is a need to balance money with caring and the spiritual with the technological.

The internal challenges rest on those ministry leaders that are in health care. We need to not lose sight of our core values. Don't be "Catholic "in name only. There is a need to know where to draw the line. You have to think both outside and inside the box.

We need to remember our roots. Our hospitals of today were mostly started by religious women in the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century. Their passion for healing was driven by the Gospels. They transcended boundaries of geography, tradition, religion, or socio-economic status. Their focus was on the poor and disenfranchised. If we lived then, none of us would have died in a hospital.

We avoid a philosophy of relativism by remembering our theological foundations. We have a belief in the presence of God I human

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## Ontario Provincial Convention—July 15/17th, 2019— Kingston, Ontario, Submitted by: Theresa Ryan, President-elect (cont'd...)

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experience. Creation is a gift from God. We have a responsibility to work to eliminate sickness and suffering. There also has to be acknowledgment that there can be growth through suffering. We need to act from an informed conscience. This is particularly important in trying to respond to current issues in medicine.

We are living in a changing landscape. M.A.I.D. has caused a change in ecological and cultural

attitudes. We can't keep doing what we are doing. We need to think outside the box, without forgetting what is in the box.

The M.A.I.D. argument is not about suffering, but rather about autonomy. Palliative sedation will keep person sedated so there is no pain and suffering.

This ended the first part of her address.

#### New Life Members

Five new Life Members were

recognized at the convention. Congratulations to:

- Anne Vincelli, Alexandria/ Cornwall
- Ana Sousa, Hamilton
- Marie-Theresa Lamphier, London
- Anna Tremblay, Sault Ste Marie
- Shirley Christo, Toronto

Thank you for your dedication to the League.

Theresa

## National Convention—August 19/21st, 2019— Calgary, Alberta. Submitted by: Theresa Ryan—President Elect, Organization Chairperson

Our keynote speaker at the National CWL. convention was Sr. Dorothy Ederer of Okemos, Michigan. She is a Grand Rapids Dominican Sister, and she spoke Tuesday, August 20th on What is Our Common Home? We care for our homeland, our homes, our hearts.

She used a wonderful power point presentation throughout her talk.

Sister Dorothy started off her address by asking what does the word "Home" mean to you? Where do we feel at home? How are we caring for the earth? Our common place is falling into despair. She mentioned the quality of water for the poor.

When God created man, He made man the master gardener caring for the earth. There is a trend of trying to get back to that, by organic gardening.

What message is Jesus giving us to give to the world? If God called us today on the phone, what would he say? We need to be Jesus to the world. How are we caring for the less fortunate? Remember touch is healing. Hugs are crucial for children.

We have a moral obligation to protect the children. What kind of values do we want to leave our children or those coming after us? She reminded us that more is "caught" than "taught" (be careful).

She mentioned the song by Tim McGaw "humble and Kind"

Hold the door say please

say thank you
Don't steal, don't cheat,
and don't lie
I know you got mountains
to climb but
Always stay humble and kind
When the dreams you're dreamin'
come to you
When the work you put
in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride but
Always stay humble and kind.

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## National Convention—August 19/21st, 2019— Calgary, Alberta. Submitted by: Theresa Ryan—President Elect, Organization (cont'd...)

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In our homes she told us to pray together, eat together. Those who have less are always willing to give more.

Care for your heart. **Prayer** is an act of love. Prayer doesn't change things, it changes us. If we are diligent in seeking God, slowly and surely we become better people. ....Joyce Meyer ... God knows our heart. I can do all things for Him who strengthens me.

Sister played a you tube video by Plumb called "Beautifully Broken" Some of the lyrics are:

Every tear, every doubt
Every time you've fallen down
When you're hurting,
feeling shame
When you're numbing
all your pain
When you've lost your way
And feel so far away
You're not

You're beautifully broken
And You can be whole again
Even a million scars
Doesn't change whose you are
You're worthy
Beautifully broken

Every fear of being loved
For who you are no matter what
When you're stumbling,
with each step
And you're haunted by regret
And the darkness closes in
Just listen

You're beautifully broken
And You can be whole again
Even a million scars
Doesn't change whose you are
You're worthy
Beautifully broken
You're beautifully broken
(beautifully broken)
You're beautifully broken

Oh, the God who made the stars Is the God that made your heart And He's holding you right now He can heal the broken parts And make beauty from the scars, the scars Beautiful scars!

She spoke on **Reconciliation.**Forgiveness
The word "*Give"*Generates
Internal
Vital
Energy

She told us of Zinan's story. Zinan was a woman whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver and how she forgave him. She now speaks on drunk driving and she speaks on forgiveness. There was a song written about this story by Matthew West and can be found on YouTube.

It's the hardest thing to give away And the last thing on your mind today
It always goes to those who
don't deserve
It's the opposite of how you feel
When the pain they caused
is just too real
Takes everything you have to
say the word
Forgiveness, forgiveness

It flies in the face of all your pride
It moves away the mad inside
It's always anger's own worst enemy
Even when the jury and the judge
Say you've got a right to
hold a grudge
It's the whisper in your ear
saying set it free
Forgiveness, forgiveness
Forgiveness, forgiveness

Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach
he unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness, forgiveness
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness
It'll clear the bitterness away
It can even set a prisoner free
There is no end to what its
power can do
So let it go and be amazed by what
you see through eyes of grace
The prisoner that it really
frees is you

Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Has anyone told you?

Theresa

# National Convention—August 19/21st, 2019— Calgary, Alberta. Submitted by: Mary Lappan - 2nd Vice/Spiritual Development

This year the National Convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada was held in Calgary, Alberta. The convention focused on "Care for Our Common Home". The opening mass was held at St. Albert the Great Church with all the pomp and circumstance that a great organization should have.

Monday was taken up with all the business that needed to be done. Tuesday morning was comprised of "breakout sessions". Members chose two different sessions to attend. The breakout sessions concentrated on different aspects of our theme. Tuesday was our keynote speaker, Sister Dorothy Ederer who spoke on "Care for Our Common Home". She was an excellent speaker and was enjoyed by everyone.

Two resolutions were brought to the floor. The first one, 2019.01 was titled "Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child". The second one, 2019.02, is titled "Canadian Support for the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons". Both of these resolutions passed easily with little discussion. It is interesting to note that the resolution process has changed. There are no longer "whereas" clauses. information is now included in the brief. Hopefully this will streamline the process and more resolutions may be brought forward. You will be able to read more about the resolutions in the fall addition of our magazine.

