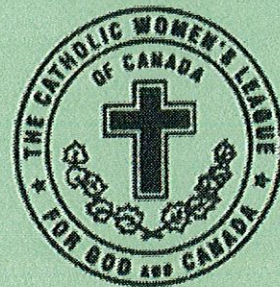
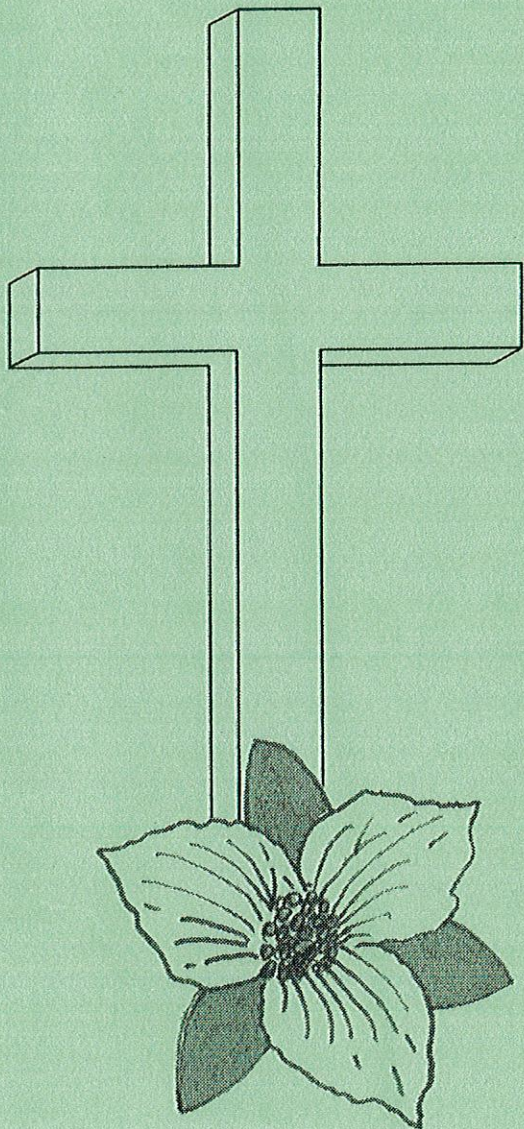


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**Provincial Spiritual Advisor**  
**Most Reverend Douglas Crosby OMI., D.D.**  
**Bishop of Hamilton**

**It is a great pleasure for me to encourage and promote the great variety of work being done in Ontario and across Canada by the Catholic Women's League. In addition to being part of the basic infrastructure of parish life, the League has taken a great and active interest in major national issues of concern to all Canadians. One can be truly proud of this commitment to bettering social conditions in Canada through a deep focus on establishing the Kingdom of God as proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**If you are not already a member of this esteemed and valued Church association, I ask you to think whether it might provide for you a forum in which to share your talents for the common good. This is the age of the lay faithful and the contribution of each person contributes to the welfare of all. Do not hesitate, but rather inform yourself at your local parish as to what membership in the CWL can mean for you!**

**As your Spiritual Advisor, I look forward to meeting with you regularly and to providing you with the best of my pastoral experience and energies as we work together for the glory of God and in the service of our beloved nation, Canada.**

**I invoke God's blessing on each of you and upon your families !**

**Ontario Provincial President  
Shari Guinta**

**Centered on Faith and Justice - Led by the Spirit**

The themes from national council have been stimulating to say the least over the past several years. Our new theme, stated above, that started January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 is certainly that. I liken the theme to our mission statement; ...”rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God”. Indeed.

I encourage councils to use the new theme in their good works and in promotion of the League in parishes and dioceses. Your provincial executive will be giving you many ideas and topics for discussion and action within this newsletter as well as in future communications. *I hope you will follow their direction as well as create some action of your own.*

*Poverty was the topic of discussion when the national executive brain stormed at its meeting in October. As we all thought about faith and justice, poverty seemed to be a part of nearly every topic we suggested; housing, women’s issues, children, violence to mention a few. Members should be made aware of the theme and councils should offer programs that reflect it. In addition, Christian persecution in other countries was also discussed and Pope Benedict formed a committee to discuss and follow*

*I do hope that membership drives have been a priority for parishes. It is important that women in the parish be offered membership in the Catholic Women’s League so that they have the chance to grow in their faith and serve the church and community in a profound and practical way. The membership drive in the parish is the basic way to raise awareness of the League and increase membership. It is vital for the League’s stability and growth. Tools are available through national office to assist you.*

*I also hope that many members will take advantage of the provincial and national conventions being held in Ontario this year. There is information about the provincial convention in this newsletter. I encourage all members to make every effort to attend the convention being held in Hamilton. I assure you it will be a wonderful experience.*

*We welcome Bishop Douglas Crosby to our province and to the Ontario Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The spiritual advisor for provincial council is always the bishop from the diocese of the president and since Bishop Tonnos retired in the fall of 2010 and was replaced by Bishop Crosby, we have a new spiritual advisor. We are thrilled to have him join us in this capacity and I know that he will do an amazing job in guiding us through this coming year.*

We of course had to say "farewell" to Bishop Tonnos and that was difficult but we offer our prayers and thanks to him for his total support and dedication to the League in this province and hope that Bishop's well earned retirement will be enjoyable. May God bless you always Bishop Tonnos!

