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**ONE HEART  
VOICE  
MISSION**

- ◆ **One heart – filled with mercy, compassion and holiness**
- ◆ **One voice – united in harmony to speak the truth with courage and zeal**
- ◆ **One mission – witnessing to the Good News of the gospel through personal encounter and joyful service**

## President's Report—Marie-Theresa Lamphier



As I write this article, I am sitting in the Vancouver airport waiting for my flight home. I reflect on a wonderful convention...my last National Convention as Diocesan President. It was certainly amazing with great speakers, inspiring messages and the views were just awesome! One can really appreciate the wonder of God's creation with his beautiful mountains that peak over the clouds, the wonderful waterways and the amazing weather (while Ontario is enduring a heat wave). It is always good to renew relationships and make new friends. The entertainment at these conventions are always fun and the food was amazing! I would be remiss if I did not mention the wonderful hospitality of the British Columbia/Yukon members of the Catholic Women's League.

This summer has been absolutely amazing and wonderfully busy, as some of us attended the Provincial Convention in Niagara Falls. Once again, we had wonderful speakers. Keynote speakers Dr. Josephine Lombardi and Dr. Moira McQueen packed quite a message. Dr. Lombardi was also the Keynote speaker in Vancouver, so we were doubly inspired as she had the opportunity to provide a longer presentation on our theme "One Heart, One Voice, One Mission! Dr. Lombardi reminded us that we must do all things with great love; to use our gifts to do God's Work and to use our Voices to bring about his prophetic message to the world. When we know ourselves and become a better version of ourselves, we become more like

God as he lives in our hearts. A heart that knows Christ is irresistible to others. Our minds and bodies will follow.

Bishop Gary Gordon, at National, was a delight to listen to as he talked about his younger days and the events that led him to work in the Northern Missions. His message was humorous and inspiring as he talked about a few of the CWL councils, thousands of miles apart with only five members who would raise thousands of dollars so that they could build a church! They are faith-filled women who have a mission to do God's work. We really need to support Catholic Missions in Canada!

Dr. McQueen, at Provincial, talked to us about dying with dignity in light of the Supreme Court ruling on Euthanasia. More people need to be aware of the services that are available when one of our loved ones has been diagnosed with a terminal disease.

We also listened to a beautiful presentation from Carol Mullins of "Quiet Whispers Ministry". Carol writes words to scripture and plays them with her guitar. We are called to quietly reflect on the words and thoughts while she is playing. It was another method of bringing us closer to some of the passages in the Bible.

One of the highlights and fun activities at the Provincial Convention was the presentation and invitation to the 2016 Provincial Convention in Stratford.

Dara Hartman, one of the co-chairs was the Town Crier and Mary Bannon, the other co-chair, led the Swan (Fr. Matt Kurcharski) and the swan parade down to the front of the convention hall as all London CWL members who were in attendance sang the song prepared by Theresa Ryan to the tune of "God Created Earth and Heaven". Pamphlets on Stratford were handed out while a video prepared by Rebecca McCarrell and the committee was shown. We received many compliments on the whole presentation.

Another highlight and one that the Diocese of London should be very proud of is the presentation of the resolution ON 15-04 "Provision of Regulated Housing for the Chronic, Severely Mentally Ill". This resolution was passed at our Diocesan Convention, so many of you are aware of it and was also discussed and carried at the Provincial Convention. Congratulations to St. Michael's Council in London and to Rebecca McCarrell and the Resolution Committee for a job well done!

Elections were also held at this convention. I am pleased to report that Pauline Krupa is our new President, Anne Madden - President Elect and Colleen Randall - First Vice President. It is with joy that we congratulate Patricia Rivest from the London Diocese as the new Treasurer. We wish her well in this new endeavour. There were many people running this year and of

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## *President's Report—Marie-Theresa Lamphier .... (cont'd)*

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course not all of them were able to attain a position. We however want to thank them for their commitment to the League and allowing their name to stand for this year's election. The names of the other elected members can be found on the Provincial website.

We enjoyed beautiful weather at the day of reflection at the Merlin Shrine in July. Although it started a bit cool, it turned out to be perfect weather for sitting outside for an open air mass and to follow the trails while reciting the rosary for those who wanted to. Over 100 women attended this yearly event. It is a great time to again renew friendships, and appreciate God's beautiful creation while learning about the

lives of the saints at this beautiful venue.

Here it is the end of August and we prepare for the upcoming Fall Regional Days ... and yes, even the conventions (Diocesan in Point Edward, and Provincial in Stratford) that will be upon us before you know it. I trust that all Presidents and their councils are busily planning their bazaars and other events for the coming year.

I look forward to seeing every one at the Fall Regional Meetings! September 26th in Grand Bend, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, for Huron Perth and Ingersoll Regions; October 17th in St. Thomas at Holy Angels for London and Sarnia;

and November 14th in Kingsville at St. John de Brebeuf for Chatham, Essex and Windsor Regions. Look for more details to come!

I pray that you have had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends this summer and that you have been able to enjoy God's abundant creations. Be energized and refreshed to start all the activities that will drive your council and the League through the Fall, Winter and Spring activities! May our Lady of Good Counsel bless you in all you do!

*Marie-Theresa*

*Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.*

*So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.*

*When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; When God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.*



*Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Father Matt Kucharski*

I was asked recently, “what do you get out of the CWL conventions you attend?” This is an interesting question since I am actually not a member of the League (unlike the majority of women who attend). I have no right to vote, have a limited right to speak and, while the camaraderie is nice, I do not share in the “woman-bonding” that often occurs among the participants. However, I have always found attending a convention a very worthwhile experience.

Despite the limitations of my attendance that I previously noted, I am warmly accepted by the women who are there. I am amazed at the kindness that is shown to me. Most of these women do not know me, since they are from other dioceses, but they seem to want to get to know me. There is a friendliness and an openness to meeting new people in the atmosphere that cannot be described. I have never attended a convention where I did not feel genuinely welcomed and valued for being there. I regularly get inspired by the energy and the exciting ideas that are shared by the members. The expression of faith by the participants through our liturgies and informal discussions over the years has given me new insights

into God and my own faith journey.

I am impressed by the dedication and hard work of the many women who attend, a number of whom use vacation time to be part of these gatherings. The conviction of the women that I have encountered at these conventions has been very strong. The League has taken on some significant and serious issues through their resolutions. They are always well thought out, well researched, and there is a history of resolutions making a difference in our country and society. I am humbled to be part of a process that starts at a basic grass-roots level and then often becomes something that impacts the lives of our nation. The work of the League, beyond the “funeral lunches and bake sale” stereo-type, is much more than what I believe the average person is aware of. Being at these conventions has opened my eyes to understand better the broad scope of activity of the League. And through all of this, there is a spirit of fun and celebration too. These ladies are not all work and no play!

My priesthood has been enriched by attending CWL conventions. And if I, as a non-member, have experienced so many benefits,

think of what you could gain! I strongly encourage you to attend a diocesan, provincial or national convention. In particular I would recommend attending a provincial convention. They are usually geographically closer than a national convention and they give you a whole new perspective of the League, its members, and the League’s many good works. In the coming year, we are blessed to be hosting the 2016 Provincial CWL Convention in Stratford, Ontario in July. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. I have never been disappointed as a participant and I do not believe you will be either!

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Matt*





*President-Elect – Angela Pellerin*  
*Membership & Organization Standing Committee*

It is hard to believe that summer is over already. I hope everyone enjoyed some relaxation with family and friends.

In July I attended the provincial convention held in Niagara Falls this year. See reports elsewhere in this edition. It was good to meet up with old friends and make new ones. Next was national convention in Vancouver. The first day was a challenge due to the 3 hour time difference. I enjoyed a harbour dinner cruise and a bus tour of the city before we got down to business on the Monday. One of the best experiences was talking to ladies from every province of this vast country – I made so many new friends! Had the opportunity to meet and share with other organization chairpersons from various places. Of course at our table we discussed the annual reports. There were 5 resolutions presented, 3 of them from Ontario, and all were passed. You will find these shortly in the League magazine and on the national website.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Time to start membership drives. How creative can you be? Have you found a way to invite younger woman to join your council? Does your pastor allow you to speak at mass? Do you publish information on the activities your council holds and the charities you support? National is encouraging all councils to take advantage of the on-line membership function. If you do not already use this tool, consider doing so. Maybe that is a way to get younger women involved due to their technology skills. PLEASE submit your per capita fees as quickly as possible, do not wait until the end of January or February. National office would like the bulk of your payment before the end of the year and then subsequent payments can be made, perhaps once a month. Please remember that 2016 is an election year for Diocesan Council and your council per capita dues must be paid in order to vote at convention or to let your name stand for a position on Diocesan.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

Yes it is that time again that we all love. Please, please read the instructions for completing the reports and follow the directions. It is especially important to adhere to the deadlines given. Once you provide your regional chairperson with your reports, she forwards them to her diocesan counterpart who then prepares a summary of your activities. Her report is given to the diocesan president who has to forward them to her provincial counterpart at the February provincial meeting. .

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you as you work for God and Canada.

*Angela*

*Look for  
Angela's  
provincial  
report found  
on Pages 15*





*1st Vice-President—Rebecca McCarrell*  
*Resolutions Standing Committee*



It was my pleasure to attend the 68th Annual Ontario Provincial CWL Convention in Niagara Falls representing the London Diocese as 1st Vice President and Resolutions Chairperson as well as being an accredited voting member of St. Francis Xavier Council, Tilbury.