It may sound like there was all work and no play, but there was certainly a lot of fun mixed in with the work. Monday evening we attended a Western Shindig, complete with an excellent typical western meal, and line dancing lessons. The ballroom at the Hyatt was certainly alive with good old fashioned fun! Tuesday evening were the Provincial dinners. Each province holds an evening for all their members attending the convention. Unfortunately, Ontario could not find a

restaurant to accommodate our large numbers so the twelve members of the London Diocese went out for dinner. Wednesday was the closing Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and the banquet was followed by excellent entertainment.

Everyone should experience a National Convention. procession of Provincial flags always brings tears to my eyes. I am so proud to be part of a National Catholic women's organization. When you see and hear what has been accomplished across the country, you would be proud too. In 2020, the National Convention is in Montreal. This will be the 100th Anniversary of National. Betty Colaneri is leading this centenary project and has many things planned. Start budgeting now so your council can send a representative to Montreal.

Blessings,

Mary





### Regional News—Essex Chairperson—Rose Beneteau



This was a very busy spring: preparing, participating, and hosting our 99th Annual Catholic Women's London Diocesan Convention in Windsor. With much dedication and hard work, we are all so grateful for a successful, informative, and prayerful time with all the sisters in the league. Fun was had by all. Thousands of pairs of socks were donated and distributed in our area. The Bridge (a safe haven for teenagers) in Leamington was very appreciative for the donation of money received.

Bishop Fabbro has asked that we observe this year as a Year of Prayer. Many held reflection days, 12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care, led the rosaries in schools or with the shut-ins, various stations of the cross, special prayer gathering for the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and the crowning of Mary in May. Our

retreat day at Merlin was highlighted with the arrival of the bench donated to commemorate our 100<sup>th</sup> year coming in 2020.

In many ways we reach out to our parishioners by giving gifts for sacraments celebrated, awarding bursaries, and sponsoring a candidate for Net Ministries. To our extended community, funds have been donated to Our Lady of Guadalupe home, to Street Help, to assist those victims of human trafficking, and to refugee families.

To become better stewards of our environment, some attended the information evening presented on Detroit River Clean-up and are promoting to save water in their own homes. Recycling the ink cartridges is also a step in the right direction.

Many attended the ONroute gathering to stand for

International Day to end Slavery and to bring awareness to those victimized in human trafficking. The movie "Unplanned" was also an eye opener to what is happening in our world. This gives us even more reason to take part in 40 Days for Life.

Let us promote "Come to the Well." .. our fall regional days are instrumental to our growth and full of learning tools. We look forward to reaching out to welcome others to our councils to be Called, Wanted, and Loved.

Let us invoke Our Lady of Good Counsel to protect us and our loved ones.

Rose



### Regional News—Huron Perth Chairperson—Mary M. Barnes

Huron Perth Fun Night held May 7, 2019 in Zurich was a great success. It had been a few years since the last one.

Posters were circulated for the Day at the Shrine and Project ONroute. I believe Project ONroute was well attended by members from Huron Perth at various locations. Unfortunately I was unable to attend.

Reminders for the Fall Regionals have been circulated. Huron Perth is pleased to host the first Fall Regional with Sacred Heart Wingham Council. The tentative agenda has been circulated.

We held our last meeting June 1, 2019 in St. Marys at Holy Name of Mary with a potluck which was well attended as are our regular regional meetings.

Mary

### Regional News—London Chairperson—Diane Kehoe



It is hard to believe that summer is over, it seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. It was a very busy summer.







The London Region was well represented at the Woodstock ONroute and the Dutton (West Lorne) ONroute. It was a wonderful experience. It was also a good time for educating the public. Many of us answered questions from people stopping at the ONroute for coffee, asking us "what is this all about?". Many said they didn't know that human trafficking happened on the 400 series highways and some thought it happened only to the indigenous. It was a real eye opener for them and they thanked us for the information and watched the video on the screen. Father Matt George was on hand and joined the many speakers, police, local and provincial politicians. Now, we move forward with # Project Maple Leaf with Kelly Franklin. February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 is the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Check out the Facebook Page https:// www.facebook.com/ ProjectMapleLeafOriginal/ and let us remember that Human Trafficking happens everywhere, not just the big cities, but our little towns, rural communities and the 401 corridor.

In July it was wonderful to attend the 72<sup>nd</sup> Ontario Provincial Convention in Kingston. The speakers as always were amazing. It was a very busy and informative few days. The Kingston councils outdid themselves in the hospitality department. As I mentioned, lots of good information during the business sessions, but always time for fun and friendship.



I hope everyone has had a good and restful summer. I look forward to an exciting year ahead. Our first meeting will be September 23rd, 2019.

#### Dianne





### Regional News—Ingersoll Chairperson—Fatima Cabral

Ingersoll Regional Catholic Women's League councils were well represented at the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 #ProjectMapleLeaf human trafficking awareness media campaign at the Woodstock ON route location on the 401. Kelly Franklin's organization Courage for Freedom has been working with companies and services throughout Ontario to raise money for the media campaign that broadcasted human trafficking ads throughout all the ON route locations along the 401/400 series highways. London Diocesan councils have been actively participating in fundraising activities and recruiting members to attend this event.





### Regional News—Sarnia Lambton Chairperson—Patricia Sloan

A lot has been happening since our last League Lingo. Sarnia Lambton was well represented at our Diocesan Convention in Windsor. Over 18,000 pairs of socks were donated by all Councils in the Diocese and were distributed to those in need in our own Communities.

We were also represented at the Provincial Convention in Kingston by myself, Willi Kole and Sandra Cabiddu. Our theme, Care for our Common Home, has many initiatives that we as a whole or individuals can strive to do.

Again, we were represented at National Convention in Calgary by Nelly Kelders. She is also on the Strategic Planning Committee at the National level. Thank you Nelly for serving in this important role. I know that with your knowledge you can make a difference.

Fall Regional Days will be here soon. Please plan on attending the day closest to you on October 19, 2019.

Our Councils are busy getting ready for our Fall Bazaars. Please support our Sisters in the League. This is my last year holding this position. I am praying that someone will step forward to take over from me. It has been very rewarding.

You all have enriched my life by getting to know you. Thank you

Pat



### Some Dates to Remember in the Coming Year

September 8, 2019	The birth of Our Blessed Virgin Mary
September 6, 2019	The birth of Our blessed virgin waly
September 21, 2019	International Day of Peace
September 26, 2019	Canadian Martyr's Feast Day
October 6, 2019	Respect for Life Sunday
October 7-13, 2019	National Family Week
October 7, 2019	Thanksgiving Day
October 16, 2019	World Day of Food
October 17, 2019	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
November 3, 2019	Summertime Ends
November 4/10, 2019	Vocation Awareness Week
November 11, 2019	Remembrance Day
December 8, 2019	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 10, 2019	Human Rights Day
December 12, 2019	Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

#### GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

#### ST. FRANCIS:

Not exactly Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

#### GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

#### ST. FRANCIS:

No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

#### GOD:

Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grows, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

#### ST. FRANCIS:

Yes, Sír.

