

OPC of CWL Annual Convention 2015
Pembroke Diocesan Report
Pat Weller, President

Members of Pembroke Diocese continued to support local food banks for their social justice project.

With "One Heart" we showed our love for those less fortunate as each council gave generously of their time and resources.

With "One Voice" members spoke in support of their local food banks and in their desire to end hunger, the root causes of which are far more complicated than merely a lack of food. Helping to fill the shelves of the food bank is only a start to solving the problem but like a bleeding wound, we must dress the wound before the healing can begin. We can look at our food donations as a dressing. The healing begins when we give lovingly to those in need and seek ways to reduce the need for dependence on food banks.

With "One Mission" members responded with action. The collection at our diocesan convention was directed to two needs, the St. Joseph food bank and the St. Vincent de Paul Society's soup kitchen, both serving the needs of the Pembroke area. Two members from our diocesan council and other members from local parish councils are among the many volunteers serving at the soup kitchen. These women have committed their time, talent, love and smiles in serving those who come to be fed. This loving support is carried out throughout the diocese.

To keep a fire burning, we must keep adding fuel. The fuel for our social justice project is food and love for those less fortunate. If we could all follow Jesus' commandment, to love one another as we love ourselves, our social justice issues would be on the path to healing.

Respectfully submitted