

**Ontario Provincial Council of
Ontario
Oral Report**

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Mary Queen of Angels

The members of the Diocese of Thunder Bay have been the Angels of support and assistance to the homeless and unfortunate. Homelessness comes in many disguises. The lonely, the widowed, the abused, the elderly, the couch surfing teenagers, the addicted, the jobless who have lost everything. No matter the reason, our members have been there to help with open wings.

Some of the ways they have helped are by making "Blessing Bags" which were distributed to the local shelters in our 25 councils. Gently used purses were purchased and filled with womanly products and donated to the Women's Shelter.

One Council holds Monthly Hamper Suppers to collect items for the Food Bank. Other angels work at the Soup Kitchens cooking and serving and donating food items, while others work at the School Breakfasts for children who don't get a nourishing meal before they come to school.

A major need of shelters are blankets and bath towels which are purchased and donated. The Kenora Sexual Assault Centre welcomed the donation of funds to purchase new "undies" for the clients. Who doesn't love a new pair of under garments? Many of the councils have knitted scarfs, mitts, and toques. Some are hung along the streets for those in need. Several other Councils held coat drives.

Not to forget the children affected by homelessness, toys are collected and donated to the Food Bank. Gift Cards are purchased and donated to organizations to be distributed to their clients.

Please accept the Angel Feather Bookmark to remind you of all the Angels that work silently and cheerfully in our Councils across the Province.

Mary Queen of Angels, Pray for us