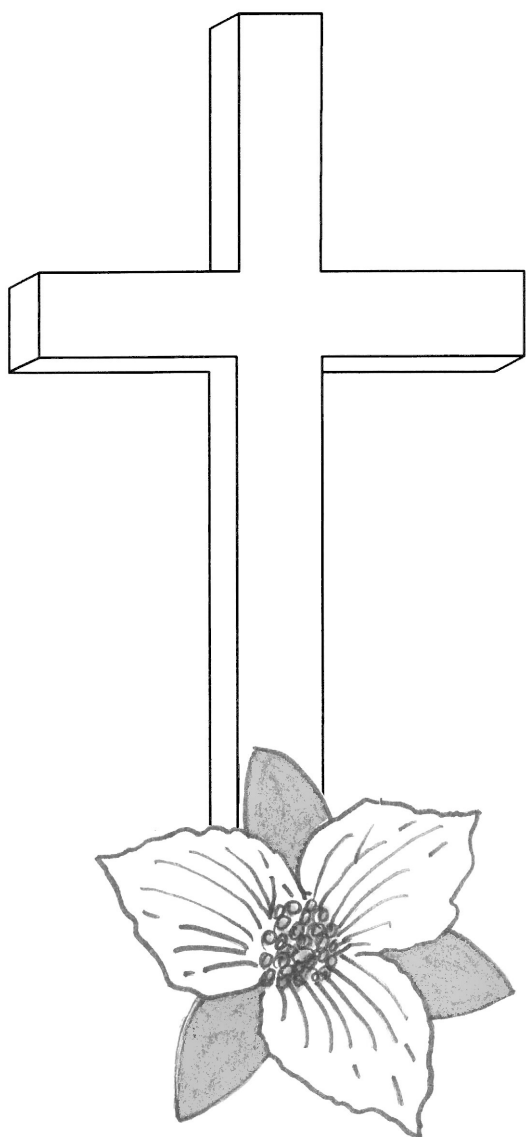


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Editor's Notes:

The *Trillium News and Views* and the provincial website: www.cwl.on.ca provide information on the League in Ontario. Beginning this fall we will have an additional source. Read about the monthly **On-Line** newsletter in the communication report on page 12.

The 13 provincial officers and the 13 diocesan presidents form the provincial executive. They meet in the fall, the spring, immediately before and immediately after the annual convention, to plan, direct and oversee the work of the League in Ontario. In this issue we profile the Christian family life chair, community life chair and diocesan presidents from Sault Ste. Marie, St. Catharines and Thunder Bay.

On October 11th this year we begin the *Year of Faith*. Bishop Colli provides an explanation of the purpose of this year and the meaning of the *new evangelization* on page 7. Links for further study are also provided in the spiritual development report on page 8 and in the education & health report on page 20.

This issue contains a report of the 65th annual provincial convention held in Kingston in July; highlights of the 92nd annual national convention held in Edmonton in August and the provincial president's oral report to that national assembly. The much-awaited national workshop *Catch the Fire* was launched at the national convention and you will find details of this in the organization report on page 10.

The two resolutions passed at the provincial convention are found on pages 26 and 27 along with action plans for members.

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Mary Lou

Centred on Faith & Justice ~Dignity for All
Ontario Provincial President
Marlene Pavletic

Sing to God a new song; skillfully play with joyful chant.

Psalm 33:3

Dear Sisters in the League,

Upon reflection, the past six months have been extremely busy in our province and indeed, across the country. League members were busy preparing and participating in annual conventions. These were exciting times as we came together to celebrate the good works accomplished. The provincial executive acquired timely information at both the provincial and national conventions, which we will now use in planning our year. We hope you find the information in this newsletter both interesting and helpful.

Kingston diocesan council hosted the provincial convention in Kingston in July and close to 400 members registered. It was both reassuring and exciting to see so many first time attendees who said how impressed and pleased they were with the program and the hospitality they experienced. The Kingston members welcomed everyone and went the extra mile to extend assistance wherever it was needed. Thank you Kingston! On a personal note, I am very grateful to the convention committee, the provincial executive and many others, who through their hard work, guidance and support contributed to the success of this convention. Your teamwork made it happen!

National convention was truly exciting for Ontario this year. A new national executive was installed following the convention in Edmonton under the leadership of National President Betty Anne Brown Davidson. In addition, Margaret Ann Jacobs and Shari Guinta were elected to standing committee positions. We are very proud of these past provincial presidents who continue to offer their gifts in service to the League and extend our sincere best wishes. We also congratulate Glenda Klein, who was appointed as the national life member liaison for the next two years.

President Betty Anne introduced the new theme for 2013, *We Have Seen the Lord*. A provincial sub-theme for 2013 will be announced in early October. The new theme holds much promise for excellent programs as we prepare for the *Year of Faith* and the *New Evangelization*. It provides opportunities to deepen our faith and to spread the good news. Scripture teaches us in Matthew 5 that we are the light of the world; *Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father* (Matthew 5: 16).

A new national training program *Catch the Fire* will be fanned out across the province and country. Using the metaphor of fire, the 12 sessions are themed after aspects of fire, which will both ignite and reignite love for the League. Trainers are in place to deliver the program at a Development Day upon request of both parish and diocesan councils. Parish councils, in particular, are encouraged to invite all Catholic women to this one-day program. National has released a PowerPoint presentation on *Catch the Fire*, which could be helpful as you plan membership campaigns. Our goal is to *Recruit; Retain and Re-member*. The National

Development Fund can offer financial assistance to host this event and cover travel costs for participants who carpool from a distance. The criteria and application form is available on the national website under *Supplies: Free Downloads*. We have the opportunity to sing a new song in promoting the League so please encourage participation in this program.

Councils are encouraged to donate to the *Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Bursary*, which offers support to seminarians. Further information is available on the provincial website (www.cwl.on.ca) OPC#4.

Annual membership campaigns for 2013 will soon begin. Online membership has proven to be a very successful and efficient way to manage parish memberships so if parishes haven't registered with national office to have access to this method, they are encouraged to sign up. As councils reconvene meetings this fall, it is hoped they will encourage members to strengthen their faith and to share it with others. Let's invite other Catholic women to feel the sisterhood and experience the joy of being a League member. We have been given the tools to make this happen. Let's prepare to sing a new song and to sing it far and wide!

Corresponding Secretary Glenda Klein

A correspondence report for meetings should include a record of incoming and outgoing mail by all officers, the spiritual advisor and the corresponding secretary. A folder or binder of correspondence may be circulated. All correspondence shall be available to the executive at the executive meeting (not necessarily read), but the executive has the right to decide that certain correspondence of a delicate or frivolous nature will not be shared or reported at the general meeting or convention.

Correspondence received by the CWL should be reviewed before the meeting. If possible, highlight the most important items: who, what, when, where, and why. In consultation with the president, choose and prioritize correspondence before presenting.

When reading from a letter, always start with the name of the person and/or organization sending the letter, followed by the date and then highlighted items. Items that may require action may be read as part of the report or received as an action item under new business.

Always have a supply of CWL letterhead and envelopes on hand. If your council has a special letterhead with the president's name on it, this may only be used for correspondence from the president or those authorized to use it on her behalf. Be sure the letter is worded from the person or body authorizing the letter (if from president, executive or entire membership). Do not use CWL letterhead for personal letters to government, nor say that you are writing on behalf of the organization unless you have been authorized by the council to do so. It is helpful to record the date of the correspondence received on the letter itself. All outgoing correspondence should be forwarded to the president for approval before mailing.

Spiritual Advisor
Most Reverend Fred J. Colli
Bishop of Thunder Bay

September 2012 "Year of Faith - Evangelization"

Dear Members of The Catholic Women's League:

As the season of fall descends upon us, we once again return to our routines and schedules for our families and work. This fall season brings some significant events to our minds as Roman Catholics. The first is the beginning of the *Year of Faith*, which begins this October. Pope Benedict XVI called this year of faith, not to seek out those who have no faith and convert them to Christ, but to challenge each of us, baptized in the Catholic faith, to deepen our relationship with Christ and His Church and to see how this gift of our faith is truly a special gift from God. This gift unites us to God through Jesus and it sustains us in our journey in this life as we seek eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

During this *Year of Faith* we will hear much about *evangelization* or the *new evangelization*. Many people have spoken of this and it is a theme for the future direction of our church. What does it really mean for us as members of The Catholic Women's League?

The word *evangelization* means proclaiming the Gospel or *Good News*. We hear this in Church regularly and we know that it is to be practiced by all who follow Jesus. We proclaim not just through words, preaching for example, but also through our deeds and good works in the League and in our individual lives.

The *new evangelization* is also a proclamation of the Gospel, but it is a re-proclamation of it for those of us who have already heard it and maybe have forgotten its significance in our daily lives. Everyone of us, lay woman or man, priest, deacon, or bishop, are all touched by the *new evangelization*, since it challenges us to once again dedicate ourselves with sincerity and conviction to Jesus and His Gospel message. We are all influenced by the world around us, which tries to distract us from the message of Jesus and from living that message daily.

The first aspect of the *new evangelization* is a recommitment to our relationship with Jesus. He is our Lord, our Saviour, our God and Redeemer. He also seeks to be our brother and friend. Our relationship with Him should fit into all of these categories. Is Jesus truly a friend to whom you can confide in your prayer and need? Pope Benedict XVI and Blessed Pope John Paul II stressed this relationship with the Lord often in their teachings and writings. The *Year of Faith* is a time to re-establish or strengthen this relationship.