The Resolutions Dialogue is an important part of any convention. It is where you meet in round table discussions of 10–12 persons to discuss the resolutions being presented at the convention. This year there were 5 resolutions of which #4 was our London Diocese Resolution LON.2015.01 Regulated Housing for the Chronic Severely Mentally Ill. During discussions you get to question wording, reasoning, resources and anything to do with the resolution. At the end of the discussion time, you are able to write motions of changes you would like to see, or provide “housekeeping” information (correcting grammar, spelling, order of points, etc). It is a really interesting and informative process and I would recommend everyone to attend these sessions whenever possible. This is our legislation at work!

I am reporting on the day of resolutions, Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Our morning started with the beautiful celebration of Mass! The celebration was enhanced by the number of Spiritual Advisors concelebrating, the choir from Betty Colaneri’s own parish, and

the prayerful peace of sharing with other members.

Our National President, Barbara Dowding (from my former parish of St. Augustine’s, Vancouver) brought greetings from the national office and members from across Canada. In her address, Barbara asked us to accept our own gifts and use them for others. She also asked that we not keep our enthusiasm for the League and all its works in the room, but to take it to our parishes, and communities...and use it to evangelize to others! Show others that we are more than the “kitchen” ladies but are competent women reaching out to others with faith, fun, and fellowship. Our works in social justice must be the catalyst to include the next generation in our work.

The afternoon brought the resolutions to the floor. Five were presented, and after much debate, changes, and finally voting these five resolutions will be passed on to various levels:

ON.15.01: Ban Products Containing Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products

ON.15.02: Banning the Use of Neonictinoid Pesticides

ON.15.03: Mandatory Police Vulnerable Sector Check Screening, Training and Supervision for Minors

ON.15.04: Regulated Housing for the Chronic, Severely Mentally Ill  
*Presented by: London Diocese*

*Passed and now goes to Ontario Government for a Private Members Bill in September 2015. Accepted by National for distribution to all provinces, territories and military ordinances.*

ON.15.05: Reinstatement of Mandatory Long Form Census

Although our afternoon stretched the session by 2 hours, the convention center did wonders in turning the room around for our celebratory banquet. The usual piper was replaced by a trumpeter, and the outgoing provincial council members and life members led by President Betty Colaneri danced their way to their seats! Such a great time!

Please plan to attend the 2016 Provincial Convention hosted by London Diocese in July 2016 in the beautiful town of Stratford. It is a great experience where friends meet, and work towards our mission in serving the people of God!

*Lessons learned from our resolution!*

1. When looking at resolutions at the resolution session, remember that ONLY the “be it resolved” clauses can be changed.

\* The “whereas” clauses contain the facts that the writing council has obtained. They are substantiated in the brief

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*1st Vice-President—Rebecca McCarrell  
Resolutions Standing Committee .... (cont'd)*



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and the resource materials. The wording cannot be changed as it will then not match the research.

2. Changes to the resolution are presented to the resolution committee **AT THE END OF THE RESOLUTION DIALOGUE SESSION.**
  - \* They must be presented on the proper motion sheet (we will have them at the convention for next year)
  - \* The change must be presented on the motion sheet at the end of the resolution dialogue session so that the resolution committee can assess them before presentation to the assembly.
  - \* The persons who presented the changes must be available to support their motions, then be

at the resolution presentation at the convention to bring forth their motions. It is advisable to be able to speak to why you want these changes. Housekeeping issues do not need to be presented as motions. They should be addressed to the resolution chairperson as Housekeeping issues. These would include grammar, spelling, and punctuation corrections.

3. At the resolution presentation during convention, be prepared to speak to the resolution either for or against, ensuring you can explain why you agree or disagree with the topic being presented.

4. Come prepared.
5. Look for changes in your daily life that could lead to a resolution!

*Rebecca*



Resolution Dialogue—  
London Diocesan  
Convention 2015

*A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'*

## Recording Secretary—Mary Bannon



I thought that I would share the reflections I shared at our convention on our new theme: One heart, One voice, One mission. How do I as Recording Secretary activate this theme and have hope spring up in me and those I meet?

### One Heart:

As the recorder of events at our meetings I share how the activities of our members are of one heart. This heart is the heart of Jesus, the love of Jesus. The minutes display how our lives are one in relationship with Jesus and with each other. This gives me great hope, “hope which sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.”

### One Voice:

Minutes of our meetings show this relationship of love with each other through one voice. Minutes are a concise record of that voice. It is said, “A bucketful of words is not necessary when a spoonful will do.”

### One Mission:

Growing out of this one heart and one voice is our one mission as Catholic Women’s League members to be rooted in gospel values. This mission is one of spreading the Gospel or evangelization. Our minutes tell about actions of evangelization through our motions; they don’t need to record lengthy discussions. They are that record of our council members as ambassadors of the good news. To paraphrase a favourite author of mine, Max Lucado, “Jesus gives me hope because he keeps me company, has a vision and knows the way I should go.”

All of this brings me great hope as a Recording Secretary. I’ll close with words from Pope Francis: “If we walk in hope, we have joy in our hearts. Let us be lights of hope.”

*Mary Bannon*

*Please turn to the back where the forms are placed for the CWL council information form for your 2016 executive are. Please fill out and return to me before December 31st, 2015*

## Corresponding Secretary—Cam Cadotte



*Love cannot remain by itself -  
It has no meaning.  
Love has to be put into action  
And that action is service.*

**Mother Theresa**

Where has the summer gone? It seems like just last week when we were experiencing snow at the close of our Diocesan convention.

During the summer there has been many changes happening in our

parishes, priestly moves, family weddings and the passing of parish members. Sometimes these were not acknowledged, now it is catch up time. I encourage you to send cards on behalf of your council for these occasions but to the shut-ins also. A thinking of you card often will brighten their day. By doing this your council shows the ‘One Heart’ of our theme.

Each of you are a great asset to your councils. You are their voice on paper when you send correspondence.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Regional meetings.

*Cam*

Past-president—Mary Jean Horne  
Historian Nominations & Elections



The Lord replied:  
My *“Presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest”*  
Exodus 33:14

As summer slowly comes to an end and we prepare for a glorious fall and a bountiful harvest, let us take time to “slow down and pray”. The Frances Factor

As I begin to write this article I sit here with my dear friend Lee up north.

I returned home from provincial convention spiritually renewed and I experienced many educational speakers. I encourage all of you to read the attachments of the full convention elsewhere in this addition.

With new presidents taking over

their positions and past presidents assuming their roles as mentors and historians, please let the new president spread her wings and conduct the meetings in her own style.

In April 2016 a new diocesan executive will be elected. Past presidents, when you receive my letter asking you if you would consider letting your name stand for election to the Diocesan Council, please pray and discern if this is what you are being called to do. Don't just say 'No'. You will be learning more about this at our Fall Regional Days.

I will look forward to seeing each of you this fall at our regional days.

In reading some of Pope Francis's quotes this one really stuck with me.

Jesus' friendship with us, his faithfulness and his mercy, are a priceless gift which encourages us to follow him trusting, notwithstanding our failures, our mistakes, also our betrayals. Let us try and live by these words trusting in Jesus.

Thank you my dear sisters for all the cards of get well during my illness and also the sympathy cards upon the death of my sister. I was touched and I am truly blessed.

I would like to leave you with this poem (below) that Betty Colaneri (Past Provincial President) shared with me when my sister passed away.

God bless

*Mary Jean*

*A Symbol of Love  
A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam  
and for a brief moment, its glory and beauty  
belong to our world.*

*But then it flies again,  
And though we wish it could have stayed...  
We feel lucky to have seen it.*



*Author Unknown*

## *Treasurer—Mary Lappan*



Well here we are again – the start of another year of fun, faith and fellowship. I hope everyone had a restful summer and is ready for a busy year.

I had the pleasure of attending the Provincial Convention in Niagara Falls in July. It was a wonderful experience. At the elections, our own Pat Rivest was elected Provincial Treasure. Unfortunately, Lucy Hendriks was not re-elected. Our new Provincial President is Pauline Krupa from Thunder Bay. Next year the London Diocese is hosting this convention at the Arden Park in Stratford. This is a perfect opportunity for our parishes

to send a delegate and experience another great convention.

I also attended the National Convention in August in Vancouver. The keynote speaker, Dr. Josephine Lombardi gave three separate sessions on our theme “One Heart, One Voice, One Mission”.

I'm looking forward to our Fall Regional Days. It will be great to see everyone again, review old information and learn something new. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend the day nearest to you or if you can't make it take a road trip to another region.

Once again, please use only the remittance forms with my name on it and make the cheques payable to **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**. Discard any forms with Madeleine's or Rebecca's name on them. If you don't have any with my name and address, please call or email me and I will send them to you.

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

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless our homes and families.

*Mary*



## *Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson—Elisabeth Duggan*

I want to welcome everyone back after our summer break. Summer is a great time to do exciting things with the family. Pope Francis spent time this summer touring Latin America. One of the things he spoke of was that the family is an institution and we need to protect this. We are responsible for our children, remember they are only a gift from God for us to nurture.

I have a quote from Pope Francis from the 2013 World Youth Day event and he spoke to the youth and told them this:

**“How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith”!** Speaking about family life, I would like to say one thing:

today, as Brazil and the Church around the world celebrate this feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents Day is also being celebrated. **How important grandparents are for family life**, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogues, especially within the context of the family.”