## **President-Elect / Organization**

**Marlene Pavletic**

***“We live by faith, and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7***

As we began 2011 with a new theme, *Centred on Faith and Justice - Led by the Spirit*, established goals knowing that the strength we receive from our faith will help us achieve them. Our belief in the Holy Spirit and our Catholic values keep us focused on the justice in our communities and in the world. As we answer the call to service, membership in the League is so very vital. We need many hands to carry out the good work of the League.

The good news is that many parishes have enrolled in the online membership program. Memberships have been processed faster at national resulting in more accurate record keeping and monies being returned to the diocesan and provincial levels sooner. Parish organization chairs or membership persons are encouraged to request an entrance code from national and become enrolled in the online registration process. It's as easy as entering a code, typing in the data of paid members, pushing the 'Send' button followed by mailing in the matching cheque with the fees. Remember to write the code on the cheque. A phone call to national will assist with the process. Membership campaigns may be over but recruitment is an everyday activity. Membership numbers continue to decline. We continue to urge all members to participate in the recruitment process. Invite a friend to join. Revisit members who have not renewed. Give a membership as a gift. Be creative in your approach. Try something different.

### **Membership Gift Certificates**

Gift certificates are available from national office. There is an area for the recipient's name, parish council and the year for which the membership is valid. It is signed and can be presented to a new Catholic woman (RCIA), relative or friend even if she resides in another parish.

### **Membership Vouchers**

Thanks to Divine Infant Parish Council in Orleans, Ontario a membership voucher was created. The issuing council offers to pay the one-year membership fee at any parish council, anywhere in Canada for the holder of the voucher for up to five years. The council promises to reimburse the receiving council at its current membership rate on receiving the voucher. If a council wishes to use this promotional idea they need only to contact national office.

### **Increase in Per Capita Fee**

The proposed \$5.00 increase in the national per capita fee, effective January 1, 2012 is modest when compared to other membership fees. In the **United States**, the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) increased the national portion of their fee alone to \$30.00 per member in order to offset the shortfall in income. Diocesan councils will be bringing an instructed vote to the provincial convention in July this year. The requested increase is minimal and will help prevent a dramatic increase at a future date. The League needs your support at this time. Members are urged to support the per capita fee increase.

### **Development Funds**

Both the provincial and national councils have funds available for the development of members. Recently, national council has indicated that national funds are intended to stimulate leadership training and are not intended to cover the expenses of executive meetings, conventions or outside invited speakers. Development sessions are intended to help members grow in their knowledge of the League and to teach the skills required to do the good work.

National Organization Chairperson Betty Anne Brown Davidson sees the need to create a new “development discovery package” with which to teach leadership skills and to enlighten members on League possibilities.

### **Bellelle Guerin Award**

This award is intended for an “exemplary member...who does not and will not qualify for life membership in the League.”(*National Manual of Policy and Procedure*, p.29.)

**Life members should never hold a Bellelle Guerin award along with life membership.** Councils who are considering honouring a member with this award are asked to carefully read and discern the League journey of the member before applying. Review the application process on the national website.

### **CWL Activities Kit**

The *CWL Day of Peace & Hope Activities Kit* can be used when planning an activity on April 26<sup>th</sup> around the new national theme. Members need only replace the words “peace” and “hope” with “faith” and “justice”.

### **Policy and Procedure Manuals**

Often problems arise within councils because there is no clear policy to follow so it is very important that councils at all levels have well defined policies. The best approach is to form a committee to work on developing the manual. Provincial council has a Policy Review Committee who conducts a review and revises the policies at least once each term. It is very beneficial for the organization chair to lead this process. It provides a learning opportunity as she prepares to assume the president’s role.

### **New Faces**

Thank you to all organization chairs for their commitment to the League. This spring, nine diocesan councils will have new organization chairs. There will be nine new diocesan presidents. We need to be welcoming and supportive as these newly elected members take seats at the executive table.

Scripture guides our actions and our actions are guided by our faith. Know that if God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

***“We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him,  
those whom he has called according to his purpose.”***

**Romans 8:28**

## **Spiritual Development / 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President Betty Colaneri**

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)*

Happy New Year to all my sisters in Christ!

The fall had us witness Blessed Brother Andre become a saint. The pamphlet made available from Saint Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal entitled "Br. Andre. A friend. A brother. A saint. The story of an unshakeable faith" had the following paragraph. "His personal and inner spirituality was quickly transformed into a spirituality driven by openness and compassion. He greeted the sick, the broken and the poor in the hopes of bringing them closer to God. To them, and to his friends, Saint Andre expressed his joy and his hope. A sensitive man, one could often see him crying with his ailing visitors or moved to tears by their woes. Saint Andre was a determined man, who was unbending when it came to his principles. And yet, his eyes conveyed a gentle goodness and a twinkling sense of humour. The reason he was so beloved and embraced by his peers and his community is because he was so much like them. Saint Andre spoke so eloquently of God's love and that he planted the seed of hope in the hearts of all those he met. He gave them comfort."

In January, many vow to get into better physical shape for the New Year. They concentrate on the physical but what about the spiritual?