Once that is done, through prayer and the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, then the next step in the *new evangelization* is to bear witness to this relationship in our everyday lives. We begin in our families with our spouse, our children, grandchildren and extended family. We demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus through our words and actions, through our outreach and concern, through our prayer and fasting or works of mercy. The *new evangelization* is not just a new term for our faith but a challenge to be undertaken by all of us. It begins with our link to Jesus Christ Himself. When this link is strong and healthy, we can in turn take up the challenge of witnessing with courage and compassion to the Gospel daily. The *Year of Faith* is a year of great grace, a time for reflection and a time for renewal. During this year, let us grow in

our appreciation of the gift of faith that we share. Let us nurture it with prayer, study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the teachings of Vatican II. Let us bear witness to Jesus in our love and good works. Then we will truly be evangelizers in His name.

Spiritual Development Committee
Patricia Rivest, Chairperson

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”
Hebrew 11:1

I attended the national convention in Edmonton and was once again so very grateful for this opportunity. Each convention has its own dimension, but to see and feel the empowerment of women, the spirituality of women and the gifts of these women, a national convention is where you should be. God’s many blessings were present at that gathering of women. I encourage all members to attend a national convention.

Please visit the CWL website, www.cwl.ca where you can review communiqués from the national chairs and find information regarding the past convention. We have a new executive and I encourage you to visit the site and see their various positions. Betty Anne Brown Davidson is the new national president. Mary Nordick is the national spiritual development chairperson. Beginning in January 2013, the national theme for The Catholic Women’s League of Canada will be “***We Have Seen the Lord***”.

The New Evangelization- Year of Faith – October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013

This *Year of Grace* is a time for personal renewal for all. The *Year of Faith* helps us to recapture again the meaning of the Gospels and how our lives reflect their message. It is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, encounter Him in the sacraments especially the Eucharist and rediscover their faith and their church. In this year we are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and to deepen our knowledge of our faith. We have an opportunity to experience a conversion and enter a deeper relationship with Jesus. May we dare to be bearers of the *new evangelization* in this *Year of Faith* and have a heart of evangelization that will bring Jesus to others.

For more information visit the Vatican site below.

<http://www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en/eventi.html>

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha – “Lily of the Mohawks”

Blessed Kateri is scheduled for canonization, inclusion in the Church’s list of recognized saints, on October 21, 2012. Kateri is a true patron for the First Nations of Canada and the United States. This *Apostle of the Indians* is our very own and we need to cherish her presence in a world that needs so much healing. Father P. Kennedy, President of Catholic Missions in Canada, wrote a beautiful article on Kateri (Saint of the Longhouse) in the Spring 2012 *Catholic Missions in Canada magazine* pg4. If you have an opportunity, please read this article.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha pray for us

Advent – December 2, 2012 – First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a new beginning for the church's liturgical year. It is a very special time of the year when we wait in joyful, awe-filled anticipation and hope for the Christ Child, the fulfillment of God's promise to the world. How will you celebrate Advent? Plan an Advent event such as a retreat; luncheon; tea or provide daily Advent readings are some suggestions. During Advent, treat yourselves to the gift of time spent in a few hours of reflection and shut out the business of the Christmas hustle and bustle. If you would like help in planning an Advent celebration I would be pleased to help.

Christmas Stamps

I spoke with Canada Post recently and Christmas Stamps depicting the Nativity Scene will be available October 15, 2012. These are permanent stamps, which means they may be used all year long and they will come in packages of 12. Please use these stamps and keep Christ in Christmas. Remember to write to Canada Post to thank them for the stamps and for remembering the *"reason for the season"*.

Reminder: Deceased Members - Book of Life

Please continue to send the names of your deceased members to national office as soon as possible. This will ensure that these names are forwarded to the provincial and diocesan spiritual development chairs and are then lovingly written in the respective Books of Life. If your council is registered to use the on-line membership database, it is recommended that you use this system to also notify national office of your deceased members. If this is not possible, send the forms by fax or regular mail. Please remember that the names of the deceased members for 2012 must be to national office before January 15th, 2013 to be included in the 2012 National Book of Life.

Dates to Remember and Celebrate

October	Month of Mary – Remember to pray the Rosary
October 8	Thanksgiving – Be thankful for life's many blessings
October 11	First Day of the Year of Faith
October 16	World Food Day
October 21	Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwit
October 21	World Mission Sunday – Share the Faith – Give Life
November 1	Feast of All Saints
November 2	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 21	Presentation of Mary
December 2	First Sunday of Advent
December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	National Day of Prayer for Aboriginal People
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
	World Day of Peace
March 1	World Day of Prayer "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" prepared by the women of France
April 26	Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Each day is God's gift to you, make it blossom and grow into a day of beauty.

Organization Committee Betty Colaneri, Chairperson

Be who you are meant to be and you will set the world on fire. St. Catherine of Siena

Summer has gone by so quickly and it is hard to believe that fall will soon be upon us. Meetings will begin and it will be time to prepare annual reports. Some councils get together to do their annual reports followed by a social time. This is a great way of helping each other so that items are not overlooked. As stated in the *Catch the Fire* “Energy” module, annual reports are useful tools to:

1. *Celebrate accomplishments.*
2. *Raise the pride of our members and impress our parishes.*
3. *Promote good ideas.*
4. *Attract new members to think seriously about joining such an effective group of vibrant women.*
5. *Inform the bishops, government and society in general about the work accomplished in a pertinent field of endeavour.*

It begins with a spark to light the flame. A flame ignites a bonfire. A bonfire can spread to light the world. This was the excitement introduced with the launch of the “Catch the Fire” campaign, which is to be used as a promotional tool. It was amazing to see members dressed in red, orange or yellow spread throughout the convention floor. These members, who rose with their symbols of flames and came together to make a bonfire, were each chosen by their diocese to become the first facilitators. Every once in a while we need to remember the fire within from the Holy Spirit that drives us, as League members and that it is important to pass it on to others and spread the good news.

Facilitators have been trained and now it is up to each diocese and parish to organize a time to invite all women to come to *Catch the Fire*. It takes us back to our roots and what makes us the wonderful organization that we are. We have to know our own story well before we can share it with others so they can get the complete picture of what we are all about.

Each module of the presentation has a reference to fire. Light the Match, Spark, Kindling, Light, Warmth, Energy, Heat, Renewal, Fanning the Flames, Hospitality of the Hearth, Pass the Flame, Wildfire. *Catch the Fire* will give you the knowledge and tools to be a fire-starter who will help someone else become a leader. It will also help you to love the League, feel the sisterhood and experience the joy of being a League member. Trained facilitators in our province include national executive members; members who allowed their name to stand for national election; provincial president and president-elect; two provincial future leaders known as “sparks” and two representatives chosen from each diocese.

Stay tuned for details of when this dynamic program will be held in your area. Be sure to invite all women from your parish to come out and learn about the League so they understand what we are all about and they too will *Catch the Fire*! This is a great recruitment tool. It has been proven that the best way to recruit members is to personally invite them. *Catch the Fire* is a great way to strike up a conversation that can ignite the spark that will lead to the fire. These are exciting times for the League. It is a time for all of us to reconnect, recommit and reenergize ourselves for the work of League. A time to be proud of all we have accomplished and look to the

future to continue the legacy of the wonderful women who have paved the path and passed the torch to us. It is our turn to *Catch the Fire* and to *pass it on!*

Congratulations to the four new life members from Ontario Dianne Denault (Hearst), Joan Gaensbauer (Peterborough), Kay May (Ottawa) and Shelley Tamas (St Catharines)

Communications Committee

Pauline Krupa, Chairperson

Sub-chairperson: Mary Lou Watson

"...learning to communicate is learning to listen and contemplate as well as speak. This is especially important for those engaged in the task of evangelization: both silence and word are essential elements, integral to the Church's work of communication for the sake of a renewed proclamation of Christ in today's world." **POPE BENEDICT XVI (Silence and Word: Path of Evangelization** Sunday, 20 May 2012)

Annual conventions are wonderful ways to revitalize. The provincial convention held in Kingston this year featured a daily newsletter posted each morning on the website for members who were not able to attend. They can still be viewed by clicking on the archives button. The national convention held in Edmonton was very busy as well. The daily convention newsletters are posted on the national website along with a media press release. We welcome the new National Communications Standing Committee Chairperson, and Second Vice President, Cecile Miller from N.E. Margaree, Nova Scotia. We look forward to communicating with her over the next two years.

After national convention, I was privileged to attend the 150th Anniversary of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Regina and Lebret Saskatchewan. Presently there are just over 40 sisters in Canada. In other parts of the world the order is thriving. Just over 30% of the sisters in third world countries are under the age of 40. I learned that the sisters were teachers, mentors and friends. They were able to call the near 400 who attended the gala weekend by name. To prepare for the weekend a group of the sisters knit and crocheted in excess of 150 prayer shawls, contacted former students and colleagues to add the talent for the weekend and invited the founder, Euphrasie Barbier and her guardian angel, to come from heaven to share her story. A highlight was the high mass celebrated on Sunday at Sacred Heart Parish, a beautiful stone church in Lebret.

During my travels over the summer I have taken special note of mottos that we read almost daily. I have been thinking a lot about them. What powerful communication tools! Here are a few I have read in the last few weeks....

Attitude for success - Respect – it begins with you and me (part of Thunder Bay United Way 2011 program)

Catholic and Living It (sub-theme chosen by Edmonton for the 92nd National Convention)
Treasuring our Past Shaping our Future (Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions – Celebrating 150 years)

Sharing Life and Love with All Creation (part of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions mission statement)

As part of your council's work over the next year you might choose one motto a month that "*speaks to you*" to ponder. If we think "outside the box" mottos can speak volumes...think about this as one example...how would Jesus use this motto to guide our lives?

