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Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

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Pauline's Ponderings...

Greetings

The provincial council has just wrapped up its winter meeting. With it came the realization that my time with you is winding down. As Carol Burnett would say ... "seems we just got started!" At the meeting we bid farewell to nine diocesan presidents, which means election-time for many, and in particular, for our own provincial executive. Please pray for those discerning their call to service at all levels. When the time comes to make choices, please look carefully at each woman's gifts to know where she can best serve.

Thunder Bay diocesan president shared the 70th annual provincial convention package with members of the executive. The package is now posted to the website. Take time to review it. Plan to attend. I encourage you to book rooms early. Thunder Bay is hosting a number of events the same time as convention so accommodations will be at a premium.

We are being asked by our national council to take action on a number of issues. Take time to visit the national website to keep current. Most recently we heard that the Ontario government has introduced a bill that will disallow physicians and health care staff the right of conscience with regards to medical assistance in dying. Please take time to write to the Premier and MPP's expressing your opposition to Bill 84. There is a limited amount of time to act so write today!

At mass yesterday Father Chris challenged each of us to be "Salty for God". Being from an Irish mariner's family, the statement had great significance to him in relation to the gospel. What kind of thoughts does that bring to your mind?



FEATURING COUNCILS FROM THE DIOCESE OF KINGSTON



World Day of Prayer 2016 was hosted by **St. Paul's Anglican Church in Cardinal** on March 4, 2016. **Sacred Heart of Jesus CWL, Cardinal**, members joined other churches for a day where we all came together in unity. The day began in song. Lectors read the Word of God, as World Day of Prayer was written by the women of Cuba. The theme for 2016 was "Receive Children, Receive Me". Special keynote speaker was Joy Jones who frequently visits Cuba. Her talk consisted of telling stories of how she helps out in Cuba in various ways. The service ended with fellowship in the hall. Pictured from left to right are Darlene Orzel, Joan Toupin, Betty DesChamps, Beryl Riddell, Sheila Lawrence, Joy Jones, Joan Graham and Carol McLaughlin.



Catholic Girl's League

These young ladies were on hand at the Annual Craft Show and Tea Room on October 22, 2016 at St. Mark, Prescott. They meet monthly, have a full slate of officers, and concentrate on the gifts God has given them. They made different crafts, jewellery and centerpieces, for the show. These young ladies are chaperoned by leader Diane Jozefowicz assisted by Anne Wade. The CGL is making news in the diocese, and a number of CWL councils are interested in having a CGL in their parishes.



The March edition of the ON-Line Newsletter will feature councils

from the Toronto Diocese and the Christian Family Life Standing Committee.

Stay Tuned!



St. Mark CWL, Prescott, celebrated their annual pin celebrations and potluck with mass at St. Mark's church. Following mass everyone was treated to a delicious potluck supper at the parish hall. After supper, President Brenda Wardrop, Organization Chairperson Patricia Warren, and Spiritual Advisor Father Brent Brennan presented CWL pins to ladies from brand

new members to some with 70 years' service to the CWL."



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One of the members of **St. Gregory the Great** Council in Picton, is a faithful knitter. Recently, Joan Lent (l) worked tirelessly to knit 'therapeutic muffs' for distribution to local nursing homes and to individuals. These colourful creations help people calm their minds and occupy their hands; they are especially useful for patients with dementia who often feel agitated. A variety of wools and bright objects carefully attached provide something for busy hands to handle. To date, Joan has made over 40 muffs – a true labour of love and evidence of the corporal works of mercy!

This project was brought to the council's attention by Bea Papiz (r). The muffs originated with women at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario. Here is a link to the program and the originators of the craft:

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/elbowgate-the-trump-effect-inattentive-deafness-gore-vidal-1.3589053/comfort-and-warmth-for-people-suffering-from-dementia-1.3589063>

Here is a link to directions for making these items (from St. Joseph's Hospital):

<https://www.sjhc.london.on.ca/our-stories/hand-muffs-dementia/therapeutic-hand-muffs>



The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) was outwardly celebrated by **St. Mark/Sacred Heart** in Prescott. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held high by Father Brennan and followed by Deacon Larry Judge through the streets of Prescott on Sunday, May 29th, 2016. The Catholic Women's League attended the celebration. After the procession, everyone was treated to a barbecue outside the Parish Hall."