It begins with a desire for change. Any personal growth starts with our desire. You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. Next we must pay attention to God and not lose sight of His words. This can be achieved by reading the Bible daily. Joy will be the next sign of spiritual health. Theresa of Avila said, "She who laughs, lasts." Joy is the echo of God's life within us. Circumstances may bring sadness, anger or any range of emotions but a spiritually healthy person will still hold an undercurrent of joy. The next sign of spiritual health is a heart of compassion. Martin Luther claimed, "The more a person loves, the more they approach the image of God." Christians are particularly known for their compassion for others. The reason being that Jesus himself modeled and taught compassion. The final step is a balanced life for spiritual health. Sometimes we get unbalanced because life gets out of sorts by work or relationships.

Wonderful news from the Vatican! Pope Benedict XVI will beatify John Paul II on May 1, 2011. It seems extremely fitting that it will be done on the second Sunday of Easter, which is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Benedict XVI will preside at the rite of beatification for John Paul II in the Vatican.

"On January 11, 2011 the ordinary session of the cardinals and bishops of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints took place. They expressed their unanimous approval, believing the recovery of Sr. Marie Simon Pierre to be miraculous, having been achieved by God in a scientifically inexplicable manner following the intercession of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II, trustingly invoked both by Sr. Simon herself and by many other faithful". – A note released by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

On the Salt + Light TV website Father Tom Rosica refers to the beatification of John Paul II in his blog.



**Truly an amazing occasion to look forward to this New Year!**

**Growing up with Italian tradition we were taught the importance of “pan e vino”. Bread and wine have been the basic nourishment in the Mediterranean area for thousands of years. Because of this, there was great care given to the cultivation of vineyards and the art of winemaking. The vineyard is so important that it is used as a metaphor to describe the relationship between God and His people. God is the vine dresser, and we are His vineyard. The Father tends the vine and its branches. He prunes the branches of anything that will prevent them from bearing good fruit. This means lopping off branches that are dead or not bearing fruit and trimming others so that they will be more fruitful. The pruning may be painful, but it will also give new life to the vine and help produce a good harvest (John 15:2-3). Then Jesus talks about the intimate relationship that must exist between himself and us in the Church. “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit” (John 15:5). Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. A branch left to its own resources cannot bear any fruit at all. However the vine also needs the branches in order to produce a harvest of good fruit. The Lord needs us as well. If God is to heal the world, he needs our hands, our voices, our minds. God’s love for all his children has to be shared with them through our lives. The life of the Vine, Jesus, flows in and through each of the branches, each of us, giving us new life, enabling us to carry on Jesus’ mission and ministry, proclaim the good news of salvation, and bring everyone to share in the salvation brought about by the Lord’s death and resurrection.**

**This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:18**

## **Resolutions / 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President Pauline Krupa**

### **Greetings**

In this new year we turn our thoughts to happenings in our most recent past and begin to reflect on what lies ahead. For many seeing the other side of 2010 is a blessing and now we anxiously await what will be. On a personal note, I am so happy to have been able to resolve my technology woes and look forward to many happy hours of sitting at the computer completing reports, preparing directives and responding to emails. Now, if you believe that.....

In his homily this morning Father Terry stated that in our busy world we might better call ourselves “human doers” instead of human beings because we have lost the gift of leisure in our lives. Life has become so busy we have lost relaxation in our striving “get things done.” My hope for each of you is to plan time for you each and every day – a quiet time to BE!

In the fall we received a communiqué from our National Resolutions Chair, Anne Gorman, who reminded us to review the League’s resource newly revised Resolutions supplement in the Policy and Procedure Manual (Appendix 1: Resolutions) and Executive Handbook. Another important responsibility is for councils to look at the action plans for all the resolutions passed in 2010. She also reminded us that resolutions not accepted at the National can be brought back in a re-worked and revised format. Issues do not go away – there is still a lot we can do.

### **What is a Resolution?**

A resolution is a form of motion used when a proposal is important and involved. It is a clear, concise, affirming formal statement that can be directed at The League itself at any level, or it may be directed to outside groups, such as the government at all levels, institutions, businesses, etc.

Resolutions within the League establish policy and recommend action. Resolutions directed outside the League can influence others to take action the League itself can not take, state the League’s position on an issue, petition, express concern, a and/or show appreciation.

### **Why are we so afraid of preparing resolutions?**

There is no need to be afraid of preparing a resolution. Do we not present concerns, petition, and show appreciation all the time?

At our fall workshop, the diocesan resolutions chairpersons in attendance were encouraged to go back to their dioceses and take a good look at local (municipal, regional, etc) concerns.

An important fact for us to remember is that not all resolutions need to be brought to the diocesan / provincial / national tables. Kudos to those who took up the challenge!

One diocese generated a two page list of concerns at all levels. Here are a few of the “local” ones: more cross walks at nursing homes, affordable housing, parking passes for those needing cancer treatment, better safety regulations for those using para-transit vehicles, clustering of parishes, and the list goes on...I am certain each council could generate such lists, present the resolution and follow through with an action plan.

## **2010 Resolutions Re-Visited**

Two resolutions were passed at our Provincial convention in July and two were passed at the National convention in August. Each of these resolutions have an action plan that outlines tasks that we should act upon to ensure the “word gets out.” The resolutions committee at both the provincial and national level hold meetings with government to share our concerns. As members we can write letters to government and other agencies, I learn more about topics through the media / internet and hosting guest speakers, and help those in need. One example could be hosting a speaker from the Diabetes Association at a meeting; another might be to prepare an information leaflet on allergies and anaphylaxis that can be handed out in the parish. How much do you know about chrysotile asbestos mining and exportation? Make that a project for a sub – convener who can then report back at a meeting. These tasks do not have to be overpowering, but we need to keep ourselves informed.