Website Wednesdays – Ontario Provincial Website (www.cwl.on.ca)

Over the past few months we have promoted *Website Wednesdays* – a time for you to visit the Ontario provincial website. The concept is very simple. Set aside a small block of time each Wednesday to browse the website and then use links to catch up on other news. A "*How to Walk the Web*" document is posted on the home page to help you maneuver about on the website. The most recent postings will be listed on the home page with links to each report. This is a very simple way to stay in touch. In the past month all oral reports from the provincial convention have been posted along with the most recent directives from standing committee chairpersons. The spiritual development chairperson added new prayer services to the prayer room. OPC bulletin 5 was posted. It provides an action plan for councils with regards to the federal government's appeal to the British Columbia Supreme Court decision on assisted suicide.

Pilot Project ON-Line Newsletter

Each month for the next 10 months, an on line newsletter will be posted on the website. It is aimed at highlighting one or two different dioceses and a standing committee each month. Our first edition was posted following the provincial convention.

Subscribing to the e-version of the Trillium Newsletter and the ON-Line Newsletter

This is an easy task. Log onto our home page and click on the subscribe button for each. You will receive a reminder email to say that newsletters are posted. Should you choose online subscriptions and not require a hard copy of the Trillium Newsletter, please inform the newsletter editor so she can remove your name from the mailing list.

Pornography

This year the focus for the annual Canadians Addressing Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E.) campaign continues to be Internet exploitation and human trafficking. Over the past few years the signed white ribbons collected and forwarded to government have not been accepted, so this year a petition is being prepared for use during the WRAP campaign week. Full details will be found on the C.A.S.E website. The communications standing committee has "*responsibility for exposing the victimization inherent in pornography*." (Mary Nordick, past National Communications Chair) Asking members and parishioners to sign a white ribbon annually has been a small part of that activity. With changes in WRAP, councils may want to look at other ways to remind members to continue to oppose pornography. An effective way to start would be to study active national resolutions under this standing committee **2003.08** National Strategy to Eliminate Computer-Based Child Pornography and **2002.12** Child Pornography, or study the latest legislation on pornography.

Good Content

Encourage members to let their opinions be known to media networks concerning programming. Celebrate good content and chastise bad taste in programming.

Be League

National's on line newsletter needs "hits". It is posted the 15th of each month. It is probably one of the League's best-kept secrets. It's a great read.

Resolutions Committee

Anne Madden, Chairperson

Sub-chairpersons: Joleene Kemp, Bernadette Burgess

"I was a wall, and my breasts were like towers; then I was in his eyes as one who finds peace"
Song of Solomon 8:10

BREAST SCREENING TECHNOLOGY

Over the last 40 years huge advances have been made in breast cancer screening technology, training and quality standards. This has resulted in improved equipment and techniques as well as staff knowledge, expertise and image interpretation.

Screen-film mammography remains the most commonly used method of breast cancer screening in many places. It has been widely tested and proven to help reduce deaths from breast cancer by 25-35 per cent in women who start screening from the age of 40.

Digital mammography is gradually replacing screen-film mammography in Canada. This is because it is better at detecting breast cancer in women in their 40s, in women 50+ who have not gone through menopause and in women with clinically diagnosed dense breasts. Wherever it is available, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation encourages women to be screened with digital mammography. For women who are at average risk of breast cancer (approximately 80 per cent of Canadian women), mammography is the most effective and appropriate screening method. Below, we introduce other technologies that are used alongside digital mammography to screen women at higher risk of breast cancer – as well as newer screening technologies that are being developed.

Breast ultrasound is useful as an additional screening technology in women at higher risk of developing breast cancer or women with clinically diagnosed dense breasts. Where breast MRI is not available, ultrasound has a role to play in screening women at intermediate or high risk of breast cancer. Breast ultrasound is often used in combination with mammography and MRI to provide additional screening information and is also a method used for breast cancer diagnosis. The value of **Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**, combined with digital mammography, is a screening tool for women who are at high risk of breast cancer

Newer screening technologies include: **Molecular Breast Imaging** which is being tested for its ability to detect smaller, earlier breast cancers in high-risk women with clinically diagnosed dense breasts. It will not replace mammography, but may offer a more effective screening option for some. A clinical trial of this new technology is taking place in Canada, but the technology is not licensed for population-based breast cancer screening here. Other technologies are being developed which may help to improve the earlier detection of breast cancer in the future. They include: digital breast tomosynthesis, breast computed tomography, and biomarker imaging.

Thermography is not currently recommended for breast cancer screening since research has shown that it is not an effective way of detecting this cancer. No credible research study has shown that thermography is an effective screening tool for detecting breast cancer earlier or as

an indicator of a person's risk of developing breast cancer. While thermography has been available for many years, it is not recommended, by any leading cancer organization or medical authority, as a substitute screening for mammograms. Thermography is not licensed as a population-based breast cancer-screening tool in Canada (Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Copyright ©2012). "Thermography does not have the ability to pinpoint the location of a tumor for biopsy purposes. Consequently, for a comprehensive analysis, if indicated, an ultrasound and/or mammography are recommended to complement breast thermography if breast cancer is suspected" (sunleitehealth.ca/breastthermography.html).

Resolution ON.2012.01 Infrared Breast Screening Thermography, is urging the Ontario Provincial Government to conduct a comprehensive study of infrared breast screening thermography. Considering recent developments in computer technology and advancements in the thermographic industry, additional research and study is essential to confirm and/or continue to develop the potential of this technology and to provide a more effective noninvasive tool for early detection of breast cancer. Until further studies are undertaken, the leading cancer authorities recommend the following regime:

- Have regular mammograms according to screening guidelines or as recommended by your health care provider.
- Follow your health care provider's recommendations for additional breast diagnostic procedures such as various mammographic views, clinical breast exam, breast ultrasound, MRI or biopsy; additional procedures could include thermography.
- Remember that thermography is not a substitute for mammography and should not be used by itself for breast cancer screening or diagnosis.

Recording Secretary **Carol Richer**

As this glorious summer begins to wind down, our thoughts again turn to preparing for meetings; to beginning a new CWL year; to getting back into a routine and to trying to put into action all that we have learned from attending diocesan, provincial and national conventions over the spring and summer months. Having been heavily involved in our diocesan and provincial conventions, I found it very relaxing to take part in the national convention, not having any real job to do. Without having to give a report, take notes, or any other scheduled responsibilities, I was free to simply attend all sessions and absorb all the information, energy, enthusiasm and spirituality that truly filled the convention hall. What an awesome experience it was to witness the launch of the new League development program *Catch the Fire!* I look forward to being trained as a facilitator in the near future and to being part of this imaginative and informative project.

We warmly welcome all new diocesan recording secretaries, as well as those assuming this role at the parish level. Yours is a unique role – while you live and work in the present, the minutes you record now will become part of the history of your council. Does this suggest that you are part of the present, past and future? It certainly is a unique role. I again urge all recording secretaries to become familiar with all the resources available to you; the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*, the *Constitution & By-Laws*, and the *Handbook for Secretaries*. All are available for downloading from the national website. The *Style Guide for League Publications* is another tool which you will find helpful. It can be found on pages 109 - 112 in the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*.

Treasurer

Colleen Martin

Assistant: Elizabeth Bortolussi



The last of the Five Smart Financial Controls in the 2011 fall issue of Trillium was listed as 'Conduct an Annual Audit'.

In this article, an explanation will be provided for why this was not a good way of listing the control. Do you need a compilation, review or audit of your financial records?

When an organization decides to have its financial records reviewed, either on a one-time basis or on a recurrent basis, which is normally annually, a decision is required on the extent of the review to be conducted.

Many organizations talk about having financial records audited but do not know that this term has a particular definition.

Auditing is a systematic process of objectively obtaining and evaluating evidence regarding assertions. In a financial audit, the assertions about which the auditor seeks objective evidence relate to the reliability and integrity of financial and, occasionally, operating information.

Although a review is less extensive than an audit, review procedures do provide a basis for expressing limited assurance that the accountant did not become aware of any material changes that should be made to the financial statements.

To perform a review, the accountant must be familiar with the company's business and the accounting practices of its industry. Based on this knowledge, the accountant inquires about the company's accounting practices and procedures, financial statements and other matters and performs analytical procedures to identify unusual items or trends.

The objective of an audit is to provide a reasonable basis for expressing an opinion

regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. A review does not provide a basis for the expression of such an opinion because a review does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure or assessing control risk; tests of accounting records and of responses to inquiries by obtaining corroborating evidential matter through inspection, observation or confirmation and certain other procedures ordinarily performed during an audit. A review may bring to the accountant's attention significant matters affecting the financial statements, but it does not provide assurance that the accountant will become aware of all significant matters that could be disclosed in an audit.

The scope of a compilation does not give the accountant a basis to express any assurance, since neither audit nor review procedures are performed. Instead, relying on familiarity with industry accounting practices and with the company's business, the accountant helps prepare financial statements using data provided by the company. This allows the accountant the opportunity to consider whether the financial statements are appropriate in form and are free from obvious material errors; however, the accountant does not probe beneath the surface unless it is apparent that the data provided is incomplete or in error.

For most councils, a review of the financial records is required. The national council has an audit prepared; due to the significant funds received through per capita, it is important that this is done for assurance to its members.