#### GOD:

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

#### ST. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

#### GOD:

What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius., if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the

## Council News—London Region—St. John the Divine, London. Submitted by: Colleen Kelly, President

CWL Theme work is humming as the members of St. John the Divine council continue with small teams to work on the themes of Homelessness, Care for Our Common Home, Educate, Engage, and Empower Environment Care.

Homelessness education was presented by Speaker, Dani Bartlett, of United Way London. She spoke from her heart of the New Beginnings Loan Fund which supports women and their children in London and Middlesex who have left an abusive relationship. The regulated fund provides monetary support (\$27 to \$500) to these women to help with a particular need that is identified and requested through various agencies who see the woman's plight. A simple \$27 loan can enable a women taxi fare to be able to leave her abusive rural home. The recipient may or may not repay the loan depending on their situation. Most women repay the loan in order that it can be paid forward to someone else in need.



Two hundred small Care Bags with items of soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, Kleenex were collected for My Sister's Place in London.

The themes of Care for our Common Home and the Environment projects are running on a number of tangents.



The New Year began with understanding "Toilets are not Garbage Cans" where we learned about the Grease cup programme in London as well as the challenges with wipes. Did you know you can pick up a grease cup with a lid at a London library? When cups are full you can throw them in the garbage or if you drop them off at one of the depots, the grease cup is burned for energy. While wipes may be 'flushable' they do not disintegrate for years and bung up our sanitation system. We experienced this first hand at St. John the Divine with a sewer backup due to wipes/diapers. Education material was presented in our parish bulletin on both topics. Some CWL members presented the educational material to their condo boards for inclusion in their newsletter.

The water bottle video was presented with discussion to understand our various habits.

An Environment pickup programme was well received especially for those with no vehicle to visit the appropriate drop-off centres. Over the course of three months three separate collections including batteries, leftover paint, and electronics were dropped off

to various collection agencies including Home Depot, Lowes, and Goodwill respectively.

Each week an "Enviro Tip" appears in the parish bulletin with a simple one line message; for example, "Set the AC at 25 degrees (at 22 degrees, you'll pay 40 percent more!)"



Jun 1st a pollinator workshop was held for interested parties in the parish and community. Pollinators, which include bees, moths, butterflies, bats, beetles and hummingbirds, are responsible for pollinating over 30% of the foods we eat. By having pollinator gardens in our communities we help the pollinators to have a continuous supply of food and habitats. A small space on a balcony or small garden with 1 or 2 pollinator plants can help in this endeavor. Watch for the white "Pollinator Pathway Project" signs in your London neighbourhoods! Our Youth Council planted our pollinator garden at the front of the church.

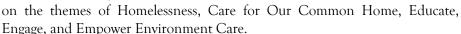
Even the coordinator of St. John the Divine's Marian garden is incorporating pollinator plants. She is a CWL member who leads the care and direction of the parish Marian garden.

She shared the past and future

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# Council News—London Region—St. John the Divine, London. Submitted by: Colleen Kelly, President (cont.d ...)

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Follow the conversation with God & St. Francis, throughout this newsletter. It seems to be in line with the topic above!

I found this just last week! Sandra—Editor Creepy!

#### GOD TO ST. FRANCIS

Frank .... You know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on he planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff! started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

#### ST. FRANCIS

It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies., birds and bees;

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## Council News—London Region—St. Martin of Tours, London Submitted by: Cindy Dupuis

St Martin of Tours CWL celebrated their 80th anniversary on June 10th 2019. We had over 80 participants including past Spiritual Advisors, Fr. Clare Coleman and Fr. John Sharp. Representatives from the provincial diocesan, regional and national.

- We were given a brief history of our CWL. Interesting facts of our role during WWII.
- Pins were awarded.
- Mabel Pierce received her 50 year pin, Judy Cushing received her 40 year pin.
- Two 25 year pins were given to Teresa Anglin and Marjolaine Dupuis.
- We have a few 50 and 60 year old members who were in attendance.

We are a hard working council, small in numbers but big at heart.

#### Cindy

### Council News—London Region—St. Justin, London Submitted by: Fil Kaiser



St. Justin's CWL, London, Ontario celebrated its 40th Anniversary on June 5th, 2019. Seventy-one league members were present to share a dinner, companionship, and stories. We were also entertained by the lovely voice of Father John Comiskey. As well, recognition was also given to 12 past presidents and our Spiritual leader, Father Mark Maloney. Even though we are a small league, every year we contribute not only to our parish but also to other regional and national projects.

Fil



### Council News—London Region—St. Patrick, Lucan President—Nancy Hess

St Patrick's Lucan CWL celebrates their members each spring with a pot luck dinner and guest speakers. This year it was held on May 9th and Denyce Gervais Regean (author) shared an enjoyable presentation. We invite local churches to attend and give out service pins.

Charlotte Traher is congratulated by Deb Andrews in the picture 1st left. A Maple leaf pin has been awarded annually at this event and this year's recipient was Jean McIlhargey.





Some past recipients of the Maple Leaf pin as shown to the left are Bernice Crunican, Rhea Vanderloo a n d Teres a Vandenboomen along with Membership convenor Deb Andrews and president Nancy Hess

## Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Philips, Petrolia Submitted by Ann Selman

St. Philip's CWL and our spring/ summer activities include a year end Pot Luck and Holy Rosary CWL came to our fundraiser Dinner & a Movie. We also supported the "Operation Maple Leaf" in Woodstock, raising Human Trafficking Awareness.

Ann



### Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Michael, Bright's Grove Submitted by Nelly Kelders—President & Communications

Our spring general meeting always signals an end to the work year for our members. It is a time of celebration: through our faith we gave thanks for the success of our work; our labours during the fall and winter have borne fruit and enabled us to give generously to those in need; and through social time, we were able to celebrate our members and our achievements.

Highlights of our May General Meeting

• A special presentation was made to Molly Harris in

- recognition of her 100th birthday in March.
- We exceeded our goal in the Sock Challenge, collecting 320 pairs. All but 24 pairs will be donated to local charities.
- Three quilts were on display, donated by Anita Proulx. We will donate them and a monetary donation to the Palliative Care Unit at Bluewater Health and to St. Joseph Hospice.
- Fr. Matthew was presented with a cheque for Youth Ministry in St. Michael Parish.

