

**Oral Presentation – Provincial Convention  
Niagara Falls, ON - July 2016  
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**Give one highlight of the social justice project showing how it exemplifies the theme of “One Heart, One Voice, One Mission”.**

Good morning/afternoon!

At every London Diocesan Convention, we have the crowning of Mary. What makes this so very special is that every member from every London Diocesan Council has the opportunity to participate in this project. This year we asked the councils, giving them plenty of notice, to start collecting items to give to the recipients. This year personal toiletries, shampoo, soaps, hygiene products etc. were collected by all the councils and were distributed to four (4) worthy organizations in the London Area – (1) My Sister’s Place, (2) Woman’s Place, St. Thomas, (3) Women’s Community House, London and (4) Woman’s Rural Resource Centre in Strathroy.

During the prayers of the crowning of Mary, which one of the Executives leads, each Regional Chairperson at a designated time heads the procession of all the Presidents in her Region bearing some of the gifts, to our Sacred place in the convention centre. The Regional Chairperson puts a flower in a vase in front of our beloved Mother, while the Presidents bring forth their council gifts...usually too much to carry. Many have boxes which they produce at another time to be given to the designated organizations. The amount of gifts is astounding if you can imagine seven regional chairpersons and the Presidents of 98 Councils, if they are all in attendance, processing up their donations. The culmination comes when the President crowns our Blessed Mother and needs to carefully weave her way around all the bounty surrounding Mother Mary.

This ceremony reflects how even the largest Diocese in the Province of Ontario, I’m sorry, in all of Canada, can still communicate **Our Mission** and reach out to others by their generous donations. Our sisters in the League can empathize with other women who are not as fortunate and give from **Their Hearts** as we pray with **One Voice** to our Blessed Mother... our Lady of Good Counsel.