Keep in mind, a review for a parish council by a council member with financial expertise is usually adequate at that level. Diocesan councils may wish to have an accountant volunteer or be hired to perform the review. Ensure the individual chosen is not on the executive or related to someone on the executive to avoid conflict of interest.

Past President-Historian

Shari Guinta

Welcome to any new past presidents that may have begun her term this past spring. Being a past president/historian is awesome. I hope you enjoy your time as much as I am enjoying mine.

The past president/historian shall:

- serve in a consultative capacity
- be responsible for archives and history
- facilitate the study and implementation of the *Constitution & Bylaws*
- perform other duties as assigned by the president
- be chairperson of laws (national level only)

There are two very important areas that I have been talking about this past year.

- 1) Encourage members to study *The Constitution & Bylaws*. This little book is so important and you as past president should be very familiar with it, but **all** members should have a copy and all executive members should read it and be comfortable with its content.
 - 2) Plan for elections. All councils need to be looking for new members, but also looking for women to fill leadership roles on the executive of their councils. We should be looking and planning for leaders well in advance of election time. If parish councils don't plan for women to serve and have a healthy turnover in executive members, this affects the League at all other levels. What happens in the parish actually affects the organization right up to national. We need to remember that.
- I forwarded a copy of an outline for elections in the parish to diocesan past presidents last year. Councils may want to obtain a copy. The *National Policy & Procedure Manual* outlines the procedure for elections and this should be followed at all levels.
 - Councils should not skip the election process. Often it is just agreed that certain women will take positions. This is not a healthy way to encourage leadership in the council. Although it means some planning and work, the election process is very important.

Archives are also so important to our organization. In travels throughout Ontario I have seen some pretty amazing displays of history in councils. Pictures, displays, photo albums and video presentations all preserve our history. Some people have a gift for creating the albums we enjoy reviewing at celebrations that we have at anniversary time. A past president might get some help in arranging archives. It can be a rather daunting task, but a very important one.

In her last communiqué, national past president, Danielle MacNeill Hessien said that she feels it is a "benefit to councils to create a council policy and procedure that will supplement the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*." I have been encouraging each council to prepare such a manual. The manual is a great resource to the president, executive and the entire council.

The study of History is the beginning of wisdom. - Jean Bodin (1530 - 1596), French economist

Community Life Committee Verna Lynn Bergeron, Chairperson

Sub-chairpersons: Suzanne Mullins, Linda Marie O'Hagan, Connie Parry, Annette Kelly

*"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works."
(Heb 10:24)*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: Human interdependence is increasing and gradually spreading throughout the world. The unity of the human family, embracing people who enjoy equal natural dignity, implies a *universal common good*. This good calls for an organization of the community of nations able to "provide for the different needs of men; this will involve the sphere of social life to which belong questions of food, hygiene, education, ... and certain situations arising here and there, as for example ... alleviating the miseries of refugees dispersed throughout the world, and assisting migrants and their families." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, The Common Good: 1911*) The dictionary defines refugee as "a person who flees for refuge or safety, especially to a foreign country, in time of persecution, war, etc."

Over the summer months, I travelled to Kingston and Edmonton to attend the provincial and national conventions, just as many of you have done. As I reflected on these travels, which took me far from home, away from family, loved ones and familiar surroundings, it made me think of the plight of refugees. Although I was away from familiar surroundings I was still in a place of safety, had great accommodations, an abundance of food and I was among friends with whom I could share my faith. I wonder if we really think of or can we even imagine, what refugees experience when they are forced to leave their homes, family members, and their place of work that provides them with their livelihood. Most times they flee from their country, crossing borders into neighbouring countries, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, and the hope of arriving safely at a refugee camp or centre made available by aid organizations.

During the conventions we shared our faith, our friendship and our stories. Our meals were provided for us. Our hotel rooms, with "heavenly" beds, were cleaned and refreshed each day. The wardrobe we packed for our journey allowed us to wear a different outfit each day. We were able to communicate with our families back home to tell them we loved them and most importantly, we practiced our faith daily. Refugees flee from their countries for various reasons: civil unrest; war; famine; drought; floods or earthquakes. Their communities are under some form of attack initiated by man or nature. Refugees live in extreme poverty. They often become homeless. Depending on their circumstances they can be separated from their families with no means of communication; have no possessions except for the clothes they wear; have no source of food or water and fear for their lives if they practice their faith. They are exposed to human rights abuses and become dependent on humanitarian assistance for their survival.

If we had to suddenly flee from our home tomorrow to whom would we turn to sustain our basic needs of food, water and shelter? Can we imagine what it would be like to lose our homes and be displaced from our community? How would we survive? How would we feel? How would we cope emotionally? God loves and cares for all His people. He hears and answers all prayers. Sometimes the answer to someone's desperate prayer is found in you and me. Jesus asks us to be concerned for those who have no one to care for them. As members of The Catholic Women's League serving in God's kingdom, we are in a place where we can reach out in love to God's

people to help alleviate their pain and suffering. We have Catholic humanitarian organizations that we can partner with to help refugees in their time of dire need.

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (CCODP) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) are two such organizations, which provide hope and assistance in meeting the basic needs of refugees. Earlier this year, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and CCODP announced a joint campaign to respond to the serious food shortage and drought in the Sahel region of West Africa, which is affecting 18 million people in six countries. A growing humanitarian crisis exists in the region. CNEWA-Canada is collecting funds to assist refugees fleeing Syria. Pope Benedict XVI has made several appeals this year for international efforts to assist the refugees as well as to encourage peace efforts in Syria. Both organizations are asking for our support. In the words of Jesus: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

The following stats are provided by Citizenship and Immigration Canada:

Canada operates a global resettlement program and resettles refugees from over 70 different nationalities. There are about 10.5 million refugees in the world today. Every year, approximately 20 countries resettle about 100,000 refugees. From that number, Canada annually resettles one out of every 10 refugees globally. The Government of Canada is committed to strengthening our role as a global leader in refugee protection by enhancing our resettlement programs, which is why the number of refugees resettled from abroad is increasing by 20% or by 2,500 refugees. By 2013, Canada will resettle as many as 14,500 refugees a year.

As a member of the international community, Canada helps find solutions to prolonged and emerging refugee situations and helps emerging democracies try to solve many of the problems that create refugee populations. To do this, Canada works closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Christian Family Life Committee

Mary Jane A. Yaeger, Chairperson

Sub-Chairperson: Bev Drouin

It has been a busy summer attending conventions. I hope you were able to attend the provincial convention in July in Kingston and that you came away with some good ideas.

I was also able to attend the national convention in Edmonton in August. Elections took place and the new National Christian Family Life Chairperson is Margaret Ann Jacobs. Congratulations Margaret Ann! A new theme was announced by the National President, Betty Anne Brown Davidson and will take effect January 1, 2013. She explained how we encounter Jesus in prayer, in the sacraments, and when we meet one another in community. Now is the time to tell our stories and reach out and build up God's kingdom, proclaiming in all we do ***-We Have Seen the Lord.***

A motion was passed to eliminate the national pro-life voluntary fund and to return the funds currently in the account to the original donors to distribute locally. This was necessary since many national prolife organizations were not able to provide national office with an annual financial statement, which is a requirement for any organization that is to receive national funds.

Members are encouraged to continue to support local pro-life organizations rather than forward funds to national.

Sanctity of Life

Be a part of Life Chain on October 6, 2012 and bring your whole family. Check out the website www.lifechain.net to find a location near you. Click on Canada and the listing will appear by province. One hour is all it takes to show our support for life. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada. If you are unable to attend you can be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer at home during this hour. Priests for Life website is another great resource. (www.priestsforlifecanada.com) Father Tom Lynch, National Director of Priests for Life Canada interviewed Member of Parliament, Stephen Woodworth. The interview is available on this website.

On June 15 2012, a ruling from the British Columbia Supreme Court determined the ban against euthanasia and assisted suicide was unconstitutional. This decision has been of great concern to League members. A letter expressing our concern and asking the Government of Canada to appeal that decision was sent from the provincial convention floor on July 10, 2012. This letter is available on the provincial website (www.cwl.on.ca) (click on OPC bulletin tab on right, then OPC Bulletin #5). The federal government is appealing the decision. Members are encouraged to continue to follow the outcome of this appeal and the ongoing euthanasia debate.

Marriage and Family

I am sure we have been attending weddings during the summer. Please pray for these couples as they embark on their journey together. If there were young people married in your own parish, send a card of congratulations or have your council purchase a membership in the League for the new bride. This is a great way to welcome her into the parish.

Ministry to Youth

Read the article in the Spring 2012 Canadian League magazine that National Christian Family Life Chairperson, Peggy Roche wrote about "Ministry to Youth". Previous editions of the magazine can be accessed on the national website.

Vocations

Check out your own diocesan website for information from your Vocations Office whether it be coming events, appointments, or just news in the diocese. My own diocese website has links to the vocations office and there is a prayer calendar that can be downloaded by month that lists all the clergy of the diocese so we can pray for our clergy. I am not sure if your diocese would have the same thing, but check it out. Something else to consider: councils in the Edmonton diocese spiritually adopt local seminarians. (*Western Catholic Reporter* 20 Aug 2012) Parish council members write to seminarians, who have agreed to be adopted, pray for them, invite them to CWL events and sometimes support them financially. What a great idea.