- A donation of soap was made to the Canadian Food for Children.
- Donations were also made to the Migrant Worker Ministry, and the programme for grieving children at St. Joseph Hospice.

Nelly

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

- We attended the World of Prayer St Joseph's Sarnia. It was a wonderful service
- Lenten Retreat was held in Chatham, we attended
- Meatless soup was made on Good Friday with donations going to the Bluewater Health Palliative Care
- The convention in Windsor was attended by Phyllis Vanoverbeke and Marguarita Roberts - Deacon Lyle was able to join us at the mass and

- banquet
- Socks were collected for the convention donated to Rivercity and Interval home
- Divine mercy at St Michaels was attended
- OLM-CWL hosted Palliative Care for the cluster
- The annual Spring Tea was a great success with donations going to our Interval Home, Hub and Huron House Boys Home
- CWL—OLM hosted Cluster mass and pot luck supper in June
- We also helped at and attended the cluster picnic
- We were honoured to have Pat Sloan attend Provincial convention as a delegate

Phyllis





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## Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Ursula, Chatham, Submitted by: Cathie Luxton, Communications Chairperson

The CWL elections at St. Ursula's are over, and a new executive formed and now getting acquainted with their new roles. The deliberations on the new budget were introduced and the draft was received and adopted. A few positions are still available and we are actively recruiting to fill these open spots. Also, at this March meeting members were asked to bring socks for the homeless to Convention 2019 and the members of our council deciding to purchase 104 pairs of socks to take to Convention.

Our updated kitchen at St. Ursula's has been finished and much thanks going to all who worked so hard on this project. The CWL funeral lunch committee is very grateful to Don Brousseau spearheading this project and as you read this, Don is painting the meeting room and all the trim on the doors!

Karen Hunter from the Chatham Kent Women's Centre spoke to CWL members at the April meeting. The information provided by Karen was very knowledgeable about all the work that is being done at the centre with these women and their children when fleeing domestic violence.

Joanne Bennett was organizing our annual garage sale, this traditionally has been our largest fundraising event of the year.

This year was no exception, and on May 4<sup>th</sup> with all the donations received from parishioners, the CWL was able to make in 4 short hours, \$3,008.85 with only \$30.00 in expenses! At the general meeting on May 14th Kim Marlatt spoke. Kim currently is the President of Ontario Nurses Association at the Chatham Kent Health Alliance. Kim has volunteered on The African Mercy Ship on the west side of Africa. The ship only stops at ports where they are invited and currently they have provided 80,000 hours of surgeries and dental care. Karen is hoping to volunteer again in spring of 2020. Plans were made in May for the annual CWL BBQ on June 11th. This was held in the meeting room and was very well attended by council members before the summer break; but before adjourning. Membership was informed of a busy July month ahead. June 16<sup>th</sup> after 10am mass, CWL of St. Ursula hosted a farewell to Fr. Don as he moves to his new parish in London as Pastor.

July 7<sup>th</sup> – All CWL's of the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes hosted an open house for our 2 new priests. Spirit and Life Centre was backed by parishioners to welcome Father Peter Amszej and Father Jude Ogbenna into the parish community.

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Some CWL members attended St. Patrick's Rosary Trail in Merlin Ontario. 10 a.m. mass was celebrated followed by each bringing their own bagged lunch with the Rosary to follow.

July 21st, on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Family Picnic was held at Kingston Park. Great fun was had at the splash pad by many young children and not too hot a day for the seniors!

Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> St. Ursula CWL members met in the church parking lot to car pool to the rally being held at the Tilbury ONroute on the 401. Many local politicians were also in attendance to speak against the Human trafficking that is taking place along the 401 corridor in the province.

August 26th the CWL executive of St. Ursula met on Monday night to prepare the fall agenda for general membership meetings.

Until we talk again, may Our Lady of Good Counsel keep all CWL members and their families in her care!

Cathie









## Council News—Huron Perth Region—Immaculate Conception, Stratford President—Marjorie Skinner

In January our CWL new year began with our new executive and featuring Marg Van Herk-Paradis speaking on new beginnings and on conflicts & resolutions. Guest CWL members from our cluster parish were on hand.

In February we were well on our way announcing convenors and upcoming projects and events which included plans hosting 6 weeks Lenten luncheons at our parish for the community and hosted by our CWL & Stratford Council of Churches. Plans started for our fashion show in April. Right to life petitions were signed. We acted on other various requests for CWL involvements recommended by national etc.

In March & April - we assisted St. Josephs CWL for the Stratford World Day of Prayer. We hosted a successful fashion show and donated all profits to the new

opening of Rotary Hospice. We led the Stations of the Cross in church during lent. We began the sock drive at church and collected 400 warm pairs of socks, Etc. for Shelterlink and House of Blessing. I attended our upcoming convention and took back a report.

In May our CWL had a Crowning of Mary in church for members. 10 members attended the fun nite held in Zurich.

In June CWL members presented graduation awards to 3 schools. During summer—4 members will attend ONroute human trafficking awareness in Woodstock in July. Our convenors were involved in planning for the upcoming August Lasagna dinner and our fall November 2nd bazaar.

During this 6 month period we were involved in all aspects of parish life serving in many areas. A wonderful and inspiring CWL Council to belong to. God bless as we continue to focus on the spiritual aspect before our regular meetings.



Left to Right: Marjorie Skinner, Mary Bannon, Kelly Franklin, Janet Albert, Anne Innes

Marjorie





### Council News—Huron Perth Region—Sacred Heart, Wingham President— Marilyn van Heesch

Here are a few things the Wingham Sacred Heart CWL ladies have been involved with.

During Lent we had many funerals and led the Stations of the Cross.

Marilyn attended the convention in Windsor. Many of our members supported the Right to Life local dinner.

Some of our members help at a monthly luncheon with other ladies at a local church and at events at our K of C hall. We had a dinner catered at the K of C hall and presented service pins to ladies. 2 young ladies from our parish did a presentation on their trip to World Youth Day at this dinner.

We presented 2 Catholic Values awards at the Grade 8 graduation.

In July, 13 ladies went on a garden tour in Kincardine which was very enjoyable.

We are now giving regular donations to our local hospice.

Some members watched the movie, "Unplanned" in Palmerston.

A couple of our members will be judging at the local school fair at the beginning of September.

The following photo is of Kelly Franklin with our member, Susan Hotchkiss at #ProjectMapleLeaf at the Woodstock ONroute site.



Marilyn

## Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. James, Seaforth President—Mary M. Barnes

At the end of my last League Lingo submission I stated that St. James was participating in Lenten Lunches for the first time. This was a resounding success and St. James will be participating again next year.

Ladies from St. James Council as well as non-council women participated in a Women's Retreat at Camp Menesetung, north of Goderich May 25<sup>th</sup>, which was also a great success.

