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**OPC Convention 2016 Edition
Day 3 – July 12**

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Palliative and Hospice Care

Jubilee Day of Celebration for the Extraordinary Year of Mercy Mass and Symbolic Pilgrimage and Prayer

Tuesday began with mass celebrated by Bishop Colli, Provincial Spiritual Advisor. In his homily, Bishop Colli focused on the spiritual works of mercy. Following mass, delegates filed out of the hall and re-entered through the symbolic Holy Door. Diocesan presidents processed pictures of their chosen Blessed while provincial officers processed pictures of their chosen Saints.





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Action, Prayer and Reconciliation: Following a poverty lunch of soup, a bread roll and water, a team of delegates sorted through huge piles of non-perishable food items donated by the delegates. When the groceries were all sorted, a member of the St Vincent Society graciously accepted the groceries, along with cash donations and gift cards. Another team of delegates was blessed by Bishop Colli and missioned to *The Local*, a Stratford community-based group who provide food and learning to those in need. The nominal donation of \$2.00, paid by each delegate for the poverty lunch, was donated to *The Local*. While these actions were taking place, the remaining delegates spent time in prayer and reflection. The sacrament of Reconciliation was offered during this time.



CWL Women Living Mercy Every Day was the title of the address by motivational speaker Anne Shore. She was very affirming in her statement that the Catholic Women's League is "a blessing to the whole Canadian society", adding "we make our parishes better". She then issued a challenge to go further, to go deeper; to recognize the grudges, resentments and hurts we carry in our hearts, then forgive and let them go in prayer.

This very special day ended with a banquet.