Education and Health Standing Committee

Marlin Taylor, Chairperson

Sub-Chairpersons: Suzanne Mullins, Carol Pitcher, Theresa McGuire, Hannelore Crawford

Education

There is concern regarding the proposed legislation announced on August 16 2012, *Putting Students First*. On the 28th of August, the government announced the problematic provisions in the legislation will only be imposed upon the Catholic and French systems, not the public system. The bargaining process currently in place in Ontario works when school board employers and employees can sit down together to negotiate issues best understood by those parties. School boards and their local employee groups understand the needs of students in their communities and have the moral and legal responsibility to represent their interests. All parties involved seem to have various concerns regarding the impact of such legislation.

As members of The Catholic Women's League, let us keep informed about our school system and become more involved in the coming school year.

Check the website <http://www.ocsta.on.ca/newsReleases.aspx> to read all about this current issue regarding the education system and government legislation.

Looking for information about your Catholic School Board? Visit the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association School Board Directory at: <http://www.ocsta.on.ca/schoolboarddirectory>

Adult Faith Development Opportunities

The following websites provide information on opportunities for adult faith development in the dioceses of Ontario. During this *Year of Faith*, members should consider strengthening their understanding of their faith by accessing available programs. The National Bursary Fund is available to assist members. The criteria and application form is found on the national website under Supplies: Free Downloads

Hamilton	http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/	click on Programs & Workshops
Kingston	http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/Lay%20Faith%20Development.htm	
London	http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/institute/	
Toronto	http://www.archtoronto.org/arch_offices/discipleship.html	

Distance Education

St Francis Xavier University (www.stfx.ca/academic/continuing/ministry.html) offers programs by distance education.

Catholic Biblical Association of Canada (CBAC) <http://www.catholicbiblical.ca/programs/bible-study-workshops/> Are you interested in starting a bible study in your parish, organization or with a group of friends? Don't let age or a lack of experience stop you! **Contact** Executive Director: Sr. Jocelyn Monette, nds: at: Tel: 905 568 4393
E-mail: catholicbiblicalcanada@gmail.com

The Catholic Biblical Centre Staff will:

- Assist parishes/groups set up and run effective programs.
- Provide training for facilitators.
- Help select and purchase materials.

The benefits of bible study in personal and parish life:

- Fuller understanding of Scripture
- Richer appreciation of the faith tradition of the Church
- Connects faith and life
- Deeper, more personal relationship with God
- Increased lay leadership and ministry within the parish
- Wider social concern and desire for service
- Fuller experience of Christian community

Health Information**Catholic Health Association of Ontario (CHAO)**

The CHAO 2012 Convention and Annual Meeting will be held from October 10 to October 12, 2012 at the Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville Hotel. Registration info can be found at:

<http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1090703-5dMAc1yBm2>

Cancer Care Ontario Update (www.cancercare.on.ca)

Cervical cancer is preventable. Yet, year after year, about 550 women are diagnosed with cancer of the cervix, and about 160 women die from this disease in Ontario.

Regular screening is an essential defense against cervical cancer. Cervical cancer screening can detect early cell changes on the cervix caused by persistent human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. These changes seldom cause any symptoms, but can progress to cancer if not found and treated.

Ontario Cervical Screening Cytology (Pap test) Guidelines

In 2012, Cancer Care Ontario updated its cervical cancer screening guidelines. Let us take note of the following recommendations.

The updated guidelines clarify the age of screening initiation and optimum screening interval. Cervical cancer screening is recommended every three years for all women starting at age 21 who are or ever have been sexually active.

Women, who are not sexually active by 21 years of age, should delay cervical cancer screening until sexually active.

Regardless of sexual history, there is no evidence to support screening women under 21 years of age.

Based on the latest clinical evidence, cervical cancer screening every three years is effective. Pap tests can stop at age 70 in women who have had three or more normal tests in the prior 10 years.

Legislation Committee

Colleen Randall, Chairperson

Sub-Chairperson: Bev Weiler

The next installment on our legislative journey is: How a Private Bill Becomes Law. The following presentation is available on the web site of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario www.ontla.on.ca under Bills and Lawmaking.

Unlike public bills, which pertain to matters of public policy and are initiated by cabinet ministers or private members, Private Bills pertain to special powers or exemptions from the general law and originate with the municipality, company or individual, which seeks the special power or exemption. Although the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly state that any person, group, or corporation may apply for a private bill, the bill must be introduced in the Legislative Assembly by a private member (i.e., a member who is not a Cabinet Minister). Usually, the applicant asks his or her member to introduce the bill, or, in the case of a corporation, the member for the riding in which the head office is located. Private bills start with an idea generated from an individual, group or corporation who desires special power or exemption from the general law.

The bill is drafted by the applicant. The office of the Legislative Counsel will provide assistance in the drafting and revision of the bill. The Legislative Counsel also circulates the draft bill to the appropriate ministries for comment. At the same time, the applicant publishes a Notice of Application once a week for four weeks in the Ontario Gazette and at least one other newspaper circulated in the area most affected by the bill. Notice must state that interested parties who wish to make submissions should notify the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in writing.

The applicant applies for the private bill by filing with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly: 1) copy of draft bill; (Legislative Counsel will review and comment on the bill); 2) \$150.00 fee; (Applicant is also billed later for printing costs); 3) declaration proving publication of Notice in Ontario Gazette and newspaper(s). Although not required upon filing the application, the applicant must give the clerk the following when the bill is ready for presentation for Introduction and First Reading: a) compendium of background information b) name of the private member who is to introduce the bill.

If the clerk is of the opinion that the applicant for the private bill has not complied with the Standing Orders, the applicant is referred to the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly before first reading. If the applicant has complied with the Standing Orders the bill may be introduced and given first reading. After first reading, the bill stands referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

In certain cases specified in the Standing Orders, the bill is referred to the Ontario Municipal Board or Commissioners of Estate Bills before being referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

The Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills may meet and deal with the bill after giving 5 days' notice of hearing. The member, applicant or applicant's counsel, and anyone who

has informed the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly who wish to attend, may address the Committee. If amended, the bill is reprinted. The committee may report the bill back to the House. If reported, the bill is placed on the Orders and Notices Paper for second reading.

There may be debate on motion for second reading, but this is unusual. Private bills are usually given third reading immediately after second reading. In exceptional cases, the house may order the bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House or defer the third reading debate until a later date.

The purpose of the Committee of the Whole House is to comment on, ask questions about and/or propose amendments to various sections of the bill. These proceedings are conducted in the Legislative Chamber but are less formal than under house rules and members may speak more than once. All members of the Legislature are members of the Committee of the Whole House.

The bill is considered clause by clause. Each clause of the bill may be considered, amended or deleted and new clauses may be added. Individuals or groups cannot participate in these proceedings. When the Committee of the Whole House reports the bill to the House the bill is ordered for third reading. There may be debate on the motion for third reading but this is unusual.

If the bill is given third reading, it then awaits presentation to the Lieutenant Governor for assent in the Queen's name. The bill is presented to the Lieutenant Governor for assent. The Lieutenant Governor assents the bill in the Queen's name (the power of the Lieutenant Governor to withhold assent or reserve assent has fallen into disuse).

When the bill is given Royal Assent it becomes an Act and is given a statute number (in the form Pr1, Pr2, etc.) and is reprinted. The statute is in force upon Royal Assent or on a day specified in the Act. Different sections may come into force at different times.

There have been three private bills that have received Royal Assent in this session of the Legislature.

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Remember to keep all elected officials in your daily prayers

65th Annual Provincial Convention
Kingston, ON July 7 – 11, 2012
Centred on Faith and Justice – Dignity for All

Prepared by Pauline Krupa, Provincial Communications Standing Committee Chairperson

Three hundred and ninety members, spiritual advisors and guests representing thirteen dioceses in Ontario, descended on the Ambassador Conference Resort for the 65th Annual Provincial Convention. Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien, Archbishop of Kingston presided over the Opening Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. The official opening ceremony followed with a number of dignitaries bringing greetings. The message of the evening was clear: Women of the League are strong, faith-filled advocates for all people.

Throughout the business sessions delegates heard reports from diocesan presidents and provincial officers. Each reported on one event, activity or issue that related to the provincial theme *Dignity for All*. President, Marlene Pavletic and Spiritual Advisor, Bishop F. Colli, presented their reports. The delegates viewed two video presentations prepared by Community Life Chairperson Verna Lynn Bergeron and Organization Chairperson Betty Colaneri. The energy and hard work of the members across the province was most evident in these videos. Two resolutions were adopted during Tuesday's deliberation:

- ON.12.01 Infrared Breast Screening Thermography
- ON.12.02 Prohibit the Use of Indoor Tanning Equipment by Youth

Both resolutions have been forwarded to the national executive with the hope that they will be sent to the other ten provincial councils so that they can become aware of the issues and take action as needed. These resolutions are found on pages 26 and 27 of this newsletter and on the provincial website.

Keynote speaker Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry Office, diocese of Hamilton, presented an inspiring and down-to-earth address entitled *Called to Serve with Dignity for All*. Teresa stated that each of us is important in the eyes of God because "we are." We have been given gifts and talents to use to do His work -our Baptismal call define us – we are disciples. Important as well is our need to balance all that we do; that is to take care of self, be mindful of our abilities and needs so that we can do our best to answer God's call.

In her message, National President, Velma Harasen invited members to stand strong, to not be afraid to take risks, to live the Gospel message everyday regardless of the consequences. Velma's update on national activities gave new insight to members on future national endeavours. Councils look forward to the launching of the training program *Catch the Fire* to be introduced at the national convention in Edmonton.

Luke Stocking, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) animator, passionately shared his journey and the impact that League involvement makes annually for D&P. He stated that these are "definitely challenging and difficult times." He asked for our continued support, to engage the government and to consider year round personal contributions.