## **2011 Resolution Topics**

As of the December 15, 2010 deadline the following topics were received:  
Privatization of Water (Hamilton Diocese)

Banning Tanning Beds (Kingston Diocese)

Making the Auto Insurance Protection better and more cost efficient when an accident happens (St. Catharines Diocese)

Organ donor application forms should be made more accessible & wide spread (St. Catharines Diocese)

Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias (Sault Ste Marie Diocese)

Limit the Sodium in Our Foods (Sault Ste Marie Diocese)

Raising Awareness of Colon Cancer and the Importance of Early Detection (Toronto Archdiocese)

Guarding Against the Sexualisation of Girls in the Media (Toronto Archdiocese)

Safe Water for First Nation's Communities (Pembroke Diocese – re-submitting)

We are grateful to all those who have submitted topics. As sisters in The League, we now share in each of these resolutions. Pray for those committees who are now hard at work writing their resolutions for presentation at their Diocesan and our Provincial Convention.

### **Government Visit**

This year our government visit has a new twist! As well as our one-on-one visits with a variety of Ministers, we will host a meet and greet reception in the legislative building on March 1, 2011 from 12:30 – 3:00. We are grateful to Mr. Bill Mauro, MPP, Thunder Bay – Atikokan who is assisting us again this year to book our visits and to be our official MPP liaison for the meet and greet reception. Earlier this fall our provincial president asked the executive to keep an eye on what is happening at Queen's Park so that we will be a well-informed group. Personal invitations have been given to each and every MPP in the province asking that they attend. Your support by praying for a successful visit is much appreciated.

### **Archiving Resolutions**

1948 was the first year resolutions were passed in Ontario. Since then we have brought forth many resolutions. It is now time to put them to rest in an official and prayerful ceremony. The archiving committee is putting the final list together and will present the archived resolutions at the convention in July 2011. The updated policy and procedure manual will reflect how resolutions will be archived in years to come.



**Recording Secretary**  
**Verna Lynn Bergeron**

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**  
**(Isaiah 60:1-6)**

When I began to formulate this article, it was early December. My husband and I had brought in our Christmas tree, and placed it in its familiar spot in our living room. The Christmas tree lights were strung and now it was only a matter of connecting each of the three sections of lights. We tried connecting the lights in all possible ways. But try as we might, the right connection was not being made, the lights would not light up, and we were becoming frustrated. It was only when we stopped aimlessly going around in circles, randomly trying to connect each section, and really searched out the power source that would connect all sections, that the tree lights became energized and shone brightly.

As I reflected on this, I became aware of a spiritual truth in making the right connection and finding the power source. How often have we gone around in circles after setting our minds on something we wanted to accomplish, and no matter how hard we tried, the pieces just weren't coming together and we were left with feelings of frustration? Then we remembered to tap into the true source of power, Jesus Christ. With the connection made to our divine power source, we become energized by the power of the Holy Spirit and His love flows through us as a beacon of light in a sometimes dark world.

At our fall meeting last October, a new theme was chosen for 2011 which was "Led by The Spirit". This new theme is full of possibilities for personal and spiritual growth. If we want to have success in any area of our life, or overcome any trials, the bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit, will give us the direction we need for accomplishment and success. (Joshua 1:8) Jesus provides everything we need to be witnesses to His message and the light for all the world to see.

In our position as recording secretary, we can arise and shine and be beacons of light as we carry out our duties. In the last newsletter, I recommended the purchase of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition" and "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief". Reading a parliamentary rule book may not sound like the most exciting thing to do, but I assure you, you will find it to be quite educational and it will shed light on many questions you may have as recording secretary.

“Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief” is just that? It’s brief. It serves as an introduction to “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition” which contains the complete rules of parliamentary procedure. “In Brief” suggests that if you have about 30 minutes read Chapters 2 to 4. If you have 45 minutes read Chapters 2 to 6. If you have 90 minutes read Chapters 1 to 11. These chapters are contained in six parts. Part 1 deals with “Why Have Rules?” Part II – “So You’re Going to a Meeting”; Part III – “Voting and Elections”; Part IV – “Bylaws and Other Rules and How to Use Them”; Part V – “Beyond the Basics”; and Part VI – “So You’ve Been Elected (or Appointed)”. The book also includes six tables: Handling Motions as Chair; When Chair Stands and Sits; Conducting a Meeting as Chair; Table of Rules Relating to Motions; and Words to Use as a Member.

As we graciously welcome a new year, I pray that we allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, and that we let the light of Christ shine in our lives. May we lovingly walk together in service to Our Lord and His people, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Arise ... shine!

#### **Prayer for Guidance and Light**

**O Lord, help me to be a light to the world. But if I cannot be a light to the world, help me to light a candle in someone. But if I cannot light a candle in someone, help me to be open so that someone may light a candle in me. Amen**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Lucy Rolland and Jeannie Coleman were recently presented with the Maple Leaf pin at a ceremony in Cornwall. These ladies are passionate about their involvement in the League and are always raring to go when a project is in the works. How fitting that two close friends should be.