The H.U.G.'s project will be coming up in the fall with donations to the Women's Shelter in Goderich.

May also saw presentation of Rosaries to the First Communion Class.

June saw presentation of Crucifixes to the Grade 8 Class and a Bursary to a St. James Parish student Graduating from Grade 12 at St. Anne's Catholic High School in Clinton.

At the end of June the council and parish said good bye to Fr. Clare Coleman our Spiritual Advisor on his retirement and welcome to Fr. Philip Joseph our new Spiritual Advisor.

Meetings will begin again in September with guest speakers to be announced.

Mary

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## Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Peter, Goderich President—Joyce Essery

We have had a very busy year to date with our many endeavours to be active and serving our community. In February we distributed Protect Our Water Postcards at weekend masses and people were very eager to accept the cards and take part in this campaign. March saw many of our members out to support the World Day of Prayer, host a Friday night Stations of the Cross and special celebration for International Women's Day. Some of us were fortunate to attend the Lenten Retreat in Chatham and be inspired by presentations and talks.

On April 26th, in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Peter's League in Goderich celebrated Mass, had a photo op to celebrate a \$1,000 donation once again to Huron Hospice and were proud to present a CWL Spiritual Retreat on Care of Our Common Home. Two of our members presented a very informative afternoon based on Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" and guest speaker was Wendy Yamamoto-Chapman, Special Projects Co-Ordinator from Bluewater Recycling Association. It was a great day!

Our CWL was honoured to help serve a welcome reception after the Easter Vigil to welcome our new RCIA candidates.

On May 3rd, many of our members came out to support 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. Following Mass and Adoration, some volunteers stayed to continue praying for this special need while many prayed in their homes. The day was also used to gather and deliver the many items collected from our H.U.G Project to the Women's Shelter in Goderich.

On May 7th, we were ready to celebrate and take part in the joy filled Fun Night in Zurich!!! Several car pools were arranged and it was a most memorable night of celebrating with our local CWL Leagues.

In June we participated in the "Pornography Hurts Campaign" handing out postcards to be signed and sent to our Government to bring awareness and hopefully intervention to end this from ever happening. June was also our time to recognize our volunteers at a special dinner and presentation of service awards.

During the summer months, St. Peter's CWL hosted 3 Sunday morning breakfasts to welcome summer visitors and offer a much appreciated opportunity to gather as family and socialize after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. These occasions are especially enjoyed by our young families and elderly alike giving opportunity to stay and socialize after Sunday Mass.

Several members ventured to Woodstock to take part in the very successful #ONroute Project to end Human Trafficking.

A BBQ fundraiser at Zehrs is planned for the September long weekend as well as our annual Harvest Bazaar in October.

We are so blessed to have so many faithful and dedicated members!!!

Joyce





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## Council News—Essex Region—St. Michael, Leamington Submitted by—Past Co-President—Mary Lapos

- 8 members represented St. Michael's at the Diocesan Convention.
- May was our annual Banquet catered in our own Parish hall and served by our CWL sisters from Kingsville St. John de Brebeuf. Guest speaker was Kelly Franklin from Farmtown Ontario. 120 members learned about human trafficking. The usual collection was split between Farmtown and 1% Development and Peace. 22 members received service award pins for years of service as well as 17 new members receiving an insignia pin (See separate list in newsletter for names) 2 members were awarded the Maple Leaf Service pin- Rita Paliani and
- Henrietta O'Neil
- June was our final potluck before summer. Ladies were asked to bring donations for the H.U.G. project. Approximately 30 bags of much needed items were collected throughout June and donated to 5 different shelters for Women
- St. Michael's gave 2 bursaries one to a graduate of Leamington and one at Cardinal Carter High Schools
- 3 members attended the July Diocesan retreat day in Merlin and enjoyed mass, rosary and fellowship.
- 8 members participated in the "ONroute Day of Awareness for Human Trafficking" July 30 at the Tilbury East location on HWY 401. About 100 people

- were present with great talks by OPP and other officials showing support to end human trafficking.
- Pat Rivest attended the Ontario Provincial convention. Peggy Barrette attended the National convention in Calgary. We look forward to their reports at future meetings.
- Members helped with Vacation Bible School, attend a Marian Consecration study ,visit the sick in hospital and nursing homes, serve funeral luncheons etc.

### Mary

(President-Mary DiMilo)

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

I attended our Diocesan Convention in Windsor for 3 days. Pat Kozak, our president, was able to attend part days. We were part of the convention committee and kept busy those 3 days. 12 members were able to attend the banquet, with most of us attending the closing Mass ahead of dinner.

We celebrated of 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Mass and a turkey dinner cooked and served by K of C members and their wives and a few Squires. Deacon Gary Flewelling said grace in place of Fr. Dave who was recuperating from knee

replacement surgery the day before.

A few of our members, along with parishioners, provided Fr. Dave, his sister who was taking care of him, and Fr. Mike with prepared meals for a few weeks.

We gave our Confirmation candidates a cross necklace.

We served ice cream at our parish picnic along with hot dogs from the K of C, bouncy castle and games for the children. The heavy rain held off until the picnic was winding down.

For the months of July and August, we again collected backpacks and school supplies. This year we gave them to the Essex Food Bank, keeping them local.

At our August executive meeting, we planned out our meeting dates and events for the upcoming year.

This is an election year. We are looking to fill a couple of positions.

We are looking forward to a busy and uplifting year.

Janice

# Council News—Essex Region—St. Clement, McGregor, President—Doris Coyle

We began 2019 uncertain as to who would be the shepherd of our parish, but in February we were happy and blessed to welcome our new pastor and spiritual advisor Fr. Seejo John.

Each Tuesday evening during Lent we lead the Stations of the Cross. This year we began with sharing a bowl of soup and fellowship, followed by the Stations and Mass. We also organized a special evening with the Squirettes of Mary, where we prayed "The Stations for Young People". About 25 young girls, ages 11 – 16 attended. Following the Stations we shared pizza and social time.

In April during Holy Week a carnation and Novena of Masses were delivered to our shut-in members.

9 of our members attended all or part of the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention in Windsor. Since it was Windsor & Essex Regions turn to host this convention we were involved with its planning and organization. Our council along with Our Lady Of Perpetual Help were responsible for the centrepieces for the banquet as well as the carnations for the Crowning of Mary. On a personal note it was a real eye opener for me being involved with the planning committee and seeing how much work it is to put on a convention!

