



November 2014 Edition

**Featuring The Peterborough and Pembroke Dioceses and the Legislation Standing Committee
We Have Seen the Lord**

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Betty's Blog



As I prepared the Remembrance Day display for work, my mind quickly went to the recent events that affected our country. As I placed each poppy on the wreath, the faces of the many soldiers that we have never met, yet gave their lives for our country and our safety, came to mind. Especially the senseless death of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo who's handsome face will be forever imbedded in my memory.

While terrorism brings fear, the power of prayer will not waiver and our faith will not falter. If anything, this drives us to be even more passionate in our conviction to pray for peace.

A lovely gentleman from our local Legion, Ian, brought us our poppies along with an interesting article about the stamp available through Canada Post. On October 1st, 1940, Claude Dettloff, photographer for the Vancouver Daily Province was photographing soldiers from the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles as they marched to a waiting ship. Suddenly, a white-haired boy, Warren "Whitey" Bernard, only five years old, escaped his mother's grasp, and raced to his father in the marching line. Dettloff clicked on the poignant scene, creating what would become "Wait for Me Daddy", the most famous Canadian photograph of World War II and one of the most recognized of all war photos. Talk about tugging on your heartstrings!

To all the men and women who courageously served our country, at home and abroad and bravely made the ultimate sacrifice, we are forever grateful. You have earned your just reward of eternal rest. With pride we honour you and of your memory we will never let go.





Legislation

By Linda Squarzolo, Ontario Provincial Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson

Following the provincial election in May, the premier called the MPP's to Queen's Park to begin work in early July. So began Session 1 of the 41st Parliament of Ontario. The legislature sat until the end of July, then recessed until October 20th.

Information relating to the government proceedings can be found at ontla.ca/web/bills. This site gives information regarding bills presented, questions asked, petitions and motions presented. Bills were introduced by both the government and members of the other parties. Each of these bills are available to be seen on the Ontario government website.

The following are some of the bills introduced by the government:

Ministry of the Environment – Bill 9 – An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act

Ministry of Education – Bill 10 - The Child Care Modernization Act

Ministry of Finance – Bill 15 – Fighting Fraud and Reducing Automobile Insurance Rates

Ministry of Health – Bill 21 - Safeguarding Health Care Integrity Act

Several private member bills were also introduced for First Reading. They include:

Bill 2 – Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

Bill 3 – Planning Amendment Act (Enabling Municipalities to Require Inclusionary Housing)

Bill 12 – Protecting Employees' Tips Act (With Respect to Tips and Other Gratuities)

Bill 17 – Protecting Child Performers

Bill 19 – Ombudsman Amendment Act (Investigation of Health Care Services)

Bill 20 – Ryan's Law (Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools)

Bill 22 – Employment Standards Amendment Act (Greater Protection for Interns And Vulnerable Workers)

Even when **Queen's Park** is not in session, MPP's fulfill other duties. They maintain an office in the riding they represent and serve their local constituents. Most members of the legislature are assigned to the committees, which study the bills that were introduced. Committee meetings are held between government sessions.



Continue to be aware of the issues and consider writing letters to express concerns and support to members of the legislature.



Development Day

Peterborough Diocesan members gathered on Saturday May 24th to participate in a workshop aimed at increasing the understanding of the members about Human Trafficking. More than 40 members heard an informative presentation by Michael Perry, Executive Director – City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team. In addition, Torie Hogan a young person working at a youth drop in centre in Peterborough provided further insight into the challenges associated with supporting victims of human trafficking.

Resources were made available to participants to use with their council. An extensive kit of information and CD were provided free of cost from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In addition, permission was granted by the Canadian Council of Churches to copy prayer services and reflections from their resource booklet 'Exploring Human Trafficking' for use by councils.



Powerful Guest Speaker

On Sunday, October 19, 2014, a rapt audience made up of CWL members from **St. Michael's parish in Cobourg and Our Lady of Mercy parish in Port Hope**, along with their friends and other guests were treated to a moving, funny and motivating presentation by **Megan Murphy**. Megan co-hosts the morning radio programs on FM The Star 93.3 Peterborough and 107.9 The Breeze Cobourg. The meeting that morning was the first Breakfast/General Meeting of the St. Michael's CWL 2014/2015 year and started with a delicious breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. After the breakfast and a few business items were dealt with, Megan took the stage and from that point on, the audience was mesmerized! Not a cup was picked up, no one left their tables and we all listened with rapt interest to Megan talk about her parents, her family, loving ourselves and a personal journey she took this summer bicycling her way across Ireland retracing the journey her father made in 1973. Megan is currently working on a documentary of the trip which she hopes she has ready early in the new year. We were all overwhelmed by the power and delivery of her topics and found ourselves at times in gales of laughter and other times choking back tears. It truly was a great morning listening to a great speaker!