**Treasurer  
Glenda Klein**

**Almighty God, you have called each of us to act on social justice issues, ensuring a better life for all. Inspire us through our faith in this work for justice. Amen.**

In this article I would like to address the issue of “copyright”. It is a subject that should concern all of us, but specifically treasurers who are the front-row stewards of CWL finances. When copyright permission is not granted by licence, our CWL funds are threatened by prosecution.

There are many misconceptions out there about what this means. A dictionary definition of “copyright” may be used with proper referencing without copyright permission. In accessing Canadian Copyright Law at the website <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/C-42/index.html>, which interestingly enough, falls under the Department of Justice, the definition is extremely lengthy and the paper trail is even longer and maze-like. So here is the no-name shortened version of what might affect our activities and how we can respond.

Adherence to copyright laws is mandatory. Besides the issue of liability, we have a moral responsibility to ensure that creators are recognized and compensated for their work. This applies to publishing, reproducing, performing or distributing these works. Permission must be sought to reproduce copyrighted music, lyrics, artwork, software and prayer services for circulation and a licence must be acquired, except for those materials which fall under the public domain. The person requesting the copyright should complete the copyright report(s) following the event(s). Two well-used licence sites are: [www.licensingonline.org](http://www.licensingonline.org) and [www.onellicence.net](http://www.onellicence.net). As part of the licencing agreement, copyright permission information must be displayed immediately following the work or at the end of a multi-paged booklet (exactly as directed by the licencer), or the copyright is not valid. All invoices for the use of these materials should be forwarded to your treasurer for payment. Sometimes it is just easier to use our actual hymn books, for which copyright has already been paid.

Much music (and possibly other materials as well) more than 50 years old fall under the “public domain”, i.e., the copyright has expired and we are allowed to use this with no further charge. This must be investigated separately for lyrics and music in each case. In your search, visit <http://www.pdinfo.com>. These materials must still give credit to the creator(s). The Bible is in the public domain, and may be referenced following the quote in parenthesis by using the book, chapter, verse, optionally followed by the translation, e.g., (Rom 10:17) or (Romans 10:17 NRSV). These letters are for New Revised Standard Version – check the net for other versions.

These rules not only apply at our conventions, but also to materials used at our local meetings. Playing a CD constitutes a performance, so hotels and our local halls are obliged to collect fees on behalf of the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN). Their website states, “Buying a CD or other recording only gives you the right to listen to it in private. The public performance of these musical works is subject to copyright law and therefore requires a SOCAN licence.” This permission may be granted through SOCAN at their website <http://www.socan.ca/jsp/en/pub/index.jsp>. Are you acting justly?

**Past President/Historian  
Margaret Ann Jacobs**

**“So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to ... Your hearts and minds must be made completely new, and you must put on the new self, which is created in God’s likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy.”  
Ephesians 4.22-24**

**At this time I reflect on the many challenges affecting us daily – personal issues of health, economics, and loneliness; national issues of inequality, disharmony, and isolation; and global issues of destruction, devastation, and injustice.**

**How do we respond to these challenges facing us daily? It would be so easy to become overwhelmed and disheartened. Through the power of God and the support, encouragement, and strength of our League sisters, we are able to respond to our daily challenges and indeed be the catalyst which allows so many others to grow in love and service. It is time to “... put on the new self ...” so that we can transition from being Women of Peace and Hope to Women Centred on Faith and Justice. How can we focus our work as past presidents/historians on faith and justice?**

**As past presidents, we must have faith in the future of the League – faith that our membership will remain strong and grow; faith that members elected to office were chosen by God for their specific roles; faith that the careful planning we do will result in fulfilling the needs of our members; faith that when we reach out to others in service, we indeed are responding to others’ right to justice.**

**While parish council elections are over, diocesan elections are underway in nine (9) dioceses this year. As past president, you will be familiar with many members who are eligible for election. Encourage and affirm them. The League needs good people to fill executive positions. If you are eligible for office, consider prayerfully the opportunity God is extending to you to serve. Only you know the time you have available and the personal gifts you have to bring to the League.**

**As past president, you will most likely be chairing the nominations and elections committee. Careful planning is essential for the process to run smoothly. Discretion is extremely important. You must hold in strict confidentiality the names of those running for office, the offices for which they have allowed their name to stand and the instructed vote registered.**

**This is also an election year for provincial council. Each diocese has been given a list of members eligible for office and has been asked to pray for and encourage these members to discern their call to service. Take the time to reach out to these members and affirm the work that they have already done “for God and Canada”.**

**Since the nine newly elected diocesan presidents will not have had the opportunity to work with those members eligible for provincial council, it will be extremely important for all members of each diocesan executive to learn about all those on the acceptance list and prepare carefully for the instructed vote taken in each diocese. Plan for subsequent votes should more than one ballot be required.**

**As your term of office (diocesan) draws to a close, it is time to put your files in order. Check carefully the correspondence that you have received concerning what and how this is to be done. It is extremely important that we keep material that sheds light on our organization and its activities. Think about what will be interesting for people to read a hundred years from now and keep that material for posterity.**

**For those leaving an active executive role, ponder what a privilege it has been to have been called to serve God and Canada in so many unique and challenging ways and what you have learned and shared with fellow League sisters – women of peace and hope, centred on faith and justice.**