Nancy Stevens, a Kingston resident, spoke briefly at Tuesday's luncheon about her *Kenya Help Project*. Her passion and love for the orphaned children she works with shone brightly throughout her talk. Nancy founded this project after her first visit to the orphanage in 2008. Every penny donated is used to "help her kids". The \$1,582.00 collected, during Mass at the convention, was divided between the *Kenya Help Project* and *Velma's Dream*.

Communications Standing Committee Chairperson, Pauline Krupa and Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson, Colleen Randall facilitated an interactive workshop entitled, *Walking the Web*. Delegates were invited to bring their laptops and other mobile devices to the workshop to follow along with the instructions. They moved step by step through the provincial website and learned how to use Google search tools and find useful legislation websites.

Josephine Lombardi, Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education and Director of Lay Formation for St. Augustine's Seminary, closed the convention with a dynamic presentation entitled *Year of Faith, The New Evangelization*, which will be a focus during the *Year of Faith* proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. She explained that "simply stated evangelization is about each of us knowing we are known and loved by God. We must reflect and come to know that we trust Our Lord and believe He is merciful so that we can be revitalized in our baptismal call."

In the midst of all the business, delegates still found time for fellowship and fun. Saturday evening participants were given the task of solving a most "dastardly deed". Over dinner clues were presented for the "who done it" – a great way to get members talking. On Sunday the group took the 1000 islands cruise on the seaway with a stop at the St. John's Parish, Gananoque. Monday evening, following the diocesan dinners, delegates danced the night away with Spare Change, a lively local band. The Gala Banquet offered a great time for socializing, the thrill of bidding at the silent auction and more dancing to music provided by Crooked Wood.

Members of the Kingston diocese were gracious hosts and went out of their way to make everyone feel welcome during their stay. We especially appreciated the sumptuous complimentary breakfast provided each morning in the Atrium. Good food, good company and a warm ambience - a great way to start each busy day.

The Closing Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church. Most Reverend Bishop Fred Colli, Bishop of Thunder Bay and Provincial Spiritual Advisor presided over the liturgy. In his homily, Bishop Colli summed up the convention by reminding us that by our baptismal call we are sent forth in ministry to love, care, share and give of ourselves to continue the work of Our Lord. Provincial officers reaffirmed their commitment to serve the members of Ontario, for another year. Members extended their hands in blessing over retiring Past President Margaret Ann Jacobs and thanked her for her service to the council.

Kingston Diocesan President, Kathy Huffman, passed the provincial banner to Michele Verdenik, Thunder Bay Diocesan President. Thunder Bay delegates extended an invitation for everyone to come to the 66th Annual Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay, July 7-10, 2013.

Resolutions Passed at the 65th Annual Ontario Provincial Convention Kingston, Ontario July 2012

ON.12.01 Infrared Breast Screening Thermography

Whereas, Thermography, as an effective breast screening test, is not currently approved by leading cancer organizations or medical authorities in Canada ; and

Whereas, In recent years, major advances have been made in infrared thermal imaging technology; and

Whereas, Thermography proponents state that studies show that the proper use of breast, self-exams, physician exams, thermography and mammography together provide the earliest cancer detection system available and reduces mortality rates; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in its 65th annual convention assembled, strongly urge the Ontario provincial government to direct the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to implement an immediate comprehensive study of infrared breast screening thermography that uses the technologies available; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded through the national executive to the other ten provincial councils, urging them to become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory and to act on it, as deemed necessary/prudent.

Action plan

- Encourage members to write to the Provincial Minister of Health and Long Term Care to establish a thorough study of infrared breast screening thermography
- Encourage members to monitor the Ontario Government's plan of action in response to the request contained in the resolution
- Encourage members to become educated and more aware of thermography and their breast health
- Sponsor educational opportunities by inviting guest speakers and medical persons to speak on the subject

Disposition of this resolution at the national level: The national executive, at their pre-convention meeting, accepted the national resolution committee's recommendation that this resolution be forwarded to the other provincial councils encouraging them to become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory and to act on it, as deemed necessary/prudent.

ON.12.02 Prohibit the Use of Indoor Tanning Equipment by Youth

Whereas, The Province of Ontario does not currently have legislation prohibiting the use of indoor tanning equipment by youth under the age of 18; and

Whereas, Exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) emitted from indoor tanning equipment greatly increases the risk of melanoma, the deadliest and mostly preventable form of skin cancer; and

Whereas, Melanoma is one of the most common cancers for youth between the ages of 15 and 34 and rates of incidence among these youth are rising significantly; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Ontario provincial council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in 65th annual convention assembled, urge the Ontario provincial government to enact legislation to prohibit tanning salon owners and operators from providing tanning services to youth under 18 years of age and provide and enforce mandatory guidelines for tanning salon owners, operators and users; and be it further

Resolved, That the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in 65th annual convention assembled, encourage its members to become informed about the dangers of exposure to ultraviolet radiation emitted from indoor tanning equipment; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded through the national executive to the other ten provincial councils, encouraging them to become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory, and to act on it, as deemed necessary/prudent.

Action Plan

- Encourage members to educate themselves about the dangers of ultraviolet radiation
- Encourage members to write letters to the Provincial Minister of Health and Long -Term Care to enact legislation to prohibit access to indoor tanning equipment for youth under the age of 18
- Encourage members to write letters to the Provincial Minister of Health and Long -Term Care to establish public education programs focusing on the dangers of indoor tanning particularly for youth under age 18

Disposition of this resolution at the national level: The national executive, at their pre - convention meeting, accepted the national resolution committee's recommendation that this resolution be forwarded to the other provincial councils encouraging them to become aware of this issue as it pertains to their province/territory and to act on it, as deemed necessary/prudent.

Ontario Provincial President's Report
92nd Annual National Convention, Edmonton
August 12-15, 2012

Madam President,

At the provincial executive meeting in February, Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Fred Colli addressed the provincial subtheme *Dignity for All* and challenged us to reflect upon our personal dignity. Diocesan councils focused on poverty. In addition, they reflected on spiritual poverty and brought spiritual nourishment through retreats and scriptural studies to their dioceses.

The provincial administration committee made recommendations to the executive that included changes for the positions of newsletter editor and life member liaison. They recommended the appointed role of financial advisor be eliminated. These recommendations were handled respectfully, with dignity and were unanimously accepted.

Ontario had 51,345 members in 2011. Of concern, is the fact that over 4000 members did not renew. This concern is being addressed so hopefully this number can be reduced.

Provincial council was represented at all thirteen diocesan conventions held in the spring. The convention programs were innovative, interesting and spiritual. While attending the Ottawa Diocesan Convention, I had the opportunity to march along with approximately 20,000 others in the Annual March for Life.

Government meetings occurred in March. Bill 13, An Act to amend the Education Act with respect to bullying and other matters, became a huge issue since it introduced the opportunity for students to start Gay Straight Alliance Clubs in schools. A presentation opposing Bill 13 was made by the legislation and resolutions chairpersons to the Social Policy Committee of the provincial government in Ottawa in May. Several diocesan councils forwarded written submissions. Members wrote letters and contacted their MPPs. Bill 13 became law in Ontario but we will continue to support Catholic education, as we have always done, in a way that is in accord with the social teachings of the church.

The Bishop Bernard Pappin Bursary is available to seminarians studying for a diocese in Ontario and is totally supported through donations from members. Six seminarians will receive \$500 each upon their return to the seminary this fall.

The provincial website is a valuable tool for communication. Website Wednesday is promoted as the day each week to check out the site. Directives and timely bulletins are posted. A trial for an ON-line newsletter was approved and will be introduced this fall. Social media opportunities are being explored.

In July, 390 registrants attended the 65th annual provincial convention hosted by the Kingston diocesan council at the Ambassador Conference Resort in Kingston.

Opening Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception with Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien presiding.

The keynote speaker Teresa Hartnett, Director for Family Services in the Diocese of Hamilton, presented an inspiring address. She stressed how important it is to find the balance between our calling and desire to serve, with our own abilities and needs.

Luke Stocking, deputy director of In-Canada Programs for D&P, outlined ongoing projects and identified the need for continued support in view of recent drastic cuts in funding.

We heard about Kenya Help from founder Nancy Stevens, who is making a difference in this third world country. An interactive computer workshop on how to walk the web was presented by the communications and legislation chairpersons.

Two resolutions: Infrared Breast Screening Thermography and Prohibit the Use of Indoor Tanning Equipment by Youth were adopted and forwarded to national for consideration.

National President Velma Harasen invited us to stand strong and to live the gospel message daily regardless of the consequences. Delegates heard about Velma's Dream and donated personally.

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, theologian and author, gave a dynamic presentation on the Year of Faith and the New Evangelization. We heard suggestions on how to personally embrace these themes over the next year.

Closing Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church with Most Reverend Bishop Fred Colli presiding. He reminded us that we are called to a universal holiness and are sent forth in ministry to love, care and give of ourselves.

A convention news flyer was distributed daily and posted on the website. The Kingston committee with their hospitality and efforts, contributed greatly to the success of this convention.

We are ready for the *Catch the Fire* leadership program. Approximately 30 facilitators will be trained and an ad hoc committee is in place to promote delivery of the program in Ontario.

Under the leadership of the new national executive, be assured that the Ontario team will continue its work and support of the League for God and Canada.

This concludes my report.