**“Not only would I say that the family is important for the evangelization of the new world, the family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity.** Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race

would be at risk. **The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation of humanity.**

As Pope Francis stated, “we are the foundation”, we are the ones who teach and show examples to our children so that they in turn can do as we do. Pray the Rosary in the evening as a family just after supper. It does not take long but it is a time to spend in prayer as one family unit.

God Bless

May Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Bless you

*Elisabeth*

*Community Life Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Kathy Levesque*



Welcome back after a wonderful summer of relaxation, fun, and spending much needed time and catch up with the family. I have had the pleasure to take a pilgrimage to Midland, Ontario to the Martyrs shrine. The last time this was done, I was in my teens. I was able to view this with new eyes and an open heart.

As I travelled to Midland, I have had the chance to visit many towns along the way. There is so much beauty in our province. It was sad to see the areas where the weather did not cooperate for the farmers and many areas that are rich and abundant. Everything depends on the rain and the warmth of the sun, and how much we receive to produce the crops. We experienced some power winds. The day after we came home, we heard that the little town of Minto had a tornado touchdown causing lots of damage. Mother Nature is certainly giving us some wicked weather.

While on another trip to Gaspé, we travelled through the town Lac-Mégantic. FYI: **The Lac-Mégantic rail disaster** occurred in the town of Lac-Mégantic on July 6, 2013, when an unattended 74-car freight train carrying Bakken formation crude oil rolled down a 1.2% grade hill from Nantes and derailed in downtown, resulting in the fire and explosion of multiple tank cars. Forty-two people were confirmed dead, with five more missing and presumed dead. More than 30 buildings in the town's centre, roughly half of the downtown area, were destroyed and all but three of

the thirty-nine remaining downtown buildings are to be demolished due to petroleum contamination of the town site. Today, much of the devastation has been cleared up, but the town is still trying to build itself up.

Overall, the sites I have seen on our excursions have been so beautiful. The scenery was picturesque especially travelling along the Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and the St. Lawrence. God has created a great masterpiece for our viewing. Our country is so blessed.

But all is not as it seems. Global warming-climate change is affecting everyone in the world, even in Canada and some countries such as ours in the end will likely feel the greatest affects. Much of the change in the weather is due to global warming, jet stream patterns, tides..., but most of all through pollution. It is not just in this part of the world but all over. I think of the people in the Third World, especially in Haiti, Africa, South America, Asia that are going through devastating climate change, especially earthquakes, drought, monsoons, torrential rain falls, mudslides, etc. How can these people survive when there is so much disaster? How can we help?

We need to look at the way we use the resources of the Earth. We can change little things like recycling, growing gardens for our own use or growing crops and vegetables for the needy. God gave us all the necessary things to make our lives

sustainable - good soil, good air, rain to grow food, trees to provide shade, water to drink, plants that provide medicinal purposes for our needs. If the land becomes polluted with chemicals; mining procedures; cutting trees to make way for building cities, we are defeating God's purpose. We need to take care of the Earth. i.e. if we cut down trees, we should plant another in its place. He made this Earth for all of us.

In Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Sii" or "Be Praised" it calls for an urgent action to tackle the current ecological crisis and address inequalities. Pope Francis invites us to put the poorest at the centre, the ones who are not responsible for the terrible consequences of climate change on people's lives and have fewer resources to react. The encyclical on care of our common home makes a call for a transformational change that will allow all human beings to live sustainably in dignity.

To see Pope Francis encyclical *Laudato Sii* or "Be Praised" go to:  
[http://w2.vatican.va/francesco/.../papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-lauda](http://w2.vatican.va/francesco/.../papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-lauda)

Development and Peace has a new programme: 'Create a Climate of Change Campaign' to bring awareness on the issue of climate change and its devastating impacts on the poor of the Global South. A prayer contest was launched in

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*Community Life Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Kathy Levesque . . . (cont'd)*

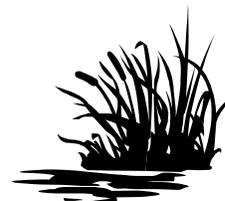
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June to find the prayer that would be featured on the prayer card for this campaign. The winner was Marie-Paule Malenfant from Trois-Rivieres, Quebec.

For more information. [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

In conclusion, we have only one Earth. We need to be good stewards to protect this gem for the now and the future. If we don't, who will!

*Kathy*



*Communications Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Sandra Cabiddu*

I hope you all enjoyed this lovely summer we had, even though it was late in getting started! I was able to enjoy visits from all 3 of my grandchildren who were able to enjoy the warmth of our pool in our backyard.

I was not able to attend the Ontario Provincial Convention held in Niagara Falls this past July for family & health reasons. Looking at the photo's that were sent to me from executive members who were able to go, it looked as though myself and others who could not attend missed

a great convention. Look for the articles in this newsletter written up by diocesan members who attended. There are pictures of all the fun had by all. There are also pictures of our own convention in London this past April.

We hope that many of our councils across the diocese will be able to attend the Ontario Provincial 2016 Convention which is to be held in our beautiful city of Stratford, Ontario. If you have never attended a provincial convention before, you don't know what you

are missing. Your diocesan council will be working hard between now and next June to bring you yet another successful convention.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Fall Regionals. Look for the poster elsewhere in the newsletter giving details of all three of them.

Enjoy the remainder of this lovely warmth.

*Sandra*





*Education & Health Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Mary Maxwell*



I was very fortunate to be able to attend the Ontario Provincial Convention in Niagara Falls in July. One of the speakers I would like to share with you was Dr. Moira McQueen who spoke about Palliative Care. With the decision by the Supreme Court regarding assisted suicide, the government has one year to enact new legislation regarding this issue. The speaker said support for palliative care is very important. Relieving suffering and improving quality of living and dying is very important in end of life care. There's always something we can do. Write letters, speak to political candidates during election information sessions. Be informed.

**The Catholic Organization for Life and Family** (2500 Don Reid Drive, Ottawa Ontario K1H 2J2 613-241-9461) is sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Their publications and position statements aim at promoting respect for human life and dignity. Their website is a very important resource [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca)

"Like many other countries, Canada is faced with effective lobbying by interest groups in favour of euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is impossible to remain indifferent to the danger posed to the most vulnerable among us by such attempts. This page collects

information and resources for those who wish to become well informed, to participate effectively in the public debate, and to propose truly human and Christian solutions to the challenges posed by aging, illness, and death" For your own information, for discussions with other parishioners, for your council meetings this resource gives you the necessary background you will need.

*Mary*



*Sandra Cabiddu—League Lingo Editor*

I must be aging—it seems as if the seasons are just a flying by!! Summer had a slow start, but once it got going, it was beautiful.

I am happy to report that our subscription numbers are almost back to what they were a couple of years ago.

I am low on submissions to this edition by councils. I am hoping it is because I had to bring the 'due date' forward as now the printers have started a strange way of printing out their customers orders. I live just outside of Sarnia, and in the spring I found out that all

orders are being sent to **TORONTO** to be printed (all of South Western Ontario). Following my usual date of the 1st of March as the due date, I had just 2 days to pick up, staple and place all the orders into regions and envelopes before the March diocesan meeting. Normally I have 4/5 days to do this job. This was because they took almost 10 days to print my order. Hence from now on I have to **bring back the due date by 2 weeks**. Hopefully this was just a 'glitch' in their new way of getting the orders printed and it won't be so bad with this edition. I will keep you posted.

**Please take note of the due date for February on the 1st page of this newsletter.**

I plan on attending all 3 of the fall regionals, so I will take your orders for 2016 then. If for some reason I cannot make one of the dates, please give your orders and monies to an executive member who will get the orders to me.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer, and God Bless.

*Sandra*



*Ontario Provincial Convention, 2016—Stratford, Ontario  
Hosted by the London Diocesan Council*

**YES! YES! YES! WE ARE HOSTING THE 2016 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION IN BEAUTIFUL STRATFORD!**

The Convention Committee with the London Diocesan Council has decided on a fund-raiser to assist with this event. Beautiful Seagull Pewter Ornaments! Offering for sale at each of the Fall Regional Meetings and through your Regional Chairpersons. The ornaments will be featured in an upcoming issue of The League Magazine...but get yours first! No shipping cost if you pick up directly, or order through your Regional Chairperson! \$20 each

Each ornament is boxed in the trademarked Seagull Pewter boxes, and has a burgundy ribbon for hanging. The ornaments are branded with the CWL Crest, and London 2016. 3 ornaments are available:



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*Ontario Provincial Convention—July 4/8th, 2015—Niagara Falls,  
Ontario. Submitted by: Angela Pellerin, Diocesan Pres. Elect*

This year the provincial convention was held at the Americana Conference Resort & Spa in Niagara Falls. On the Saturday evening we enjoyed the Greg Frewin Theatre and Sunday morning rode a double-decker bus. We visited the famous falls and the beautiful butterfly conservatory before experiencing the peace of the Mt. Carmel Spiritual Retreat Centre. We returned to the Americana in time for the resolutions dialogue. The opening Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of the Scapular Church.