**Christian Family Life**  
**Annette Kelly**

**“Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others.”**

**1 Peter 4:10**

**On the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2009, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution A/RES/64/134 proclaiming the year commencing on 12 August 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding. The Year will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the first International Youth Year in 1985 on the theme Participation, Development and Peace. Everyone is invited to promote the ideals of peace, freedom, progress and solidarity towards the promotion of youth development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. CWL Councils across Ontario are working with their youth, involving them in the activities of the church and providing opportunities for growth and discernment. During this special year there may be new ways to reach out to Youth.**

**The St. Rose of Lima Vocations Committee from Fall River, N.S. reprinted an article from The Word Among Us issued during Lent 2007 and entitled A Home Where Vocations Grow which listed 12 things parents can do to help their children discern whether they are called to religious life, or to married or single life. They suggest that parents focus on 2 or 3 of these things. The following is a variation of these 12 suggestions:**

- **Firstly, it is important to talk with our kids about their gifts and abilities and the importance of their contribution to the church and the world. Every Christian, young or old, has a part to play in building up the body of Christ, and young people need to know that.**
- **Families can pray together for vocations – for singles, married couples, priests and religious**
- **It is so easy to joke about marriage and the single life, but we should avoid putting down our spouses, our marriages and anyone in particular. The recent scandals in the church have led to much press against priests and religious, but we all know bishops, priests and religious who are living out their vocations in accordance with God’s call. Our attitude of respect will help our children be open to God’s call on their lives.**
- **We need to build our marriages – taking advantage of courses offered especially for married couples, celebrating our own and others special anniversaries. When kids grow up in the context of a strong and healthy marriage they receive vision for every vocation. One priest commented that he was always keenly aware that his parents loved each other, and that he received the inspiration and desire to give himself fully to someone or something from this example.**

- Spend quiet time with the Lord, and help your children develop this habit. Try saying grace at mealtime and read Bible stories at bedtime or have an evening prayer time together.
- Keep learning about your faith and encourage your kids to do the same.
- Introduce your children to the lives of the saints and Bible figures who loved the Lord. These stories are inspiring and can awaken a call.
- When appropriate, invite others to share their good vocation stories and experiences with you and your children. It is moving to hear how God calls people to marriage or service of others.
- Is there a service project that would be a good fit for an older child? Perhaps you could volunteer as a family? This experience opens our eyes to the needs of others, helps us discover our own gifts and we also see the generosity of others.
- We all have the authority to encourage our children to consider the religious life. They need to hear that this is a viable option and that they have abilities which would benefit others through this way of life. At the same time, we need to give them the freedom to find and follow their particular vocation path.
- Simply make every effort to eat meals together. The benefits of sharing regular family meals are well documented ([www.casacolumbia.org](http://www.casacolumbia.org)).
- Lastly, trust God because your child's vocation doesn't ultimately depend on you! Parents can nurture the seed, but it is God who gives the growth.

From the September 2005 issue of Catholic Digest comes this short blessing to pray with your children and grandchildren as they head off to school.

(Trace the Sign of the Cross on the forehead while saying)

“May your studies lead you to wisdom,  
your activities bring you joy,  
and all your hard work be richly rewarded.”

## **Communications**

### **Geraldine Canning**

#### **Five hidden dangers of Facebook (May 8, 2010 by CBS)**

**“Facebook claims that it has 400 million users. But are they well-protected from prying eyes, scammers, and unwanted marketers? Not according to Joan Goodchild, senior editor of Chief Security Officer Online. She says your privacy may be a far greater risk of being violated than you know, when you log onto the social-networking site, due to security gaffes or marketing efforts by the company.**

**On “The Early Show on Saturday Morning,” Goodchild spotlighted five dangers she says Facebook users expose themselves to, probably without being aware of them:**

- 1. Your information is being shared with third parties*
- 2. Privacy settings revert to a less safe default mode after each redesign*
- 3. Facebook ads many contain malware*
- 4. Your real friends unknowingly make you vulnerable*
- 5. Scammers are creating fake profiles*
- 6.*

**The potential for crime is real. According to the Internet Crime Complaint Center, victims of Internet-related crimes lost 559 million dollars in 2009. That was up 110 percent from the previous year. Hackers have been found selling Facebook usernames and passwords. There are all kinds of ways third parties can access information about you. Every time Facebook redesigns the site, which usually happens a few times a year, it puts your privacy settings back to a default in which, essentially, all of your information is made public. It is up to you, the user, to check the privacy settings and decide what you want to share and what you don't want to share. Do you know people with a lot of friends—500, 1,000 friends on Facebook? What is the likelihood they are all real?”**

#### **Security Awareness:**

- *Consider restricting access to your profile.*
- *Keep your private information private.*
- *Choose a screen name that is different from your real name.*
- *Think twice before posting your photo.*
- *Don't post information that makes you vulnerable to a physical attack.*
- *Use your common sense.*
- *Trust your instincts.*

### **New Technology Creates New Illnesses**

**Have you ever heard of a Blackberry Thumb? What about Cell Phone Elbow? Acute Wii-itis? They are new health problems related to modern technology - and the tendency of humans to get carried away playing with their new toys.**