Highlights of the 92nd Annual National Convention

Edmonton Alberta 19-22 August 2012

Prepared by Betty Colaneri and Pauline Krupa

Members of the Edmonton diocese warmly greeted over 900 members, spiritual advisors and guests attending the 92nd annual national convention in the city of Edmonton, birthplace of the League in Canada 100 years ago. The opening Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica was celebrated by Most Rev. Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton and concelebrated by all spiritual advisors in attendance.

Keynote speaker, Chantal Beauvais, the first female rector of St. Paul University in Ottawa, spoke on *Spiritual Poverty*. In our struggles to deal with spiritual poverty, we might think it depressing, but it is actually richness because in poverty we are always searching and we are never saturated with God's love for us. She stated it is time for us to become more innovative in our approach to bringing people into a life of faith and challenged us to create environments where people become aware of their need for spirituality and the Lord.

As President-elect Betty Anne Brown Davidson introduced *Catch the Fire* to the assembly, women dressed in red, orange and yellow, rose from their chairs and enthusiastically gathered in the middle of the room to create a bonfire of paper flames. It was an inspired way to fuel the excitement for this long awaited campaign to provide basic training to all members.

Carl Hetu of CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) spoke about the work of the agency and stated that Christians in the Holy Land, though small in number, continue to maintain guardianship of the holy sites and of what Jesus represents today. He informed us that through projects such as Velma's dream, members continue to assist this minority group to fight poverty. The original project to support the Infant Welfare Centre with donations of \$16,500 to CNEWA surpassed its goal and a new CWL project– to assist pregnant women and new babies in the Shepherd's Field Hospital, with a goal of \$20,000.00, was announced.

National president Velma Harasen highlighted each of the conventions she attended across Canada and how moved she was by the great work being done by members. Bishop Currie reported on the Spiritual Advisor's lunch where they stressed the need to encourage priests to take part in diocesan, provincial and national conventions to see a different perspective of the CWL. He said that women are a powerhouse of good for the Church and that the Church needs women to affect change.

The provincial presidents' reports highlighted workshops and league development undertaken with a focus on education, legislation and leadership while keeping the theme of "Centred on Faith and Justice" very predominant in each. Members were there to "carry the scales of justice when justice demanded". We also heard success stories of filling diocesan and provincial positions after members experienced a convention. Saskatchewan challenged all the provinces to do something good with our pennies that will be obsolete soon. Alberta celebrated the 100th anniversary of the CWL first starting in Edmonton in 1912 and created a wonderful history display that they brought to the national convention for all of us to enjoy.

Standing Committee chairpersons each shared the good work of the League across the country. Velma stated that the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* applies to the League and may

lead to changes in the Constitution and Bylaws prior to 2014 when effected corporations must become compliant.

Motions were passed to close national voluntary funds for WUCWO and Pro Life and re-direct funds back to donors for distribution. A motion was passed that the League form a private charitable foundation in partnership with the Sisters of Service who will provide \$500,000 to begin the endowment fund to be used to provide leadership training for Catholic women.

Delegates adopted two resolutions:

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| 2012.01 | Criminalization of the Purchasing of Sexual Services |
| 2012.02 | Employment Insurance Benefits for Adoptive Mothers |

Delegates approved two letters be sent, from the convention, to the federal government:

To urge the federal government to recommit to contributing 0.7% of the gross domestic product (GDP) to Official Development Assistance and to prioritize funding to those non-governmental organizations, faith-based and otherwise, that are recognized for their efforts in serving the neediest in the world; and

To express members' deep concern about the conditions affecting the First Nations people on many reserves across Canada. All are posted on the national website.

Incoming national president, Betty Anne Brown Davidson announced the national theme to begin January 2013- *We Have Seen the Lord*. The slate of national officers elected for 2012-2014 are: President: Betty Anne Brown-Davidson (ON); President-Elect: Barbara Dowding (BC); 1st VP Mary Nordick (SK); 2nd VP Cecile Miller (NS); Sec/Treasurer: Judy Lewis (PEI); Past President: Velma Harasen (SK); Standing Committee Chairs: Anne Marie Gorman (NB); Shari Guinta (ON); Margaret Ann Jacobs (ON); Fran Lucas (AB); Peggy Roche (NL). These officers were installed during the closing liturgy celebrated by Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton. Homilist Most Reverend Currie, Archbishop of St. Johns and National Spiritual Advisor, spoke of Mary on her feast day of The Assumption. He stated that little is known of her, yet Mary continues to be our model of faith and a compelling figure for people worldwide.

Celebration of our *Faith*, using the rich spiritual programs prepared by Margaret Ann Jacobs, was the heart of each day. The daily celebration of mass in the convention room with empowering and uplifting hymns led by an extraordinary choir set the mood. The morning and afternoon prayer services inspired us: Pillars of Faith reminded us of the women who went before; in CNEWA we remembered the Christians in the Holy Land today; in Mary Our Lady of Good Counsel we were called to model her faith hope and love; in Women of the Bible we identified strengths and virtues that we should emulate; and in Centred on Faith and Justice we celebrated the work of members across the country being *Women Against Poverty*.

Fun and Fellowship was also very much a part of this convention as some members toured Fort Edmonton on Saturday evening followed by dinner and Scottish dancing and on Sunday others toured the Muttart Conservatory and St. Joseph Seminary where a chapel is dedicated to Our Lady of Good Counsel because of the generous donations of CWL members. Monday evening the child within us came out to experience the Penny Carnival; Tuesday members headed out to provincial dinners and finally on Wednesday we celebrated at the closing gala banquet.

The 93rd national convention will be in Regina, Saskatchewan 11-14 August 2013

Provincial Executive Profiles

Mary Jane Yaeger **Christian Family Life Chairperson**



Mary Jane was born and raised in Elmira, Ontario. She has been a member of the League since 1994. As a member of St. Teresa of Avila

parish council in Elmira she served as president, organization and social convenor. She was regional chairwoman and secretary for the Kitchener region. Mary Jane served on the diocesan level as chair of resolutions, education & health, spiritual development, organization, president and is currently serving as past president. She has presented the *Leadership* workshop and assisted with the *Healing Waters* workshop in the Hamilton diocese and assisted with an organization workshop at the provincial convention in 2008. She attended the training for the national workshop "Catch the Fire". Mary Jane serves her parish as Eucharistic minister, hospitality minister and has served on parish council and taught Sunday school. She is now retired after working for 40+ years as Office Supervisor in a high school.

Verna Lynn Bergeron **Community Life Chairperson**



Verna Lynn was born and raised in Kapuskasing, a small town in Northern Ontario. She is married to René, and has two step-children and 3

grandchildren. After working at the local newsprint mill for forty years, in the secretarial field, she retired in September of 2011. Verna Lynn is a parishioner at St. Patrick parish where her spiritual journey began in 1991. Volunteering in the parish office, her faith increased. The Holy Spirit entered her heart and gave her a new life. She attended faith education courses and became a lector and Eucharistic minister. In 2006, she was installed as a lay leader. She has coordinated events bringing together Christians from other denominations and the community at large. In 2010, as an outreach ministry for her parish, she undertook coordinating Operation Christmas Child for the community and is still volunteering in this capacity today. Verna Lynn's life in the CWL began in 2000 Hearst diocesan president in 2006, provincial recording secretary in 2009 and in 2011 provincial community life standing committee chair. Verna Lynn received *Catch the Fire* training at this year's national convention and will be a trainer for the Hearst Diocese. The League has helped her discover and use her God-given gifts and provided opportunities to serve God and His people. Verna Lynn feels blessed to be walking with her sisters in the League.

Provincial Executive Profiles

Thunder Bay Diocesan President Michele Verdenik



Michele was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba. Her family moved to Thunder Bay when she was 4, so she considers herself a local girl. She

graduated from Confederation College with a Business Diploma in Arts Administration and worked for 9 years as the Accounting Manager for the Thunder Bay Symphony. She has worked as the Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper for St. Patrick's Cathedral for the past 12 years. Michele has been a member of The Catholic Women's League since 1997 and has held many positions at the parish level including education and health, treasurer, communications, president elect, and president. On the diocesan level she has served as communications and organization chair. Michele's one joy in life is her son, Christopher and much of her time is spent with him. She also enjoys bowling and recently has discovered the fun of working out at the gym. In fact, she just recently completed her first half marathon; something she never imagined she could accomplish. She is very active at her home parish of St. Patrick's Cathedral. She is the coordinator of the parish's Children's Liturgy Program, the teacher/coordinator of the first confession and first communion class each year and is also involved in the music ministry. Michele is the cantor for the 8:30 am Mass, and is an accomplished flautist and has played in many parishes in the diocese. Michele is an "ask and it shall be done" person. If something needs to be done, you can usually depend on her to do it.

Thunder Bay Diocesan Council

The Thunder Bay diocese has 27 parish councils, 3386 members and 8 life members. We hold executive meetings in June, September, October and February. In October we hold a *League Development and Spiritual Day*. In the past we held these two events on different weekends, but due to the vast size of our diocese we decided to combine these two days into one weekend to make it easier for the members from the councils outside of the city to attend. The response was so positive that we have decided to keep this format. A pilot project this past March was to take our *Development Day* "on the road". We offered a *Western League Development Day* in Dryden - a town in the middle of the western region of our diocese. Twenty five ladies from 4 different towns came out for the day as well as the provincial president, 1st vice president and treasurer who are all from Thunder Bay. We had a very successful day and the ladies who attended were absolutely thrilled with what we had to offer. We will hopefully be able to make this an annual event. In February the councils in the city of Thunder Bay hold two joint meetings one with the north side councils and one with the south side councils. This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to join together in prayer and fellowship. Our annual convention, held at the end of April or beginning of May is the one time during the year when members from all over the diocese gather together and celebrate what it means to be a League member. Members of Thunder Bay have been busy for some time now preparing to host the **66th Annual Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay, July 7-10, 2013.** See you all there!