Prayer cards were given to the children who made their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> we held our "12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care"

Holy Spirit pins were given to the young people who were confirmed in our parish on Pentecost Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our June meeting began with pizza and salad and ended with our annual strawberry social. At this meeting our 3 new members were acknowledged and presented with their welcome package and membership pin. We also presented 9 of our members with their 10 year pin, one member with her 25 year pin, one with 40 years, one with 50 years and one with 70 years. Congratulations ladies!

Two students (a boy and a girl) from Ste. Ursule School were given a \$40 gift certificate from Brisebois Christian Bookstore as a "Christian Spirit Award" at their graduation.

On July 10th, 4 of our members attended the Diocesan CWL Retreat at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Merlin.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> we took part in the #project ONroute campaign. 12 ladies attended the presentation at the Tilbury ONroute Station to promote awareness and show our support for the victims of human trafficking.

Our first meeting after the summer break is Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. It is our potluck bring-a-friend meeting.

We are looking forward to our annual Ladies Breakfast on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> to which all ladies are invited and is the start of our membership campaign and to attending the Fall Regional Day at Visitation Parish in Comber on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will be holding elections for a new executive for our council in December so I ask that you pray for the success of these elections.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you and guide you in your work.

Doris



# Council News—Essex Region—St. Anthony of Padua, Harrow President—Marg Noel

It was with great joy and a sense of accomplishment that St. Anthony of Padua council celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Catholic Women's League in Harrow. On June 7, 2019, we celebrated by enjoying a lunch at Oxley Estate Winery. We were joined by many of our sisters in the league from our cluster parish of St. John de Brebeuf, Kingsville, by our pastor, Fr. Janisse, by our diocesan representative, Mary Lappan, and our Essex regional chairperson, Rose Beneteau.

We were presented a letter of congratulations and a certificate of recognition for 90 years from our diocesan president and from our provincial president.

Many long standing members were presented milestone pins for their service. A good time was had by all...a great way to end the year. However our services continued during the summer as we planned, prepared, and served supper to migrant workers on the last Sunday from May to September at Holy Family Retreat House.

### Marg

### Council News—Essex Region—St. Simon & St. Jude, Belle River, Co-President—Linda Prestyko

April — Members attended the Diocesan Convention on Monday & Tuesday. We were joined by more members on Wednesday to help distribute gifts. They also joined us for the sessions and the banquet. Twelve hours for Palliative Care was held in the church.

May — Our meeting began with the rosary at the grotto at the front of the church. Before our meeting we celebrated by giving service pins to members for their years of service and to the new members. The evening ended with a small social.

June – We celebrated the good

works of Bishop Fabbro. Each convener told one thing he had accomplished or a personal memory of him. We ended our meeting with a blind auction. We also had a get together for socializing after the blind auction. A good time was had by all.

July — Members attended Shrine Day in Merlin and were very impressed with the day. On July 30<sup>th</sup> ladies met at the ONroute in Tilbury to join World Day to End Slavery.

September — Our meeting will begin with our annual pot luck supper. This year we are trying something new after the meeting.

We will be having a games night, at which time you can bring a board or card game to teach or try to learn a new one.

Our bazaar will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and join us for lunch. We have meat pies, baked goods, a great penny table and a large assortment of vendors.

### Linda

# Council News—Essex Region—Good Shepherd, Lakeshore President—Louise Boyde



Where has the summer gone? We have been very busy since the League Lingo Spring Issue. But God blesses us with a time of rest each summer!

In March we attended the World Day of Prayer hosted by Ste. Anne's parish. It was a great day of prayer and fellowship. We had 10 people from Good Shepherd parish in attendance. One member invited a friend and one invited her husband to join us.

Four members attended the Diocesan Retreat Day March 9th led by Anne Shore. It was a faith filled day beginning with Mass and continuing with reflection, discussion, guided prayer and fellowship.

At our March general meeting Brenda shared how much the day of retreat meant to her.

We hosted the April 3rd Lenten Soup and Stations. We had a variety of delicious soups followed by the Stations of the Cross led by our members. Many parishioners attended this evening. We have a reputation for making delicious soup!

April 28th was a very special day as our parish celebrated our pastor Fr.

Gary Goyeau's 40th anniversary to the priesthood. Thank you Fr. Gary for your priestly ministry to us. You certainly have answered God's call to be a shepherd to His people.

The following day our 2019 London Diocesan convention began. It was our Christian Family Life chair, Lynne's first convention. She was a hostess for all 3 days. At our May general meeting she encouraged our members to attend a convention. She shared how the convention, the ladies, and the Masses touched her on such a personal level. She said it was such a moving experience. She felt so inspired by all the ladies. She is already looking forward to the one next year in Chatham. I think that if she could she would hire a bus to take everyone!

We brought Sr. Yvonne Parent CSJ back by popular demand to lead us in a Day of Reflection May 28th. We invited all women of our parish and of our regional councils to attend. This year's theme was Joyful Witnesses of the Good News. From comments that I heard that day we left knowing that we are all truly witnesses of God's Good News - of Love, Joy and Laughter.

June 15th we held a Used Purse, Jewellery and Book Sale. There were bargains for everyone!

Our June 20th meeting includes our annual Strawberry Social. At this time we presented pins to 4 new members, 10 year pins to 3 members and 25 year pins to 3 members. We also presented our councils' \$400.00 Student Award to Megan Coutinho. She will be attending the University of Ottawa where she plans to earn a Bachelor of Science degree.

As we come back in the Fall this is my prayer for all our councils.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us and guide us in the service we give to our sisters and brothers.

Louise





# Council News—Essex Region—St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg Past President—Sharon Barron

May and June are always busy months for us.

Of course, with the Convention in Windsor, we were especially busy. I helped out organizing the Display room and of course our own member and Regional Chair, Rose Beneteau, co-chaired the Convention committee. Quite a few of our members attended all or part of the Convention.

Our Olde English Tea was a success again, (See picture below). This year we added a silent auction which was a great fundraiser.

We helped out with our Parish Picnic in June.

The executive took our Pastor Fr. Brian Jane and Spiritual advisor out for dinner. He has been transferred to Sarnia after 12 years at our parish. Our new Pastor is Father Matt Kucharski.

He also attended our June Pot Luck supper, participated in a pinning ceremony for 3 new members, and was presented a parting gift.

In July, 8 members attended the Retreat in Merlin. It was a wonderful day. A gathering of CWL women celebrating our faith together is always a beautiful experience.

Some of us went to Harrow to support their CWL at their luncheon fundraiser. It is so well done.

Our Christian Family Life Chair Anne Roy, was very active in the ONroute project, encouraging attendance at our closest location Tilbury. We are hoping this brought a greater focus on the issue of Human Trafficking. Also, our Education/Health Chairperson, Mary Brown submitted at least 18 Water Pledges.