I was asked to report on the first day of the actual convention. In the morning the keynote speaker was Josephine Lombardi, PhD who is the author of several books. Josephine spoke on an encounter as it relates to our theme “One Heart, One Voice, One Mission”. She told us we need to know Christ’s heart, voice and mission before we can encounter our own. Josephine spoke of Mary and Elizabeth and the news given to each that they were to bear a child. They were united in one heart and one voice. All of us run into someone who we connect with in a spiritual way – we

feel connected to them and it brings us peace. She told us we have to become another Mary before we can be another Christ. The less we sin, the more Christ becomes visible in our life. Our mission is to encounter Christ and is based on our individual gifts. Josephine told us to ask ourselves “Where do I flourish? What are my gifts?” We as women are sensitive to human needs and can act on them. Our mission is to reveal Jesus to others which we can do through our leadership. Leadership is not limited to ordained ministry – women have a part to play.

In the afternoon Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD, DSL did a presentation on palliative care. Moira spoke on the difference between assistance in dying and assistance to die. All Canadians should have access to quality end-of-life care. Hospice is whole person care intended to make the person more comfortable and have quality of life in their final days. Hospice includes physical, psychological, social and spiritual care. Palliative care does not exclude assisted suicide. Moira said young people accept their

impending death better than adults. Adults tend to deny death out of their fear. We need to know what assistance and benefits are available and when we need to access the help. This is sometimes difficult as it is difficult to know for sure how long the person has left to live. She said we need to stop thinking of the time but instead think of the needs of the person from the time assessed as palliative. Very few people needing palliative care gets it. On average, caregivers give 57 hours a week to care for a dying loved one. There needs to be an improved team approach to palliative care. C.O.L.F. has a national campaign which can be found on their website.

Twenty-nine members (including Fr. Matt Kucharski) from London diocese enjoyed dinner together before returning to the hotel to be entertained by Sandy Vine and band.

*Angela Pellerin*

*Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. “In ten years,” I said, “you’ll want to be with your friends and you won’t go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now. Carolyn shrugged. “In ten years you’ll be too old to do all those things anyway.”*

  
*Ontario Provincial Convention—July 4/8th, 2015—Niagara Falls,  
Ontario. Submitted by: Mary Bannon, Recording Secretary*

Wednesday opened with a prayer on the Meaning of the Celtic Cross for many sleep-deprived women after the Gala Banquet last night. The ladies seemed so lacking in energy until Betty Colaneri called on us, London Diocese, to invite them to Convention 2016 to be held in Stratford. Our Town Crier (aka Dara Hartman) called them to “Oyez, Oyez” –that is, Listen to the proclamation of the next convention. She announced the Swan Parade led by a large Swan Mascot (aka Fr. Matt Kucharski) upon which the energy level rose to a fever pitch with howls of laughter and cameras clicking and flashing. They could not get enough pictures of the head Swan and the rest of about 30 of us dressed in our swan T shirts and hats, asking for the extra hats we carried. We sang a song inviting them to the tune of Beethoven’s Ode to Joy composed by Theresa Ryan. Then we showed a power point presentation put together by Rebecca McCarrell as the swans distributed maps and theatre programmes. To say the least, WE WERE A HIT! So many came to compliment us on the creativity and fun we brought with

promises that they would be in Stratford in 2016.

After that the Provincial Executive brought their reports of highlights of activities in the province. A point of interest from Treasurer Lucy Hendrikx: \$2,284,349 was donated to charities from the Catholic Women’s League councils in Ontario—phenomenal! Our Treasurers’ reports are important to be submitted to add to this total, to be part of the whole! The Final Credentials report indicated a total of 171 voting and accredited delegates, 208 CWL members with National President, Bishops, Spiritual Advisors and guests bringing the total to 407. Betty Colaneri, President gave her final report.

Elections were held with these results:

President: Pauline Krupa  
President-Elect: Anne Madden  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Colleen Randall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Linda Squarzolo  
Past-President: Betty Colaneri  
Recording Secretary: Annette Kelly  
Treasurer: Patricia Rivest

Standing Committee  
Chairpersons:

Carol Richer  
Rosanne Sogan  
Anna Tremblay  
Colleen Martin  
Wilma Vanderzwaag

We then proceeded to celebrate Eucharist and the Installation of officers at St. Thomas More Church. Lunch followed at the hotel and then home.

*Mary*

*While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too."*



*Regional News—Sarnia Lambton*  
*Chairperson—Willi Kole*

The summer has flown by. It is almost September when things go into high gear again. As the Sarnia Lambton region prepares for the 2016 Annual Diocesan Convention to be held in our region, our presidents are busy preparing for it. It is and will be an exciting time for us.

We are also looking forward to attending the Fall Regional Day held at Holy Angels Church in St. Thomas.

I would personally like to thank the Diocesan Executive and the ladies of Sarnia Lambton for their caring and support during my recovery from back surgery in May of this year. It was very much appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

*Willi*

*Regional News—London*  
*Chairperson—Joan Lobsinger*



After co-chairing a very well attended London Diocesan Convention and then attending the Provincial Convention in Niagara Falls which was quickly followed by my eldest son's wedding in July, I have thoroughly enjoyed my R & R in the month of August. I feel energized and excited to resume my duties as Regional Chairperson. Our Regional meetings resume on September 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's parish. It is my pleasure to work with the

wonderful presidents of the London Region and I wish to thank them for all their hard work in making the Diocesan Convention such a success. A special thank you to Sandra Mitchell and Dianne Kehoe too.

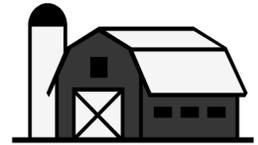
I had the good fortune to attend two General Meetings in the London Region this past year and look forward to attending many more during my second year as chairperson.

On October 17th, Holy Angels council in St. Thomas is hosting the Fall Regional Day for the London and Sarnia Lambton Regions. Be sure to mark it on your calendar. The day promises to be filled with Faith, Fulfillment and Fun.

*Joan*



*Regional News—Essex*  
*Chairperson—Denise Masse*



What is a year? In our lives it seems we have many types of "years" and they all start at different times. There is of course our "liturgical year", our "calendar year", the new year that begins with our birthdays and upon us a new school year and a return to our CWL work. A new year brings new beginnings and that means excitement, a fresh start, new opportunities or ideas and after a long summer of rejuvenation, back to a more structured routine.

My hope is that you were able to rest this summer, or work on those projects you left for when you had more time. Perhaps you were able to take a journey with family, to family, or friends. I was fortunate to go and visit my son in Jasper, AB where he works as a nurse. They too have a CWL. In Jasper it is easy to be surrounded by the beauty of the Lord and while hiking up to my first summit with my son, we passed by many groups of people, and had our own time to reconnect with each other and God.

There were quite a few groups of ladies "hiking the hills of the Rockies" and we met many along the way. These ladies adjusted their pace to accommodate each other as needed, assisted one another in difficult areas such as loose rocks and steep slopes; teamwork at its best to reach the common goal—the summit. Just as my son Dane had helped me to overcome

my fears and reach a few summits this summer along with the upper ridges of many a mountainside, so many of our Sisters have helped us reach goals, overcome fears, get through tough times and celebrate joys in our lives. The theme "One Heart, One Voice and One Mission", is always at work.

The Diocesan Convention held in London was my first. I was grateful to have kept my personal days from work for the event. Thank-you to Joan and her committee for a fantastic job. What amazed me was how welcoming everyone is. You met many Sisters who were eager to share a story, then listen to your own. Many offered great insights, especially the Life Members. The workshops were informative and the many celebrations and acts of faith touched my soul and renewed my spirit. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet so many hard-working ladies from the Essex Councils, whose names and work I had heard of and now I could put a face to.

Fall Regional Days are fast approaching. Many councils are busy planning their first meetings, membership drives and bazaars—always a favourite event in their parishes. Remember to save the date for our Fall Regional Day: November 14th, 2015. The day will be graciously hosted by St. John de

Brebeuf Parish Council in Kingsville, ON for all of Chatham, Essex and Windsor councils and those who are not able to attend a day in their own region and led by our Diocesan council. The outline for the day looks to be filled with fun and informative workshops. We are already hard at work too on the menu! Watch for a flyer to inform you and help spread the word. Your next council executive or new member could only be an invitation away.

I look forward to working with all of the Essex councils and their presidents again. I hope your flowers bloomed beautifully and were a reminder of how appreciated your hard work is and each of you are as a person. Thank-you for the fun we have at our meetings, the laughs, support, ideas and encouragement. As we "gear up" for another year, I look forward to celebrating your good works and supporting you anyway I can. I know the year ahead will be like so many others, fruitful and productive as your labour touches the hearts and lives of so many.

Blessings,

*Denise*





*Regional News—Chatham Kent  
Chairperson—Angela Soulliere*

The end of August seems to have snuck up on me. I am fortunate to have had several weeks off this summer. I didn't travel very far, but enjoyed spending time with family and friends. My husband and I and two very close friends spent a few days in the Niagara area in August. I decided to drag the boys to Colaneri Estate Winery, where Madame past provincial president welcomed us to her beautiful estate.

As I began my second term, I committed myself to attending a general meeting at each of my 15

councils. With a little better than a year through my term, I am proud to say that I am about half way through this task. I have several meetings set for September. I have enjoyed meeting the ladies locally. All the councils are doing such wonderful things in their parishes and their communities.