Provincial Executive Profiles

St Catharines Diocesan President

Wilma Vanderzwaag



Wilma was born and raised in St. Catharines, Ontario and continues to live there with her husband of twenty-four years and her two

children. Wilma has been a proud member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada since 1987. At her parish council at Star of the Sea, she held various positions including president. At the diocesan level, she has served as standing committee chair of spiritual development, education and health, resolutions and organization before becoming diocesan president in May, 2011. Wilma received her Diploma in Ministry from St. Francis Xavier University in 2002. At her home parish she was a member of the Stewardship Committee and attended Stewardship Conferences in Chicago and Toronto. Wilma is a leader of the Grade 4-6 youth group at her parish, a minister of hospitality and the Eucharist as well a member of the St. Ann Catholic Elementary School Council. She also works part time in the financial services field and is an avid five pin bowler that has represented Ontario at the Canadian Championships twice.

St. Catharines Diocesan Council

St Catharines has 32 parish councils, 2878 members and 12 life members. We hold executive meetings in September, November, February, April and June. Three meetings take place in the evening and 2 during the day. Mini workshops are offered at the diocesan executive meetings as a way to educate and inform parish council presidents regarding policy and procedure, leadership, annual reports and elections. We have 4 regions-- Niagara, Haldimand, Welland and St. Catharines with each having a regional chair. Each region takes turns hosting the annual diocesan convention that is held the last Wednesday in May. Each region also has an *Evening of Reflection* in October and a *Spring Conference* in April. In November each year the diocesan council and the Knights of Columbus organize a Mass for deceased members, celebrated by Bishop Bergie and followed by fellowship. We hold annual Lenten retreats at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, which is popular with our members. We host an annual golf tournament every September. In January, we offer a workshop with the theme based on the national and provincial theme for that term. A member from the provincial executive is invited to lead this workshop. Members from across the diocese participate in the Life Chain held every September. Each year the diocesan executive creates new initiatives to stimulate members and promote the League. Our website provides directives and information on upcoming events that are important to our membership. The diocesan executive is actively encouraging members to attend annual conventions at every level to better understand all that the League does for God and Canada

Provincial Executive Profiles

Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan President	Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council
<div data-bbox="237 327 558 648" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="578 325 737 405" data-label="Caption"> <p>Linda Squarzolo</p> </div> <div data-bbox="578 449 781 657" data-label="Text"> <p>Linda was born and raised in the Timmins area. She became an elementary school teacher,</p> </div> <div data-bbox="237 661 773 833" data-label="Text"> <p>taught in several Catholic schools in the Sudbury area and retired after 28 years. She has been married to Tullio for over 42 years and they have two sons, a daughter and nine grandchildren.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="237 840 792 1438" data-label="Text"> <p>She joined the League in 1975 and served at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Coniston as president, president-elect, recording secretary and chaired the standing committees of resolutions, legislation and education. She was awarded the Maple Leaf Service pin. She was appointed to the Sault Ste. Marie diocesan council in 2002 as chairperson of resolutions and legislation. While serving in this role, she assisted with four resolutions. One was adopted at the national convention. She has also held the positions of recording secretary and chaired the committees of organization, spiritual development as well as, serving as regional chair. She has developed and presented several leadership workshops across the diocese.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="237 1444 766 1545" data-label="Text"> <p>Her mother, two sisters, daughter and mother-in-law are all current League members.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="237 1551 768 1652" data-label="Text"> <p>At her present parish, Holy Redeemer, she is a lector and also co-chairs the parish social justice committee.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="237 1659 779 1797" data-label="Text"> <p>Linda is a fourteen-year survivor of breast cancer. Her favourite pastimes are knitting, embroidery, travelling and doing the work of the League.</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="823 367 1378 501" data-label="Text"> <p>The Sault Ste. Marie diocesan council is comprised of 34 parish councils, across 3 regions. There are 3756 members, 1 honorary life member and 12 life members.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="823 508 1380 930" data-label="Text"> <p>Because of the large geographic area, diocesan executive meetings are only held twice a year, in January and September. Following these meetings, the regional chairs meet with the parish council presidents to share the information with them. Regional meetings are held in November and again in the spring to offer workshops and/or guest speakers. The annual diocesan convention is usually held at the end of April. The regions of Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay each take a turn hosting the event.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="823 936 1380 1251" data-label="Text"> <p>Our diocese is unique. Not only do we have a diocesan spiritual advisor, but the Sisters of St. Joseph have been serving as regional spiritual advisors for several years, also. They meet with parish spiritual development chairpersons, and other interested members, to plan and provide wonderful spiritual programs for the parish monthly meetings.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="823 1257 1378 1570" data-label="Text"> <p>Over the last few years many leadership and public speaking workshops have been offered across the diocese. In 2011 “Knowing the League” workshops were presented in all three regions. This year two diocesan representatives attended the “Catch the Fire” training in Edmonton. We are looking forward to offering this program to our members in the near future.</p> </div>

Awards!

Celebrations!

Special Events!

Kingston Diocese

St. John the Baptist, in Perth Ontario, was one of the first Catholic Women's League councils formed in the diocese of Kingston in 1921. The occasion was celebrated with a 90th Anniversary Mass, followed by CWL members and more than 200 parishioners forming a circle around the church for a minute of silent prayer in thanksgiving.

On April 26, 2012 Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel Years of Service and Maple Leaf pins were presented as follows:



60 years Gerri Conlon, Jean Fortier, Jean Malloy, Mildred Pennett

50 years Evelyn Publow

40 years Eleanor Kehoe, Marguerite Milne, Jean Thompson

25 years Theresa Brady, Margaret Campbell, Edith Clark, Lorna Leaver-Kerr

10 years Jeanne Buckley, Denise Close, Karen Diotte, Sandra Echlin, Lorraine Houlihan, Suzanne Luciano, Miriam McCormick, Ann McMahon, Mary Norris, Georgina Scissons, Margaret Timmins **Maple Leaf Service Pins:** Marjorie Facette & Edith Lepine



Members with 50 or more years of service were celebrated at an anniversary afternoon tea held at Lanark Lodge, home of 77-year League member Theresa Cordick.

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Pembroke Diocese

At the 45th anniversary dinner celebration of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew, Years of Service and Maple Leaf Service pins as well as Certificates of Merit were awarded as follows:

Years of Service: 40 years: Lillian Ogden, **10 Years:** Elizabeth Mathieu

Maple Leaf Service: Berny Mortimer in appreciation of her 19 years as an active member during which she chaired the organization standing committee for one term and was the recording secretary for the past six years. Her flair for detail is impeccable, organizing skits for various celebrations in the council.

Certificates of Merit: Maureen Brennan, for her enthusiastic approach and commitment to the resolutions and legislation standing committee. Pauline Hughes and Elizabeth Mosco for creating a CWL room to house records and history books for the council.

Toronto Diocese

In December 2012 St. Joseph Highland Creek, Scarborough will award the following Years of Service pins:

25 years: Pam Canham, Yoshiko Huang, Jean Lewis, Suanne O'Neill, Lintoy Sahadath

10 Years: Carmel Rivet, Anna Falotico, Elma D'Silva, Marguerite Civello

Thunder Bay Diocese

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Presentation



Friday, September 7, 2012
Pauline Krupa, life member and provincial 1st vice president and Joleene Kemp, life member and past provincial president received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in a ceremony in Thunder Bay. These medals were given to individuals who exemplified outstanding service to their peers,

communities and Canada. Pauline and Joleene were two of the two thousand individuals who have been recognized in the province of Ontario.

Pictured above left to right: Joleene Kemp, Bill Mauro, M.P.P., Pauline Krupa

Remembrance and Prayers



Past Ontario Provincial President, Joan Durand, began her journey in the League as a charter member of St. Gregory Council in Sault Ste. Marie in 1965. By 1971 she had become parish president and was working on the Sault regional committee. Next stop was the diocesan executive where she spent 15 years in various officer positions becoming diocesan president in 1987. She was one of first to hold the position of president-elect after the 1988 Constitutional revision created the position. During these years she represented the League on a Municipal Task Force on Vandalism, the Regional Pastoral Council and the Catholic Centre Hospitality Committee, which she chaired for eight years. She was also involved with the beginning of a local chapter of Canadians for Decency. She worked on resolutions and had the opportunity to assist in the preparation of briefs to be presented to the Royal Commission on Violence in the Media and to the Legislative Committee on Early Childhood Education. She went on to present briefs to the Legislative Committee on *Full Funding for Roman Catholic Schools* and to the Ontario Justice Committee on *Sunday Retail Store Opening*. Joan listed her most rewarding experiences as those involving leadership training, which was her first love of all League work. She spent many years giving the *Leadership and Public Speaking Course* in parishes and eventually developed and gave a four-week program called *Leading the Ladies*. She wrote many booklets and papers for parish use such as: *The Diocesan Convention Handbook*; *The Officers Handbook*; *The Diocesan Policy Book* and *The Policy on Diocesan Financial Management*. The highlight of her CWL career came in May 1991 when she was awarded her Life Membership. Joan served as Ontario Provincial President from 1997 to 1999.

Joan, a mother and grandmother, predeceased by her husband John of 54 years, died September 7th 2012 at the age of 78.

+May she rest in peace+

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