**If you have not heard of these new terms, here is a brief definition of each.**

**Blackberry Thumb - pain in and around the joint of the thumb, potentially leading to osteoarthritic changes to this joint. Thought to be caused by excessive text-messaging on Blackberry-type mobile phone devices.**

**Cell Phone Elbow- nerve entrapment syndrome at the elbow, caused by prolonged use of cell phones requiring this joint to be held in a bent position for long periods of time.**

**Acute Wii-itis – a repetitive strain syndrome in the upper extremity or spine usually caused by previously inactive individuals participating in a vigorous assortment of sporting events using the motion-sensitive controllers on home video game systems like the Nintendo Wii.**

**As computers and related high technology continue to advance, our bodies often find it difficult to keep up. Another contributing factor is the fitness level of the participant.**

**Avoiding injuries should be the number one concern with these new technologies.**

**To reduce the risk, do the following:**

- 1. Avoid overuse of the text-message feature on your cell phone - try calling instead or meet in person.*
- 2. Use a hands-free feature like a speakerphone option or headset.*

**Never try to operate a motor vehicle while attempting to dial a cell phone or to text. According to statistics, a person is 23 times more likely to be at risk for a crash or near crash event while performing these tasks.**

**As members of the League we need to keep informed for not only ourselves but our families and future generations. We need to continue to research the best way to keep in contact with one another.**

**May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with us in this modern world of technology.**



## **Community Life Wilhelmina ( Willy) Wicka**

**“Anne Frank, a young Jewish teenage girl wrote in one of her essays:  
“How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start NOW,  
start slowly changing the world.”  
(from: Prayers and workshops, in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
The Catholic Women’s League of Canada)**

**When this page reaches you all, winter has come and gone and spring is in the air. But as I gather food for thought on this page it is a cold and rainy. Still we must learn to be grateful for all we have and learn to share that which has been given us.  
Social and economic justice, and Dignity and rights of persons**

**In a brain storming session of National counsel on a new theme for 2011 it became evident that the issue of poverty in all its forms should be addressed. Mary Nordick was known to have exclaimed: “WAP – Women Against Poverty.” Let’s take her up on that and work our theme: Centred on Faith and Justice, and apply this thought to the needy with justifications in our actions.**

**A good way to do this is to focus on the resolutions , which have been excepted by The League i.e.: 2004.02 Children living in poverty and 01.03 Hunger in Canada, which speaks of food banks etc. Lets all act on these resolutions by writing to the government agencies responsible and to personally support food banks, St. Vincent organizations and the many more which are available to aid those in need. As quoted by the Canadian Conference of Canadian Bishops (CCCB) “Over 3 billion people remain impoverished and 1.3 billion in absolute poverty, living on less than one dollar a day. Even in Canada, over 3 million people live in poverty...So we invite Canadians today to join us in calling on our federal government to emulate the efforts of many provincial governments and develop a national anti-poverty strategy.**

### **Immigration refugees and citizenship**

**From the immigration website: HUMAN SMUGGLING  
Preventing Human Smugglers from Abusing Canada's Immigration System Act  
Human smuggling is a criminal enterprise that spans the globe. Human smugglers facilitate, for a profit, individuals entering Canada illegally. By charging people large sums of money for their transportation, human smugglers have made a lucrative business ...Read more at:  
<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/hmn-smgglng-eng.aspx>**

**Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace (CCODP)  
Check the CCODP website for their ongoing activities by logging on to:  
<http://www.devp.org/devpme/main-eng.html>**

**Be all you can be:**

**Legislation**  
**Anne Madden**

## **Symbols of Ontario**

### **The Ontario Flag**

The Ontario flag was adopted in 1965. The Union Jack which occupies the upper left quarter and the red background resemble the Canadian Red Ensign. The shield of the province occupies the centre of the flag, and bears the cross of St. George and three maple leaves. The Ontario Shield was granted by Royal Warrant of Queen Victoria in 1868.

### **Provincial Coat of Arms**

The crest, supporters and motto were all granted by King Edward VII in 1909. The crest consists of a black bear on a wreath of gold and green (principal colours of the provincial shield), with a moose to the left and a deer to the right. These two animals were chosen because they are common throughout Ontario. The provincial motto on the bottom reads Ut Incepit Fidelis Sic Permanent (Loyal she began, loyal she remains).

### **The Common Loon**

The common loon became the official bird of Ontario in 1994. One of four loon species (common loon, yellow-billed loon, arctic loon, red-throated loon), all of which live in the northern part of the Northern Hemisphere, it is also called the “great northern diver” and can feed in deep waters.

### **Eastern White Pine**

The eastern white pine was named the official tree of Ontario in 1984. Today this tree is often used for ornamental purposes; however, it was an important source of income and trade during pioneer days. The wood is light, soft and easily worked, and is in large demand for construction purposes. It was once the single most important timber species in all of North America.

## **Amethyst**

The amethyst was named the official gemstone of Ontario by the Legislature in 1975. It is a semiprecious stone found near Thunder Bay, Ontario and is the birthstone for the month of February. The word “amethyst” comes from the Greek amethystos meaning “not drunk”, whose origins can be traced to Greek Mythology in a parable about the god Dionysus (god of wine and intoxication) and the goddess Dianne. Ancient Greeks maintained that amethyst held many beneficial powers.