I am looking forward to getting back into the routine of "regular" life. I know that many of the councils are looking forward to elections this fall. I encourage all members of the league to consider letting their name

stand for election. Sitting on a parish executive is rewarding and fulfilling. When you receive your nomination form, make sure your name gets added to the list! When your past president calls to say you have been nominated, say YES! This is your opportunity to learn a lot about the League and to get involved, and to ...

*"Be the change that you wish to see  
in the world."*

**Mahatma Gandhi**

*Angela*



*Regional News—Huron Perth  
Chairperson—Denise Lalonde-Morris*



The second month of 2015 was almost at a close and we wondered where time had gone. If you are an active member of the CWL you often feel that there are not enough hours in the day. I would like to take this time to thank all the sisters in our Diocese that work tirelessly to keep our sisterhood a viable Working machine.

Huron Perth has many ladies that work very hard to keep their individual councils afloat. The Catch the Fire workshops have helped in many ways to show our membership that we are not just fundraisers. Besides workshops we have increased our attendance at Diocesan Convention and this past Fall we ventured on a Trip to Niagara on the Lake where we

visited the Provincial president's winery as well as eating, shopping and the formation of new friendships. We had 8 of our 17 councils venture out with us. Our councils would like to make this a yearly adventure. The councils are jointly fundraising to pay for the renovation of one room at the Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley. On October 29/30<sup>th</sup> we will travel there for a retreat and present our fundraising efforts.

I also was able to attend many of our Catch the Fire workshops and facilitate at 2 of them. In July I ventured to Merlin to partake in our yearly retreat there. This Spring I hope to see many of our sisters at the Convention in London and hope to see many at

our Regional Day in September in Grand Bend.

I have encouraged my area to take a greater interest in the next election. It is also our goal this year to have an updated Policy and Procedure Manual in all Huron Perth Councils.

Our new theme One Heart, One Voice, One Mission will only succeed if all of us join together as one. Hopefully with the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel this will happen.

Fellow Sister of the League

*Denise*



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

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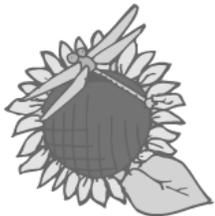
**Stratford Ontario**

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*Regional News—Ingersoll  
Chairperson—Helga Stuermer*

11 Councils: August 20.2015

What a beautiful summer we are having. Sunshine during the day, then, at night time the much needed rain. It couldn't be better.

The time is rushing by way to fast. So much happened so much is still happening before we settle down to our normal routine. The last report I wrote somehow was missed going into the League Lingo. I send it too early because of travelling it ended up in the wrong mailbox. I was saddened, but I hope this time will be okay.

The Ingersoll Region has had a very busy time with their fundraising to help various groups in the community and let's not forget the religious programmes they are running for their church.

All this activity did not stop them to participate in Advent and Lenten retreat, I heard from everyone who attended it was very moving and rewarding. I did attend the executive Advent tea party, we all wore hats and sipped tea out of a collection of fragile dainty Teacups - holding our pinky up into the air as being taught, oh that was so much fun. In turn I organized one at our regional presidents meeting. We had a musical evening by a cancer survivor in Woodstock. It was very well attended by our various councils. She made it a fun evening.

I went to Oxley for our annual retreat. It was stimulating for our souls, to catch up with what is happening. Many of our councils are

still very concerned about the sex-ed curriculum. Many teachers are so sad, that they say the joy of teaching is being taken away. All the other issues are also being discussed by our members; I encourage them to continue to write letters to our governments. I encouraged and asked the Presidents of their councils to write their annual reports for the CWL YEAR book. They did, and I sent it in. We did have many changes in regards of newly elected president's and enjoyed getting to know them. Most of them I met during various functions in their councils.

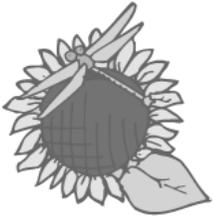
The convention in London was as usual very informative much info is being given, and yet, we manage to have fun as well. The fun evening with the poodle-skirts,\* Ladies you really are so talented. \*



Then there was the Provincial Convention: We donned tee shirts with the Swan motive, gathered around to promote next year's Stratford's Provincial Convention. We sang the song written by our very talented Theresa Ryan It was a huge success. And so much fun. Dara who was the Town crier set it all in motion. We will do it again at our Annual Fall meeting. Then—guess who came to say HELLO... Amazing.. don't you think???



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*Regional News—Ingersoll*  
*Chairperson—Helga Stuermer*

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All in all as usual there is so much to learn, so many ideas to implement. What a great organization. I always think about my mother who always said “to say what I mean, and to mean what I say.” I have always tried to be that person. Later the voting took place. Our councils had voted, and we had taken it to the Diocesan Convention. This info from all councils was then used by our diocesan president and voted to select the new Provincial Executives. It was a lengthy process.

After that we had Mass, and the new Executive got installed. It was a beautiful and meaningful ceremony. After the celebration, we said our goodbyes to our CWL sisters. I am so glad to be part of this organization we do get things done, little by little.

A.S.A.P. Every time I use this in my work related reports or memos I think now of the alternate meaning:

Always Say A Prayer: This is so great. May our Lady of Good Counsel guide me in everything I do.

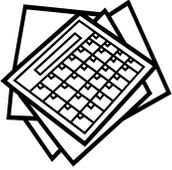
*Helga*

*Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl  
whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"*

*The mother replied, 'Because white is the color  
of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'*

*The child thought about this for a moment then said,  
'So why is the groom wearing black?'*





## *Some Dates to Remember in the Coming Year*

September 1, 2015	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (New from Pope Francis)
September 8, 2015	The birth of Our Blessed Virgin Mary
September 21, 2015	International Day of Peace
September 25, 2015	Canadian Martyr's Feast Day
October 4, 2015	Respect for Life Sunday
October 4, 2015	Vocation Awareness Sunday
October 5-9, 2015	National Family Week
October 12, 2015	Thanksgiving Day
October 16, 2015	World Day of Food
October 17, 2015	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
November 01, 2015	Summertime Ends
November 11, 2015	Remembrance Day
December 8, 2015	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 10, 2015	Human Rights Day
December 12, 2015	Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

*Here are some facts about the 1500s: Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June.*

*However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.*



## Fall Regional Days 2015



**September 26<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend – Huron Perth/Ingersoll Region**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, Holy Angels, St. Thomas – London/Sarnia Lambton Region**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, St. John de Brebeuf, Kingsville – Chatham Kent/Essex/Windsor Region**

**The day will commence at 8:30 a.m. for registration. Lunch will cost \$8.00**

After Roll Call there will be a presentation on Discernment and the Election Process led by Mary Jean Horne, Past President



### **Spiritual Component**

Fr. Matt Kucharski will speak on the Holy Year of Mercy, with the exception of September 26<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Matt will be out of town, and the diocesan executive will fill in for him.

### **Educational Component**

**Workshop for President: led by Marie-Theresa Lamphier**

**Workshop for Treasurer: led by Mary Lappan**

**Workshop for Recording Secretary: led by Mary Bannon**

The workshops will be approx. 20 minutes long

In the afternoon we will have a presentation by **Alex Schadenburg** who will give us an update on the **Supreme Court Decision on Euthanasia**.

Of course there will be a “FUN COMPONENT” as well as short things in the afternoon to get us moving and break up each of the workshops

More information will follow – so keep “tuned in” to our website for more details.

*Council News—London Region—St. George, London  
Co-Presidents—Becky Bulsza & Michele Ferri*

Michele and I began our mandate in January, taking over from a very hardworking former council who set the bar high!

The Diocesan Convention held in April was a highlight for many of our members who attended the dinner in record numbers. Our Council was responsible for the Fun Night and provided our very own group, *The Lemon Sisters*, who sang a medley of oldies matching the 50's theme. We had a blast!

It was decided to hold a Spring Tea Party this year to hopefully engage those women who are unable to get out to events held in the evening. We provided rides for those unable to drive, and offered sandwiches, sweets and tea in real china teacups! Many ladies made it an event by dressing up with hats and gloves. It was well received and will hopefully become an annual event.

Our council, as do most, engage in fundraising projects that provide us with the means to help out established charities, and those that are unanticipated, like the Nepal earthquake disaster where we donated \$250.00. One such fundraiser was our annual Rummage Sale held in June which earned us approximately \$3,000.00, thanks to the help that the women of the parish are generous in giving.

Apart from the fund-raising efforts of our Council, we have decided to put more focus on the spiritual aspect of our CWL league. We now begin, rather than end, our meetings with the spiritual component, led by our spiritual convenor. At one meeting, we had guest speakers address the issue of faith, and encouraging spirituality in one's children/grandchildren, a topic

suggested by our younger moms. A retreat is planned for the Fall.

As part of our role in the Church community, we provide many services, like funeral lunches. St. George's just had our second annual Megafest summer party at East Park Golf Gardens, where approximately 500 people showed up. The Knights of Columbus and the CWL co-operated to set up, cook and serve the food. We were a well-oiled machine!

We are revving up for our Bazaar in November and will share details of its success in the next Lingo.

God bless you all in the coming months.

*Becky*



Sheila Smyth and Marie Kronstal



St. George's members at the convention dinner.



Some members of *The Lemon Sisters* - Linda Darowski, Becky Bulsza, Jocelyne Anderson, Marie Kronstal

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

**Celebrations**

This spring was a time of celebration for the ladies in St. Michael Council, Bright's Grove. We were blessed to be included in the sacramental celebrations and anniversaries taking place in the parish and our own council.