Our Parish Social Justice Committee also hosted 2 guest speakers on the subject of Human Trafficking. One young woman had been a victim. Many of our members attended.

Summers over and back to work. Fall Regionals is coming up too. Always a great day.

We now have to discuss where our fundraising money will be distributed and get organized for our Annual Fish Fry.

Sharon



# Council News—Ingersoll Region—Our Lady Zueen of Martyrs, Delhi Submitted by—Recording Secretary—Vicki Braun

It has been the HOTTEST summer on record! CWL members have been given a chance to embrace all the efforts to help our environment. Fall will be a time to reflect, refresh and RECYCLE!

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs CWL, in Delhi has a full slate of fund raisers this fall.

 OLQM, CWL Fashion Show will be held Thursday, September 19th, 2019, at the church Parish Hall, 110 Adams Ave., Delhi. Doors open by 6pm, show at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door \$15 or call PP Diane 519-582-1180 (elevator available at the north/car port entrance. EVERYONE WELCOME!

- Pall Rummage Sale is Saturday, October 19th, 2019 in the church Parish Hall, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Clothing and household items. EVERYONE WELCOME!
- Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 30th, 2019, in the Parish Hall, from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Penny table, country store & SO much more! Lunch available and Bingo will follow at 7 pm. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Hope to see you in OLQM, Delhi.

Happy Fall & enjoy a very Blessed & HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Vicki

# Council News—Windsor Region—Most Precious Blood, Windsor Submitted by—Communication Chairperson—Betty Recker

In January at our Corporate Communion we honoured our members of 25, 50 and 65 years for their generous service to our Council, Parish, City and Country.

We have had a busy year helping the homeless in our area through the gifting of 35 H.U.G. bags. In addition we donated to the University Food Bank and the Unemployed Help Food Bank.

In December we visited 21 of our housebound members and delivered Christmas Stockings filled with surprises as well as providing Christmas presents for the children at Drouillard Place.

Speakers at our meetings in January and February provided us with information on the needs of a Children's Orphanage in Haiti and donated to our member who travelled there. We also heard about the needs of the children's families at Ronald MacDonald House here in Windsor and helped to purchase some of these needs. We have been collecting McDonald's loyalty cards and sharing with those experiencing homelessness.

We collected socks in November, and also for the convention.

This year we welcomed Fr. David Johnson and Fr. Len Desjardins to our parish as we begin our North Central Windsor Family of Parishes.

July found us in Merlin for a day of reflection and giving support to the ONroute programme re the Trafficking of Women.

We are now anxiously waiting for our September meeting so that we can greet everyone after a restful summer and find out what activities the fall will bring.

### Betty

# Council News—Windsor Region—St. John Vianney, Windsor, Submitted by: — Yvette Henkel, Communications Chairperson

#### <u>March</u>

 Our council hosted the World Day of Prayer with good representation from our parish. Thank you to Gloria Simard and Lou Ann Bryce for organizing and helping make this a success. On March 29th our CWL led the Stations of the Cross

#### <u>April</u>

- NET team ministry the grade 8 students participate in a day of reflection and prayer again this year. Our council donated funds to help defray costs.
- 14 members attended the London Diocesan convention this year. Since it was held in our city it makes it easier for those to attend who are not able to travel.
- we collected 183 pairs of socks as part of the Crowning of Mary ceremony which we divided up and donated to local charities: Street Help, Our Lady of Guadalupe Home and WYCK - thanks to Mary, Diana and Jan for delivering them.
- sadly, one of our members passed away, Eleanor Devine, had celebrated her 100th birthday just a few months prior, we had a CWL honour guard at her funeral Mass.

#### May

 collection of baby items took place for 2 weekends preparing for our annual "Baby Shower" for Birthright. Victoria Eid from Birthright gave us a brief talk regarding the guidance and

- assistance they offer to the young women choosing to keep their babies.
- we had a lovely Crowning of Mary spiritual time prior to the baby shower
- our council is collecting small toiletry items for H.U.G. (helping, understanding, giving) a Centenary project taking place this fall.
- we invited, Kelly Franklin, from Farmtown to bring awareness of the serious issue on human trafficking in our The invitation was extended to other parishes to join us as well. Some members from our council are planning on attending the gathering at the ONroute on the 401 at Tilbury on July 30th. Congratulations to Lynne Tybor for winning the Spiritual Award, National CWL award and JL Hennesey Award.
- Jeannette Polachok arranged for us to have a tour of Guadalupe Home which 10 of us took advantage of. This is an amazing home for new moms to learn how to care for their newborn babies and get the support and guidance they need.

#### Iune

 our June dinner social is the time we present our members with CWL years of service pins. Nine new members received insignia pins, six receiving 5 year and 10 year pin, one for 15 and 20 years, three received 35 year pin and Vicky Dawson has 70 years service and Barbara Dobson with 65 years. Barbara was the first president of our parish council. Congratulations ladies.

#### July

- our second fundraiser bus trip finally arrived. The bus was again sold out. We attended the play "Murder for Two" a musical comedy, in Petrolia. A good time was had by all, again thanks to Gloria Simard and Diana Debergh for organizing this event.
- again we are taking orders for fall mums as another fundraiser, everyone who ordered last year was very pleased, so we expect to sell out again. They arrive in September.

Yvette

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### Council News—Windsor Region—Holy Trinity, Windsor President—Bertha Onuch

Holy Trinity Parish CWL ended last year with a Dessert Tea in honour of our Polish Ursuline sisters who have contributed so much to our Church and the Polish Community in Windsor. Lap Blankets, made by our members, were presented to all 12 sisters in Residence. See the picture to the left.

Also our Assistant Pastor, Fr. Mitch Kaminski was given a lap blanket with a toque.

Not to forget our annual 'Hat and Glove Drive' was presented to Sister Teresa, a teacher at Immaculate Conception School in the core of Windsor.



