

One two one two If I can do it so can you!!

A catchy little phrase that keeps popping up in my head as I reflect on the wonderful work being done in the diocese of Alexandria Cornwall.

My Title of Mary is Queen of all Saints!

Saint is a French word meaning Holy!

Holy means to be devoted to God!

So yes a very profound and correct Title for the most loved Mother of Jesus.

The women from the 9 Councils of Alexandria/Cornwall have responded as, a loving mother would to the Theme of Homelessness. When a person is suffering without food or love our motherly instinct pushes us to want to help!

At our Fall General meeting we out of the blue decided to be a Hunger Hero! And by passing a basket we were able to collect enough funds to feed 150+ people for two days at our local food bank called the Agape Centre!

At Our Advent Retreat with over 75 members in attendance we invited Joanna Sisk Community Life Chair on Provincial! Joanna was amazing and gave us a great presentation on the work she does with the Homeless in the Ottawa area. Her presentation included videos of interviews with persons living on the streets along with stories of her job experiences in helping adults on the Streets. What an inspiration and a great gift of love she is!! Strength was definitely part of your job description!

For our Spring Retreat we invited a young man who grew up homeless and came from an abusive family. He shared some of his experiences living in a school furnace room and violent neighborhoods He was one of the luckier people who got that break out of this dark place. Found himself a wife who believed in him and went on to get himself an education. He became a financial advisor and is now taken upon himself to give back by helping local teens and young adults. Giving them a glimpse of hope! Again the Holy Spirit let him to us as to opening our eyes to the need for change and prayer for the Homeless.

So Madam President Yes our Diocese has taken your theme very seriously and has done their best to get educated, donated to food banks, shared what they have extra when possible! The League members are trying to imitate the Queen of Saints in seeing the good in everyone! Homelessness has many faces, youth on the streets, runaways who have been abused, and adults with Mental Health issues who can't tend for themselves, aging persons in the Nursing homes whom have been forgotten! So thank you Anne for bringing these people of God to our Attention and let us help out when able to.

Let's not be that person who judges, but that person that or brothers and sisters can count on. The smile, the few coins, the food that we may have extra! Everything counts!

Pope Francis says: " To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us!"