- \* We began with the 17 young people who received the Eucharist for the first time. We presented each of them with the gift of a mass book at four masses in April.
- \* We congratulated Father Stephen Marsh on his ordination at St. Peter's Cathedral on April 25. Co-president Mary McLeay presented Father Stephen with a gift on behalf of our members, at his First Solemn Sacrifice of the Mass at St. Michael Church, on Sunday, April 26.



- \* Our next celebration took place on May 2, 2015, following the 5 o'clock mass. Our council hosted a reception for our pastor, Father Vince Gulikers, as he celebrated his 30th year of ordination. Co-president Mary McLeay presented Father with a gift on behalf of the members of the CWL.



- \* May ended with our own celebration of members as they received their service pins. The presentations took place during our general meeting at Huron Oaks Golf Course on May 26, 2015. Congratulations to the ladies who are listed in the pin section pages.



- \* The Maple Leaf Pin is presented to members who have served the League in an exceptional or meritorious manner. St. Michael CWL Council was pleased to present the Maple Leaf Pin to Nancy O'Malley for her leadership and service as a

member of the executive council and its many activities, especially the pie and Tourtières workshops. Congratulations Nancy, a job well done.



**Activities**

- \* In April, we donated an Ambo to St. Michael Parish. The ambo contains the chrism oils used in the celebration of the sacraments. Special thanks to the Kensley family for creating this beautiful display cabinet.
- \* On Saturday, April 25, we hosted an orientation session for St. Michael CWL members and potential members. Co-president Mary McLeay and Past-president Josie Parker made presentations on the various aspects of the Catholic Women's League including its goals, the roles of the executive members and how members can actively participate in the Council.
- \* One of our spiritual activities in May is to honour our Patron Saint, Mary. CWL members took turns leading the recitation of the rosary prior to the Wednesday evening mass. Gen Kennedy, a CWL member, has

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

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organized a perennial list of ladies, who donate the flowers placed at our Marian statue



each week, throughout the year.

- \* On June 23rd, several past-presidents met with the executive council to retire our first CWL banner. It was given to us when we first became a council by our sisters in Sacred Heart Parish. The banner has served us well but age has taken its toll. The executive decided to purchase a new banner to replace the well-worn symbol of our council. Since the banner was blessed, it could not be tossed away but had to be disposed of in a respectable manner which meant either burying it or burning it. We chose the latter. Past-president Josie Parker hosted the group and with the help of her husband, Larry, a big bonfire was created and the banner ceremoniously placed upon it. The evening included a potluck

supper and much conversation and reminiscing about the



history of the council.

**Communications**

Keeping our members and parishioners informed of our activities is an ongoing process. We continue to explore a variety of ways to get the message out.

- \* This winter we were asked by the parish to produce a monthly newsletter for our membership. It is distributed through the bulletin and extra copies are always available at the Welcome Desk. Reminders of upcoming activities are still announced at Sunday masses and in the bulletin. This means of communications allows us to include much more detailed information for members.
- \* We have updated our webpage on the parish website and refresh the information monthly.
- \* Co-president, Mary McLeay sends out reminders,

announcements and prayer requests through email.

- \* A survey was created in May to gather feedback on our activities and as a means to collect ideas for future goals and member involvement. The survey was distributed at the May meeting, sent out in e-mail and hard copies were made available at the Welcome Desk. The results have been tabulated and will be discussed at the September general meeting.

**CWL Diocesan Convention: April 18, 19, 20, 2016**

The Sarnia Deanery will host the 2016 diocesan convention in Sarnia.

- \* St. Michael's Council is in charge of hospitality and we look forward to welcoming our sisters from across the diocese to our city.

*Nelly*





*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Benedict, Sarnia—Submitted by Jackie Detailleur—Communications/Public Relations Chairperson*

This year at our annual June Potluck Dinner we handed out Service Pins to 25 of our ladies. Among those ladies we had three sisters who received pins totaling 60 years of service.

They are Martha Gillesby (25 years) [left], Julie MacDonald (10 years) [centre] and Monica Laird (25 years) [right].



*Jackie*



*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia—Submitted by: Phyllis Vanoverbeke*

The picture below is our preparations for our Spring tea



Left is Elsie Seward, Joan Naug, Roberta Desroches, and Phyllis Vanoverbeke



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

As a new executive, we were installed during Mass, which gave the parishioners a chance to see all of the ladies who said YES when asked to let their names stand for the various convenorships.

In February, our council hosted the Marriage Prep weekend for approximately sixty people. We also held a bake sale and religious goods sale to offset some of our expenses throughout the year.

We participated in the Community World Day of Prayer, which we will be hosting next year. A raffle on a complete Easter Dinner was held, with all of the proceeds going to a parishioner preparing to become a Deacon in the fall. In March we held our annual turkey dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall, where our CWL ladies cooked and served a delicious dinner, complete with every kind of pie you could think of.

On Easter Saturday, the R.C.I.A. candidates in our cluster became new members of our Catholic faith. With the help of our sister councils, a reception was held for them after Mass. Our council gifted our new Auxiliary Bishop Dabrowski with a spiritual bouquet.

Several members of our executive attended the Right to Life Banquet, held in Chatham, where we presented Refuge with a financial donation. Two of our members attended the Diocesan

Convention in London. Many of us attended the Silver Jubilee Mass and dinner for Father Gregory Bonin, our former pastor, who is now at Most Precious Blood Church, Windsor. We gifted him with a Spiritual Bouquet from our council. On April 26th, we held our Lady of Good Counsel Mass, with about 50 of our members wearing stoles and getting involved in the procession as well as all of the ministries. We also chose to give out our pins at this Mass.

During the month of May, our council hosts a Right to Life baby shower. Many beautiful and needed items were donated by our parishioners. Every spring and fall, we host a senior/shut-in Mass at Holy Family Church. We helped bring some of them to Mass, which began with the Crowning of Mary by Barbara Hajt, one of our seniors. We assisted with the different ministries, including music, and served a luncheon for everyone afterwards in our hall. Everyone present at this Mass was anointed with holy oil by Fr. Chris Gillespie, our Spiritual Advisor.

We continue to look after our students, honouring them with gifts and receptions when they receive their sacraments. Bibles are presented to graduating students who wish to have one as they continue their education. We also gave out Christian Living Awards to several students in Holy Family School.

During the summer months, we canvass our local merchants for prizes, and also sell raffle tickets for our annual fall penny sale. Throughout the year, we collect used stamps for leprosy; used eye glasses for third world countries; Campbell soup labels for our schools; can openers, binders, used paper, (good on one side), soap, and candles for Canadian Food For Children; food for St. Vincent de Paul; loose change for the Least of the Coin; yarn for pneumonia vests and milk bags for crocheting mats and purses.

Each month we hand out our newsletters at all of our masses. These newsletters not only help keep our members informed, but also let all of our parishioners know what we are doing.

As fall fast approaches, we have many things that we wish to accomplish. With God's good graces, and the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we will continue to do good works for God and Canada.

*Judy*



*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Michael, Dresden,  
President, Joan Allaert*

- February several of our members attended the Lenten Retreat in Wallaceburg.
- March we took part in our Community World Day of Prayer.
- We provided soup for the Ministerial Lenten lunches.
- Gifts bags were made up and delivered to shut-ins and Nursing Homes.
- Several members attended the Right to Life Banquet, as well as making a donation to Right to Life.
- Ursula and I attended the 95<sup>th</sup> London Diocesan Convention in London.
- In May we hosted a Memory Moments for our Community.
- We catered a beef dinner to a bus load of theatre ladies.
- Our CWL and the K of C presented gifts to the students that celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. A reception followed in the nicely decorated Church basement.
- On June 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Mass said by Fr. Ray Lawhead and served by members of the executive. We included the hymn to Our Lady of Good Counsel. A beef dinner followed.
- London Diocesan president, Marie-Theresa Lamphier and our Regional President, Angela Soulliere brought greetings.
- Service Pin Awards were presented to several members. Several Past President's were in attendance. It was a very memorable evening.
- The Baby Bottle Boomerang was a big success because of everyone's generous donations.
- The CWL Citizenship award was presented to Mitchell Jennen.
- Several members attended a Day at the London Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, Merlin.
- Plans are being made for our annual Christmas Basket draw and Card Party.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide and bless our works

*Joan.*



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Peter, Goderich  
Submitted by: Delores vanOsch, Communications Chairperson*

The past several months, we have been serving breakfasts monthly, after both Masses on Sunday. We also have a pie table at this event, selling pie by the slice, or as a whole pie.

In July, along with the Knights Of Columbus, we held a very successful yard sale. Proceeds from this event, are used to assist with projects within our Parish Community.

St Peter's CWL will be holding our annual Fall Bazaar and Luncheon Saturday October, 17th, from 11am to 2pm in the Parish Hall.

*Delores*



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Joseph, Kingsbridge  
President—Joanne Doherty*

Greetings League Sisters from the Ontario's West Coast. With much appreciation for the Lord's beauty, our members have enjoyed a bountiful harvest, sunny skies, and breathtaking sunsets.

Fundraising turkey pie baking bees continued to fulfill the demand from the community.

Several members thoroughly enjoyed 'Fun Night' hosted by the Parkhill Posse .... Well done by all the "outlaws, good guys and bad guys".

