

**Ontario Provincial Council of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

Oral report for the Convention - July 9th to 12th, 2018

Mary, Mother of God, is often thought of as the Greatest of all Christian Saints. Her selflessness and willingness to serve God in any way He saw fit is truly an inspiration.

The Hearst Diocesan council has served the homeless in the many ways a Mother would serve her children.

My report today is based on **Mary, Mother of God**.

We have worked to help end domestic and sexual abuse against women through **campaigns against pornography and domestic violence**.

Our councils have provided **hygiene and other personal care products to local women's shelters** through the monthly contributions of our members.

As a Mother would strive to make sure her children are safe in any situation we have also **donated various care items to the Ontario Provincial Police to be used in the case of accidents**.

Our councils have prepared **hot "Friday" meals for school children** as well as **contributed to our local Food Banks, both in our parishes and our communities**.

Various councils in our Diocese have participated in the **"Homeless Purse Project"** and delivered the results to women's shelters.

As a Mother would encourage her children to come home, councils have **distributed Spiritual books and literature** to encourage members to return to the Church. A loss of Faith is among the loneliest types of homelessness.

We **have gifted Grocery cards to many needy families** through Christmas baskets with contributions of the councils and of individual league members.

Our Diocesan Convention had a special guest, **a replica of a homeless person laying on a bench**, to remind us that each and every one of us is a child of God and we are responsible to help them in any way our means allow us.