Below: Past President (L) Anne Marie Summers,
(C) Megan Murphy and (R) President Kathy Bazley



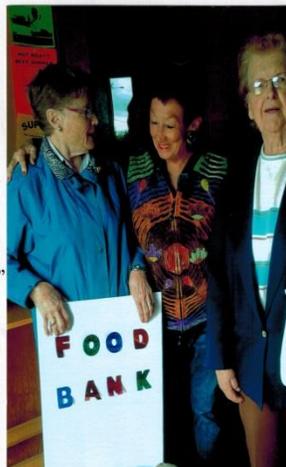


Pembroke Diocese Social Justice Project



At our Spring Convention in Douglas the Pembroke Diocese focused on the theme of Social Justice. All councils were notified and invited to send pictures and information with regards to their participation in their own local food banks. Twenty councils responded with an overwhelming display of pictures from local Food Banks that were made into a collage.

I could not have said it better as our own president June West, "It is better to give than to receive, and it is both humbling and rewarding to help out."



Installation of Bishop McGrattan



National Spiritual Advisor for the CWL of Canada

The Peterborough Diocesan CWL Past President, Margaret Van Meeuwen and President, Joanne Hough, were invited to attend the installation of Bishop McGrattan as **Bishop of Peterborough** in St. Peter's In Chains Cathedral in Peterborough on Monday June 21, 2014. A reception dinner was held following the installation which afforded an opportunity for Joanne Hough, President, to welcome Bishop McGrattan and to thank Bishop Nichole DeAngelis for his support of the CWL during his term as Bishop of Peterborough.



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CWL Participating with Catholic Education

The **Peterborough Diocesan CWL** recently accepted an invitation to participate in the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and **Clarington Catholic District School Board 'Faith Day'** held on Friday October 24, 2014. This was a great opportunity to make the CWL more visible to the broader Catholic Community. Six members attended the opening Mass with Bishop McGrattan as celebrant in which the CWL was mentioned more than once as honoured guests. A display board displaying membership information and main initiatives of CWL was placed in the main foyer of St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School. Prayer bookmarks were distributed as well as copies of the Catholic Education bi-fold from the Ontario website.

The CWL and Knights of Columbus helped to serve the 1800 attendees at a barbecue luncheon. A caterer prepared and served salads, condiments and various drinks. The entire luncheon was a great success and several participants took the time to thank individual CWL members for their support and participation.

Staff of the Catholic Education Community experienced a day of reflection, collegiality and renewal. Members of the CWL were privileged to play a part in 'Faith Day'.

Workshops at the Executive Meeting of Peterborough Diocesan CWL on Saturday October 18, 2014

Workshop - Annual Report

Annual Reports were discussed in small groups. Members shared some of the social justice projects that are carried out by the various councils. Presidents were asked to record in writing a highlight in respect to social justice projects that they would like to publish in the 2014 annual report.

The process for preparing the Annual Report was reviewed by Wendy Tedford, Organization Chair. The members shared strategies that would assist with involving their council executive in the process. Check lists will be used to identify the organizations and activities supported by the individual council. All forms will be sent to the presidents electronically.



Workshop - `The World as a Field Hospital` - Support for the Wounded



Members received copies of the booklet and CD entitled `**Feathers of Hope`**. In addition several print resources were distributed to each president. Members viewed three u-tube videos including `**7 Ways to Make a Difference`**. Members have been challenged to find a way to respond to the needs of aboriginal youth. Each council has been asked to take action next year as a social justice activity.



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PIN PRESENTATION

St. Mary's CWL President Glenda Klein, who is also the World Day of Prayer Liaison for Canada, presented one of the newly designed WDP Canada pins to **Josette Chase**, who has been the WDP local committee rep for St. Mary's CWL for over 20 years. Josette said she was very surprised and honoured.



Answers to More Ontario Resolutions Tidbits (from October)

By Rosanne Sogan OPC
Resolutions Chair

1. ON.95.06 Cults
2. ON.89.10 Definition of "Human Being" in Section 206 of the Criminal Code to be Revised to Include the Unborn
3. Resolutions and follow-up actions have been a major part of League work since its inception. At the 1922 national convention, members were exhorted to "take up some work of a national character that affects into the life of the whole country."
4. Six
5. ON.11.01 [Safe Potable Water for First Nations Communities](#)
ON.05.09 [Water: Life Before Profit](#)
ON.82.01 [Niagara River Pollution](#)
ON.91.01 The Provision of Nutrition and Hydration to Non-Dying Persons
ON.01.05 Toxic Chemicals in the Great Lakes Ecosystem
1966 Safeguarding of water Resources
6. 1962



*Our next issue will be in December
Featuring
The Thunder Bay Diocese and
the Education and Health Standing Committee*