In a joint effort with the Goderich council, members set their creative talents in motion to create a video message for outgoing Provincial President, Betty Colaneri. The message expressed our sincere thanks and appreciation for Betty's charismatic leadership, "HUGS" - Holding Unending Grace and Spirit mantra along with our blessings to encourage her run for the National team (with God's help).

Take time to celebrate each other's gifts and talents which are shared so freely and the diversity that each council is comprised of which truly makes a difference in so many lives. It is in the giving that we receive so much more.

Until we meet again ....

Regards

*Joanne*



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Grand Bend—Co-Presidents—Maureen Garinther & Joan Brewer*

June was a busy month in our council. Our monthly General Meeting took on the theme of an English Tea Party. Members came dressed in their stylish hats, gloves, jewellery and party wear. A representative from "Steeped Tea" brewed a variety of teas which were enjoyed with our refreshments. Members seemed to take their cues from "Downton Abbey."

Our annual Ham and Strawberry Dinner was a great success. Joan Rosehart and her many helpers prepared a delicious meal which was attended by parishioners and community residents. It was a sold out event.

Our Council is looking forward to hosting the Huron Perth Regional Day on Saturday September 26th. Those attending, please note our address is 337 Ontario St. S., Grand Bend, municipality of Lambton Shores (next to Best's)

Our annual Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 1:30. Many people anticipate the variety of activities such as the Prize tables, Silent Auction, homemade baking, crafts, fresh, local vegetables and the sale of religious articles. A real crowd pleaser is the Lunch which includes Gera's homemade soup

(which was "Sold Out!") last year. Sandwiches are also served and you don't want to miss out on tasting our decadent, homemade apple and cherry pies which are also for sale the day of the Bazaar. Our invitation to you is "Come One, Come All to a Great Bazaar!"

*Maureen & Joan*



*Council News—Essex Region—St. Michael, Leamington*  
*President—Peggy Barrette*

- ✦ For our June Pot Luck supper, Fr. Christian Campos spoke to us about his work in the Hispanic Ministry in our parish. He visits many of the migrant workers in the numerous greenhouses of our area on a daily basis, evangelizing, inviting them to his Sunday 3 pm Spanish mass, hearing their confessions and being Christ's presence while they are away from their families for many months at a time. He also travels to Pelee Island every Saturday afternoon to celebrate Mass for the workers there. For this reason most of us don't see him, so it was a delight to listen to his vocation story and learn about his dedication to hundreds of people in our community.
- ✦ Two deserving high school students received a CWL bursary at their graduation ceremony June 25.
- ✦ We said Goodbye to Fr. Patrick Bénéteau who was appointed Diocesan Vocation Director, at a Farewell Mass and Reception hosted by our council.
- ✦ Members are helping to finalize the proofing of the new Parish Photo Directory, with many hours of service to this project.
- ✦ The CWL, K of C and Youth Group jointly planned and hosted the annual Parish BBQ.
- ✦ Members planned, baked cakes, and hosted the July Birthday Party at the Sun Parlor Home complete with small gifts.
- ✦ Fr. Fernando Suarez, a world-renowned healer, came to celebrate Mass and bless hundreds of faithful on August 19. The CWL assisted while wearing our blue sashes, as greeters, ushers, recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and general helpers to those in need.
- ✦ The construction site for our new church building, is slowly taking shape. We are trying to be very patient!
- ✦ We have welcomed a new associate Pastor, Fr. Danny Santos
- ✦ Forty Days for Life takes place September 23 - November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year again in front of Leamington Hospital. Members commit to certain time slots to come out and pray silently as a witness to end abortion. Canada does not have a personhood law, so abortion can be performed any time during the entire pregnancy. We offer mercy and compassion to those affected by abortion. 40 Days for Life is a work

*Peggy*



**THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH A BOUNCE SHEET**

*Eliminate static electricity from your television screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.*

*Prevent musty suitcases. Place a sheet of Bounce inside the empty luggage before storing.*

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

We served coffee, tea, juice and cake to our Confirmation Class after a beautiful Mass.

Our Mothers' Day Raffle of 3 lovely planters provided 3 of our parish ladies with a good start on their summer gardening. Proceeds went to Our Lady of Guadalupe House.

We raffled a comfy camp chair and 3 bobble-head/baseball 'nick-knacks' for Fathers' Day.

Our retired priest, Fr. Mike Ryan celebrated his 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood privately. He was guest speaker at our May meeting, after which we gave him an

anniversary card and made a donation to St. Peter's Seminary in his name.

We decided to move our annual banquet from a catered meal in our hall to the local Chinese Food Restaurant. We filled the room and enjoyed the buffet. We handed out anniversary pins to a few ladies.

This year, our parish has 3 young people accepted to NET Ministries. We made a monetary donation to each of them.

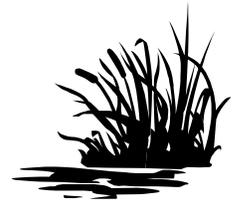
We are serving ice cream at our parish picnic this Sunday. The K of C will be BBQ'ing hotdogs. There will be games for the kids, face

painting, cotton candy, bouncy castle, fire trucks and more. We expect a few hundred to take part and have fun.

Our council is collecting backpacks and school supplies for the Children's Aid Society.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and bless us through the remainder of 2015.

*Janice*



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

One of the highlights for our council this year was the celebration of our 80th Anniversary. Our actual charter date is February 11, 1935 but we celebrated in April with a Mass and banquet. We were pleased and privileged to present Nan Cecile, our oldest member, with a CWL rosary to acknowledge her 72 years of faithful service to the league. AWESOME!

In May we held a Retreat Day for our members at the Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley with Fr. Michael O'Brien. It was a great day and those who attended returned home spiritually refreshed.

In May we also presented Holy Spirit pins to the 30 young people who were confirmed in our parish.

Our last meeting before the summer break began with pizza and salad, followed by the presentation of service pins, a short meeting and ended with strawberries, ice cream and cake. At this meeting 4-10yr. pins, 3-25yr. pins, 2-40yr. pins and 1-60yr. pin were given out.

In June we also presented \$40 gift certificates from Brisebois Christian Bookstore to 2 grade 8 students (1 boy & 1 girl) from St. Ursula School as a "Christian Spirit Award" at their graduation.

We are looking forward to our Annual Ladies Breakfast which will be held on Sunday October 18th, 2015. The guest speaker this year will be Diane Quadros from the Windsor/Essex Canadian Mental Health Association. This breakfast marks the beginning of our membership drive and all ladies are invited.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless all of us as we work to serve God and our communities.

*Doris*

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

Several of our members attended the annual convention in London. Our council ended the winter / spring season with our annual dinner . At this time our Diocesan president, Marie Theresa Lamphier awarded our members with their well deserved service pins. Pat Rivest was also a guest.

This year we also had 2 of our members reach their 100th Birthday.....Lee Demarse, April 5th, 1915 & Anne Andary, August 31st, 1915.

Our prayers are always with these 2 remarkable members !

Our meetings start up soon & we are eager to continue the work we love to do.

Our lady of Good Counsel...pray for us.

*Linda*

**New members:**

Pat Molnar  
Shirley Douglas  
Rosemary Kennette  
Pauline Graat  
Estelle Collins  
Carman Borge

**10 Year Pin**

Geraldine Morand  
Denise Marcoux  
Rita Schiller  
Liza Ouellette  
Janet Macera  
Agnes Lavin

**25 Year Pin**

Claire Guignon  
Thesesa Roback Gadoury  
Annette Kelly

**40 Year Pin**

Yvonne Bacon  
Lorraine Chevalier

**50 Year Pin**

Virginia Ducharme  
Anna Louise Plackman

**70 Year Pin**

Florence Baillargeon  
Margaret Cecile

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**

Eleanor Tope



*A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'  
Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill..'*

  
*Council News—Ingersoll Region—Holy Trinity, Woodstock,  
President, Fatima Cabral*

*“Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning.*

*Love has to be put into action, and that action is service” –*

*Mother Teresa*

I am always amazed by the faith of our CWL members. Every funeral luncheon is done with love. Every prayer dedicated to Our Lady is filled with devotion. Every embrace is heartfelt and genuine. We are truly an amazing organization that loves and we do it in the things we say and do. The first half of 2015 has certainly been a busy one for Holy Trinity Church CWL. Some of our highlights include:

- \* Membership pin awards including Bellelue Guerin and Maple Leaf pins
- \* Family Skate Event sponsored by our council
- \* Guest speakers: Oxford County Children’s Aid Society (CAS) and recipient of a heart transplant and her mother to discuss being a donor
- \* Baby shower for CAS and Beginnings of Oxford
- \* Wendy Farha comedy and concert event
- \* Candy bouquets for Mother’s Day
- \* Fiesta summer potluck
- \* High school graduation bursaries
- \* Grade 8 essay contest and graduation crucifixes

Our council also had the opportunity to send members to the London Diocesan convention in April and the Ontario Provincial

convention in July. They were great ways to network with other councils and feel inspired to evangelize our faith in our community. This spring many members formed CWL teams for various community events. We had the Holy Trinity CWL Trailblazers who participated in the Hike for Hospice and brought in over \$1,000; the Holy Trinity Flames were part of the Canadian Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and raised over \$5,000 and individual members took part in the Right for Life Woodstock walk-a-thon. All of these events raise the profile of the Catholic Women’s League in our community as well as help charities. (See our pictures of some of our members who participated opposite).