### Bertha

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only grubs and sod worms. It sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

#### ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

#### ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it—sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

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Vicki

#### LIFE IS A GIFT

Today before you think of saying an unkind word Think of someone who cannot speak

Before you complain about the taste of your food Think of someone who has nothing to eat

Before you complain about your husband or wife Think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion

> Today before you complain about life Think of someone who went too early to heaven

Before you complain about your children Think of someone who desires children, but they're barren



## Service Pin Awards for 2018 Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated



#### Good Shepherd, Lakeshore Essex Region

25 Year Pin Nora Curnutte Mary Heath

Zelpha Phaneuf

10 Year Pin

Anita Dupuis Lee Ann Hool Barb Quenneville

#### **New Members**

Irene Brydges Donna Hildenbrand Judith (Jill) Menard Theresa Whiteside

### St. Clement, McGregor Essex Region

**70 Year Pin** Stella Langlois

**50 Year Pin**Dolores Lucier

**40 Year Pin** Anna Morencie

25 Year Pin

Mary Anne Lucier

10 Year Pin
Diana Coyle
Maggy Laframboise
Mary MacDonald
Noreen McGuire
Pat Prieur
Rose Renaud
Rose Sweet
Laurie Taparluie
Karen Trotter

#### **New Members**

Jo-Anne Amlin Pat Belanger Brenda Garrod

St. Simon, St. Jude, Belle River Essex Region

**75 Year Pin** Mae Tremblay

70 Year Pin Mary Parent

**60 Year Pin**Beverly Barrette

55 Year Pin Margaret (Betty) Sauve

**50 Year Pin** Theresa D. Barrette

### 40 Year Pin

Theresa Cullen Linda Prestyko Elaine Tellier

#### 25 Year Pin

Pamela Anhorn Dianna Brydges Dolores Lemire Lise Potvin Jean Marentette

10 Year Pin

Linda Bellaire Laurie Eberhardt Angela Seguin Ursula Strong Sandra Toulouse

New Members Sandra Bell Denise Bilodea Amie Dufault Holly Kovaks Rachel Morneau Dianna Quenneville Diane Quinn

St. Michael, Leamington Essex Region

Maple Leaf Pin Henrietta O'Neil Rita Paliani

65 Year Pin Catherine Dwyer Lena Janik Helen Mazur Lorraine Verbeke

**60 Year Pin** Mary Stasko

**50 Year Pin**Kathy Dries
Rosemary Heisler
Charlene Vlodarchyk

**40 Year Pin** Lucy DiMenna Maureen Lamotte Celia Visca

**30 Year Pin** Anja Lee Donna Mastronardi

25 Year Pin Maria Frias Frances Marcovecchio

20 Year Pin Rosemary Bradt Zena Iles Rosi Vrucina Giovanna Ingratta



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# Service Pin Awards for 2018 Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated



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St. Michael, Leamington Essex Region (cont'd)

10 Year Pin Anna Bonfiglio Irene Cabral Mary Vezina

St. Martin of Tours, London London Region

**50 Year Pin** Mabel Pierce

**40 Year Pin** Judy Cushing

**25 Year Pin** Teresa Anglin Marjolaine Dupuis

Sarnia Bright's Grove Sarnia Lambton Region

#### Maple Leaf Pin

It is with gratitude and pride that we awarded the Maple Leaf pin to: Josie Parker

**50 Year Pin** Sue Carey

**45 Year Pin**Annette Procunier

35 Year Pin Marie Findlay Margaret Kelch Janet Oliver Dorothy Wright

30 Year Pin Mary Ellen McDonald Janet Boyle Fran Dolar Jo-Ann Janess Paula Mele Josie Parker

25 Year Pin Nancy Jackson Cecile McEachen Christine Palmer

20 Year Pin Molly Harris Cindy Kramer Julie Lawlor-Salvati Betty Minato Mary Spinnato Lily Wong

15 Year Pin Pat Baker Dolores Murray

10 Year Pin
Paula Boomsma
Mary DeMarco
Theresa Giampietri
Trudy Kerrigan
Marg Robson
Cecile Scott
Kami Zalesak

St. Joseph, Stratford Huron Perth Region

**65 Year Pin** Margaret O'Brien

60 Year Pin Annie Bokkers Frances Leyser Lillian Morris Mary Nyenhuis

**55 Year Pin** Joan Shantz

50 Year Pin Dorleen Beacham Corry Dewys Ruth Stock

45 Year Pin Judith Boersen Josephine Burgers Rita Klooster Grace Lacroix Corrine Malcho Frances Shantz Mary Weber Regine Whaling

**40 Year Pin** Elizabeth Koert Joan Mezenberg Marijke Van Nes

30 Year Pin Marilyn Morgan

25 Year Pin Sandra Bake Marion Kell Hermina Reurink Joan Ritchie Cleo Smith

20 Year Pin Catherine Connolly Jane Downey Rebecca Liotta Rita Stagg

15 Year Pin Linda Ingoldsby Cheryl Simons Colleen Ryan Donna Ogilvie Antonietta Pallone



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# Service Pin Awards for 2018 Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated



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St. Joseph, Stratford Huron Perth Region (cont'd...)

10 Year Pin Edna Brake Susan Lemonchick Isabelle Morris

**5 Year Pin** Micelle Dzijacky Annie Elieff Olivia Fleg Ruth Lacey Grace Mcewin

New Members Elo Adeseiye Anne-Marie Bergeron Zita Pereira Angela Savage Transfers this year Mary O'keefe—72 years Aline Hall—62 years Matthea Degroot—47 years

Deceased Members
Beverley Birmingham
Barb Van Her
Rose Whaling
Mary-Lou Palleschi





Another picture of delegates attending the National Convention held in Alberta in August

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#### 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 application form is on the next page

#### 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 March 1st of each year.

Name of Nominati	ing Person	or Counc	oil:	
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, Rebecca McCarrell, P.O. Box 721, Tilbury, Ontario NOP 2L0

For further information email <u>presidentcwllondondiocese@gmail.com</u>

**Revised November 2018** 



### FORM FOR REPORTING DECEASED MEMBERS

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

Name of	deceased	
Spouse's	name (If applicable)	
Full add	ress(as shown on membership list)	
	(as snown on membership list)	
Date dec	eased_	
CWL Pa	rish Council	
Diocese_		
	ncils are asked to forward a copy of this completed form to National office and the London Di on Chairperson to ensure that the deceased member's League magazine is discontinued.	iocesan
Provincial	chairpersons of Spiritual Development are reminded to submit a complete list of their provincembers, for the current year, to National Office by January 15 <sup>th</sup> of each year for inclusion in	ce's the

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spiritual development

Toll free fax: 1-888-831-9507

Mary Lappan, Spiritual Development London Diocesan Council 798 Cedar Island Drive Kingsville, ON N9Y 3W3

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**MAIL OR FAX TO:** 

This form replaces all other forms—please discard all old ones.

### **Dear Parish Council Recording Secretary**

Please complete the following information and forward to the Diocesan Recording Secretary by **December 31, 2019**. **This information is for the 2019 executive**.

Please Print							
Parish Council Na	me						
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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 Secret	ary			_			
Address		City					
Postal Code	Telephone#						
E-Mail Address							
Please mail To:	Wilhelmina Kole, Reco Catholic Women's Lea 1008 Plymouth Street Sarnia, ON. N7S 5Z5	_					

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

Please discard all old forms

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you in advance for your attention to this.