

OPC Convention ORAL Report July 15th – 17th, 2019

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(Name and Standing Chair or Diocesan President)

Oral Report is to focus on the environmental term chosen.

What does the word "soil" mean?

Soil. The upper layer of earth in which plants grow, a black or dark brown material typically consisting of a mixture of organic remains, clay, and rock particles. A rich soil contains many nutrients to nurture plants to grow beautiful and plentiful.

There are many different nutrients in the soil, just as there are many different talents and skills in the Catholic Women's League. It is important for us as Catholic Women's League members to be the medium in which others can blossom. We acknowledged and fed our own special "nutrients" by attending our retreat "Honour the Mystique in you" during Lent.

We were invited to participate in the Installation of Archbishop Michael Mulhall as part of the procession and brought words of welcome on behalf of our council and the Laity of the Archdiocese. This made for a wonderful and spiritual start to our Convention.

Then to continue our growth at our convention we learned about "Journeys to Justice" by Joe Gunn and also how to create an "Interesting Mix" by our Provincial Rep: Linda Squarzolo. We were enriched by the liturgies and fellowship. As our Catholic Girls League presented their achievements for the year we could see how we are nurturing our youth to grow in the soil we tend. They are the future of the League. After their presentation they were able to get their hands in real soil as they created planters at their own workshop presented by Nadia Gundert. Meanwhile attendees learned where the League is headed from our National Rep: Janet McLean.

When I first found out I would be incorporating the term soil for Kingston Diocese, I thought how appropriate as we are a rural community with many farms that nurture our common home. We look forward to enjoying the fruits from the "soil" at many farmers' markets, or maybe a sip of wine from grapes grown in our Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

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