



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
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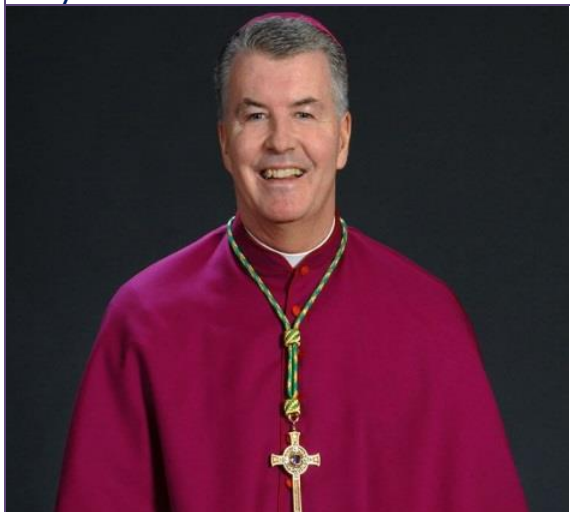
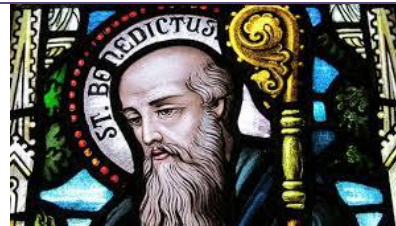


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**OPC Convention 2016 Edition
Day 2 – July 11**

ONE HEART
VOICE
MISSION

Opening Mass (Feast Day of St Benedict of Nursia) The morning began with a mass celebrated by Bishop Fred Colli and 10 Spiritual Advisors from across the province. Over 400 voices raised in song and prayer emulated our theme: One Heart, One Voice, One Mission. What a joyful start to our day.



Bishop William McGrattan's keynote address focussed on the importance and meaning of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, who has captivated the world as Bishop of Rome. Pope Francis encourages charity and reconciliation through witness and dialogue. The world is still interested in this man who encourages the church to "take to the streets" to lead people to Jesus Christ, to wake up the world with our witness. "An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral." In his summary, Bishop McGrattan affirmed the CWL in its ability to be authentic and encouraged delegates to continue to be "who we are".

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed at the 69th Ontario Provincial Council annual convention:

- ON.16.01 – Enhance the Canada Health Act to Include Home Care (E&H)
- ON.16.02 – Equal Access for Permanent Residence, an Amendment to the Immigration Act (CL)
- ON.16.03 – Expand the Nutrition North Canada Program to Include All Communities Accessible Only by Air. (E&H)
- ON.16.04 – Training for the Safe Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles by Youth Under the Age of 16 (Legislation)

Resolutions will be posted to the OPC Website in a few days...



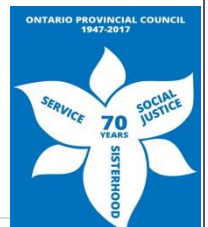
Spiritual Advisors Lunch: Ten Diocesan/Parish Spiritual Advisors joined Provincial Spiritual Advisor Bishop Fred Colli and National Spiritual Advisor Bishop William McGrattan for lunch.



Life Members Lunch: Forty-five Life Members, and one Honorary Life Members enjoyed lunch and fellowship today. A grand time was had by all. New Life Members are: Elizabeth Bortolussi and Sandra Wieckowski (Thunder Bay Diocese), Mary Jean Horne (London Diocese), Kathy Huffman (Kingston Diocese), Colleen Randall (Ottawa Diocese), Linda Squarzolo (Sault Ste. Marie Diocese), Margaret Van Meeuwen (Peterborough Diocese) and Wilma Vanderzwaag (St Catharine's Diocese)



To a fun- rendition of "Those Were the Days" Past President/Historian and Chairperson of the 70th Anniversary Committee, Betty Colaneri, along with committee members Wilma Vanderzwaag and Anna Tremblay, invited delegates to the 70th annual provincial convention to be held in Thunder Bay next July.





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Diocesan Dinners

