

Ontario Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Community Life Standing Committee

To: Diocesan Community Life Committee Chairpersons

From: Joanna Sisk, Ontario Provincial Community Life Committee Chairperson

Copied to: Provincial Executive, Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Spiritual Advisor,
and subcommittee members

I was very touched by our provincial convention and how our theme "Homelessness" was carried out through the whole convention. Congratulations to all involved.

I encourage you to read about the convention on the provincial website.

I would like to share some areas that touched me:

- Gift Cards: \$15,154.50 was donated in gift cards to the homeless. These were the \$5.00 gift cards for Tim Hortons or McDonalds which were distributed to 23 different groups and organizations in the Toronto Archdiocese (\$12,044.00). Others (\$3,110.00) were distributed prior to the convention by councils in their communities.
- The prayer services with focus on homelessness, especially the song, sung and acted out by passing homeless along the way.
- All the speakers were interesting and the breakout sessions were such a great idea. The keynote speaker from PEACH (Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless) left a lot to think about, how the homeless are left to die without dignity. Read the website for more.
- The oral reports by the Diocesan Presidents and Provincial Officers were on homelessness and reflected on one of the titles of Mary. They were amazing! Please take time to read them (on website) and pray with them as we continue our theme of "Homelessness" this year. (Mine is attached for the Diocesan Community Life Chairperson).
- I was so pleased to meet five Diocesan Community Life Chairpersons at this convention. It was great to put a face to a name. Thanks for introducing yourselves.

News from National Convention

Elections were held and National Community Life Standing Committee Chairperson is Marie Rachley, Past Provincial President from New Brunswick.

New National Theme which begins in January 2019 is "Care of our common home".

The Ontario Provincial Council meets in September - watch for more information.