



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL  
OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
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## ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

**OPC Convention 2016 Edition  
Day 4 – July 13**

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### *Palliative and Hospice Care*

***Blessing of New Life Members:*** Nine new Life Members were introduced and blessed by the delegates. The Life Members then blessed the delegates. The Life Members include Elizabeth Bortolussi and Sandra Wieckowski (Thunder Bay Diocese), Mary Jean Horne (London Diocese), Kathy Huffman (Kingston Diocese), Donna Provost (Pembroke Diocese), Colleen Randall (Ottawa Diocese), Linda Squarzolo (Sault Ste Marie Diocese), Margaret Van Meeuwen (Peterborough Diocese) and Wilma Vanderzwaag (St Catharines Diocese).



***2016 Social Justice Award:*** The recipient of this second annual Social Justice Award was given to Alice Gazeley from the Diocese of Kingston. Alice's strong faith and leadership, combined with her many years of service improving the lives of those dealing with poverty, earned her this award. Pictured are Alice (left) and Provincial President-elect Anne Madden.

### ***Invitation to 2017 Convention:***

Thunder Bay Diocese issues an invitation to join them in Thunder Bay July 9 – 12, 2017.



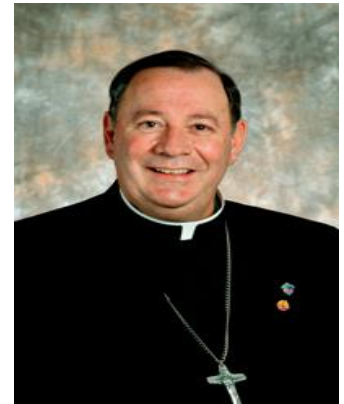
### ***National President's Report:***

National President Barb Dowding addressed the delegates, complimenting Provincial President Pauline Krupa on a wonderful convention and bringing the latest news from national council.



**Michelle O'Rourke RN MA** addressed the delegates on the subject of Palliative and Hospice Care, explaining that "caring is the privilege of every person and is at the heart of being human." True caring is an invitation to enter into someone else's pain. Her talk informed members on the areas of grief, loss, palliative and end of life care, especially as it relates to the holistic care of body, mind and spirit.

**Spiritual Advisors Report:** Bishop Fred Colli reported on his meeting with the Spiritual Advisors. He reaffirmed us, acknowledging the successes and challenges faced by members today.



**Closing Mass and Reaffirmation of Provincial Officers:** The Closing Mass was held at St Joseph's Church, Stratford. Concelebrating with Bishop Colli was Bishop Joseph Dombroski, Auxillary Bishop of London along with nine Spiritual Advisors. Retiring Past Provincial President Marlene Pavlectic facilitated the Reaffirmation of the Provincial Officers.

**Goodbye Stratford. Thank you London Diocese!** It was a wonderful convention. Special thanks to Laurretta Ayotte, Cam Cadotte, Julie de Gouw, Lucy Hendrikx, Lisa Henry, Cathy McKinney and Anne Madden for your help with the daily convention newsletters.