The fall is shaping up to be exciting....fall regional days; a fall winery tour; guest speaker in October to discuss the stigma of mental health illnesses and of course gearing up for our Starlight bazaar in November. Our Christmas potluck will be a special way to celebrate and bring the end to a close as we welcome in a new council. May God bless the Catholic Women’s League and Canada.

*Fatima*





*Service Pin Awards for 2015*  
*Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated members*



**St. Clement, McGregor  
Essex Region**

**60 Year Pin**  
Justine Meloche

**40 Year Pin**  
Marie Morand  
Angela Sylvester

**25 Year Pin**  
Diane King  
Audrey O'Neil  
Joan Scherer

**10 Year Pin**  
Pat Lucier  
Cecile Renaud  
Gilberte Sapalski

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

**25 Year Pin**  
Elaine Cohoe  
Elaine Peltier  
Janis Power

**10 Year Pin**  
Pauline Butler  
Debbie Caza  
Claudette Ilijanich  
Jacqueline Mosco  
Orysia Rivest

**New Members**  
Caroline Bourassa  
Mary Jean Ferriss  
Emmy Garant  
Jaclyn Giroux  
Andrea Klokman  
Doreen Le Boeuf  
Pam Trepanier  
Denise Trotechaud

**RELAPSED**  
Marlene George

**St. Michael, Brights Grove,  
Sarnia Lambton Region**

**60 Year Pin**  
Francine Arts

**25 Year Pin**  
Delia De Santis  
Paula Mele  
Mary Ellen McDonald  
Marie Laudenschach

**10 Year Pin**  
Christine Bressette  
Cathy MacDougall  
Nancy O'Malley  
Solange De Meyer  
Luana Sfalcin

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**  
Nancy O'Malley

**St. Benedict, Sarnia  
Sarnia Lambton Region**

**60 Year Pin**  
Rita Cote  
Helen Cassidy  
Marg Cornell  
Betty Ann Roberts  
Lorrayne Slobodnik  
Yvonne Whitely

**50 Year Pin**  
Margaret Greenaway  
Marie Melanson  
Ethel Shortt

**40 Year Pin**  
Sue LaMontagne  
Kay Williams

**25 Year Pin**  
Martha Gillesby  
Connie Griffiths  
Monica Laird  
Suzanne Lepage  
Jean Sauve

**10 Year Pin**

Gwen Coleman  
Leonia Downie  
Mary Loupos  
Julie MacDonald  
Antoinette Magliaro  
Pat O'Neill  
Liz Palko  
Lorraine Sauve  
Catherine Soulliere

**Holy Angels, London  
London Region**

**60 Year Pin**  
Norma Roche

**50 Year Pin**  
Clara Doyle  
Louise MacDonald  
Arnolda Pineau  
Marie Cathcart

**25 Year Pin**  
Kathy Magin  
Joan Bennett  
Valerie MacDonald  
Angela DeDecker-Howie  
Marie Cathcart  
Johanna Tobin

**Blessed Sacrament, Chatham  
Chatham Kent Region**

**10 Year Pin**  
Cathy Bachynski  
Jean Bechard  
Rebecca Belore  
Marilyn Boucquez  
Karen Brophy  
Lynda Cadotte  
Sr. Mary Diane Cahill  
Catherine Campbell  
Diane Caron  
Renee Culverwell



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*Service Pin Awards for 2015*  
*Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated members*



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**Blessed Sacrament, Chatham  
 Chatham Kent Region (cont'd ...)**

**10 Year Pin .. Cont'd**

- Alicia Davies
- Sheila DeJaegher
- Juliette Delaey
- Marilou DeMaeyer
- Marguerite Dubeau
- Michelle Elgie
- Loretta Fawcett
- Marilyn Gutteridge
- Maria Harrison
- Heather Harwood
- Shirley Harwood
- Rose Hazzard
- Mary Theresa Hultz
- Arnette Houle
- Noella Houle
- Mary Colleen Hunt
- Evelyn Johns
- Margaret Johns
- Anne Kopriva
- Carol Laevens
- Marjorie Laevens
- Josephine Leszczynski
- Margaret Litschko
- Mary Louzon
- Dorothy Maier
- Lillian McMath
- Helen O'Brien
- Mary Pavlinak
- Arlene Peltier
- Christine Pinsonneault
- Christine M. Pinsonneault
- Louise Plaquet
- Geraldine Pomajba
- Chyrl Roelans
- Francine Ryken
- Denise Sadler
- Vera Sadler
- Aline Udvari
- Ann Van Esbroeck
- Sandra Van Raay

- Carol Weaver
- Suellen Weaver
- Celebrating 15 Years**
- Tracy Henry

- Celebrating 35 Years**
- Mary Delaey
- Germaine Pynenbrouck

- Celebrating 40 Years**
- Carol Robert
- Betty Sheeler

- Celebrating 69 Years**
- Josephine Sullivan

- Transferred Members**
- Betty Emans
- Maria Melillo
- Betty Sheeler

- New Members**
- Aleshia Armstrong
- Lora Armstrong
- Sara Armstrong
- Joanne Bondy
- Crystal Ford
- Rachel Franssen
- Wilhelmina Franssen
- Denyse Houle-Devos
- Jane Kopps
- Jessica Lauwers
- Lea Sinnaeve
- Mary Thomson

**Holy Family, Wallaceburg  
 Chatham Kent Region**

- 50 Year Pin**
- Mary Meyskens

- 40 Year Pin**
- Angela Huey
- Agnes Moynihan

- 25 Year Pin**
- Donna Allaer
- Margaret Furtah

- Jennifer McFadden Owen

- 10 Year Pin**
- Catherin Cooney

- New Member**
- Janet Slack

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

- 40 Year Pin**
- Nora Bulley
- Rita Bigras
- Marjorie Wathy
- Betty Vitek
- Melodee Reaume
- Pat Maure
- Mary Marchand
- Lucille Laprise
- Marcia Janssens
- Anne Heuvelman
- Anne Fitzgerald
- Sandee Chandler

- 25 Year Pin**
- Shirley Hunter
- Elaine Konecny
- Diane Quesnel
- Rose Northcotte

**20 Year Medal of Our Lady of  
 Good Counsel**

- Dianne Feys
- Emily Spacik
- Blanch Palanek
- Yvonne Profota
- Ellen Jennen
- Nicole Martin
- Cheryl Cameron
- Janice Goethyne
- Lisa Camillo
- Debra McLachlin

- 10 Year Pin**
- Mary Wathy
- Laurie Bulley



## REFLECTION OF THE LEAGUE PRAYER

*We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada .....* every blessing is a sign of God's love for us. Do I take time to give praise and thank God for the privilege of being a member of the League? Am I really a blessing to my council by being a loyal and responsible member? Do I share with other Catholic women the blessings of membership

*Bless our beloved country, our home and families .....* Do I really invoke God's help and protection in every situation of my country, home and family? In my family and community, do I try to live signs of love and respect for Canada? Am I a fine example to children and young people of a person who respects our Canadian flag and anthem? Do I offer prayers of thanksgiving in my home for my country?

*Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills .....* When I ask for the Holy Spirit to fully enter my life am I always open to what that really means? Am I truly open-minded when presented with new or different ideas or opinions? Do I take the time and effort to do my own research and reach a personal and well-informed decision for myself?

*That we may know and fulfill your great law of charity .....* Am I continuing to grow in my understanding and application of the law of charity? Do I strive to see beyond the surface of the meaning of charity? Do I apply it only when it is convenient for me or will not hurt me in any way?

*Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad, the good things you have given us .....* In praying for the ability and opportunities to share the good things with others, do I extend this to include some of my most precious gifts and talents as well as my material treasures? Do I try to understand what it is like to be always on the receiving end? Can I accept and forgive when my efforts to share are not always appreciated? Do I thank God constantly that I have things to share?

*This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ .....* Am I always aware of the power of these works? Do I appreciate the tradition of our Catholic faith which encourages us to call on the name of Jesus Christ?

*And the intercession of our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel .....* To ask Our Lady of Good Counsel to intercede is to truly believe in the closeness of the relationship between Jesus and Mary. Am I constantly striving to discover Mary's true role within the life and growth of the church?

AMEN

(Prepared by Shirley Scaletta, National Spiritual Development Convener, 1981-82)

**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 at the back with the other forms*

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

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

**Nomination Form**

**Completed nomination forms are due any time before January 15, 2015**

**Name of Nominating Person or Council:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**CWL member: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Parish CWL Council: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please attach the following on a separate sheet:**

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

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

**Mail completed form to Diocesan President, Marie-Theresa Lamphier, 10538 St. Clair Avenue, RR # 1 Stoney Point, Ontario N0R 1N0**

**For further information contact Marie-Theresa Lamphier at 519-798-3397 or email [mtlamphier@gmail.com](mailto:mtlamphier@gmail.com)**

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# FORM FOR REPORTING DECEASED MEMBERS

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

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
(as shown on membership list)

Spouse's name (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Full address \_\_\_\_\_  
(as shown on membership list)

Date deceased \_\_\_\_\_

CWL Parish Council \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of council president and/or chairperson of  
spiritual development

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Dear Parish Council Recording Secretary

Please complete the following information and forward to the Diocesan Recording Secretary by **December 31, 2015**

**This information is for the 2016 executive.  
Please Print**

Parish Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

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136 Ontario St. Apt. 404  
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