

Madame President, sisters of the League

I am truly thankful for all my ladies of Peterborough Diocesan all 1801 of them. My ladies can weather any storm thrown at them.

The ladies of Peterborough supported the homeless project thorough the year, learning how the homeless folks weather the storms, of heat, rain and snow, we donated and supported them for all seasons.

Thanks to our Provincial President Anne Madden who taught us to open our minds and hearts to the homeless, for the past two years. This will be forever and ongoing project for us in Peterborough.

In Peterborough you find our ladies working as busy as a tornado in the kitchens for funeral lunches, first communion, confirmation and bazaars.

No weather can get us down from the fall north of Powassan to the southern councils along the 401 corridors.

Just like the weather, we here want to make a difference and an impact.

With our new theme Care for our Common Home, we enjoyed putting our heads together to see how we can do it at our April convention and in our own councils. Every little step, each one of us take will make a difference in our world. No task is too small.

We travel to visit and support our council's anniversary, fall and spring meetings, keeping our convention local in the Peterborough area.

During our convention I focus on Making a difference.

After each break the ladies came back into the gym with a 5-minute video from Mary Robinson Reynolds each clip is based on Making a Difference.

15 out of 22 councils present got involved by helping either with the meals, mass or just stepping in when I needed help.

No matter who I asked for help that weekend no one said no to me, I actually think they felt sorry for me I was just one week into double pneumonia and strep throat.

My goal is to make a difference in my diocesan by bringing laughter, joy, peace and spiritual to each of my councils. Together each person can make a difference. Just like when you wake up in the morning and see the sun shining your heart is full. The mornings that are raining turn it around to see without rain nothing grows, the same for our councils without positive support our councils will not grow. And of course, what follows the rain, a rainbow.

Every person in this room can make a difference, you do it daily without even known it, making a difference in someone else's life.

Did you know you can make a difference in someone life and not know it for years! Now think about that for a moment. Just always remember we never know what

other folks are going thru, so show patience, love and kindness to all. Treat others the way you wish to be treated.

I will be watching this week to see who really makes a difference.

Respectfully Submitted

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