## **The White Trillium**

The white trillium became the province’s official flower in 1937 as it grew in abundance in the province and because of its beauty. “Trillium” comes from the Latin word “tres” (triple) and the flower has three petals, three sepals, three leaves and belongs to the lily family. Picking the flower may not kill the plant, but will weaken the root so that the plant will not flower again for 7 to 8 years.

## **Fun Fact**

Ontario is derived from the Iroquois word “kanadario” meaning “sparkling water”. The province is aptly named: lakes and rivers make up one fifth of its area.

*Adapted from: Educator’s Workbook, A Guide to Teaching Parliament. The Legislative Assembly of Ontario’s website. doi:[http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/go2.jsp?locale=en&Page=/educational-resources/grades\\_4\\_to\\_8&menuItem=learning\\_and\\_teaching\\_curriculum](http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/go2.jsp?locale=en&Page=/educational-resources/grades_4_to_8&menuItem=learning_and_teaching_curriculum)*

## **Education and Health**

### **Mary Lou Watson**

**Committee: Suzanne Mullins, Bev Weiler, Jane Munro, Mary Carlin**

### **Environment**

#### **1. Wind Turbines in Ontario (by Mary Carlin)**

**As part of the Ontario Government's recently released Long Term Energy Plan- Building Our Clean Energy Future, the use of Wind turbines to supply power to the grid will be increased. In small communities across the province, where industrial size wind turbines are located, many families are complaining of health conditions such as: sleep disorders, vibration and low-level noise disturbance. They are travelling hundreds of kilometres to ask questions and to protest against wind turbines in their vicinity. In December NextEra officials attended the meeting in Drayton to discuss the proposed 10 turbines, 23-megawatt project to be located outside the village of Arthur. Project manager Nicole Geneau stated that she had brought an expert on wind turbines to the meeting to answer the concerns of the residents. Geneau also stated that NextEra had over 9000 wind turbines working across the continent that had no problems with health issues.**

**In neighbouring Grey/Bruce residents are very concerned about the lack of information on health issues and Dr Hazel Lynn (Grey-Bruce Medical Officer of Health) said that she had been asked by the health unit's board of directors to prepare a report on what a study would need to include to review the possible health effects resulting from wind turbines in the Grey Bruce region and the estimated cost of such a study. Residents in Dufferin County are also reacting loudly to the proposed industrial size turbines in their farming communities. However the American and Canadian Wind Energy Associations conducted a review of current literature on health effects of wind in 2009 and concluded there was no evidence of wind turbines creating health problems. Those attending local information meetings know that the ministry and the developers hold up Dr Arlene King's (Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health) literature review and her resulting report which stated "no direct causal link between wind turbines and adverse health effects " as supporting evidence that wind turbines do not harm our health. John Wilkinson Minister of the Environment claims that his ministry made the decision to allow turbine farms based on the best available science, however Health Canada in Environmental Assessment Nova Scotia, August 6, 2009 states "...there are peer-reviewed scientific articles indicating that wind turbines may have an adverse impact on human health".**

**The Society for Wind Vigilance (an International Federation of Physicians and other professionals) held the First International Symposium on the Global Wind Industry and Adverse Health Effects in Picton in October 2010 where they heard that in fact industrial wind turbines appear to be affecting people around the world. Identical symptoms such as sleep deprivation; migraines, nosebleeds, vertigo, tinnitus, nausea, cardiac arrhythmia and high blood pressure are now reported globally by those in close proximity to wind developments. In Ontario the current minimum distance for wind turbines from homes in quiet rural areas is 550 meters. This distance is based on computer-generated noise modeling, which is published by wind turbine manufacturers.**



The installation of Wind Turbines in Ontario is a very controversial topic at the moment especially around possible health effects for those living in close proximity to them. This situation has been made more frustrating, for those communities that have been selected to host these wind farms, because the Ontario Green Energy Act has removed their ability to say no.

What should CWL members do?

- Become informed on the issues and let your views be known to your provincial MPP
- Ask for more data, scientific reports and studies on possible health problems in relation to wind turbines and their proximity to people.
- Attend meetings being held in your area and ask questions
- Invite representatives from both sides of the debate to speak to your members

### **Wellness/Sickness/Disease/Mental Health**

#### **2. Children and Teens' Mental Health (by Jane Munro)**

The number of children and teens needing urgent care for depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts and other mental health crises is on the rise. Bed shortage in care facilities is a symptom of the province's chronically underfunded mental health services. Under Ontario's mental health regulations, only individuals who are considered an imminent danger to themselves or others are hospitalized on an urgent basis. Others face months waiting for care.

What Can CWL Members Do?

- Continue to action on our provincial and national resolutions pertaining to mental health.
- Learn about your own local resources and help publicize the information.

#### **Resources**

- The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's website, [www.cheo.on.ca](http://www.cheo.on.ca), has a YouTube video of psychologist Ian Manion talking to teens about suicide prevention. Also included is a list of warning signs of suicidal behaviour.
- Information found on [www.ementalhealth.ca](http://www.ementalhealth.ca) website offers a complete list of mental health resources in every province, territory and community in Canada.
- Youth Net/Réseau Ado (YN/RA) Ottawa is a bilingual regional mental health promotion and intervention program run by youth, for youth. Their objective is to reach out and help youth develop and maintain good Mental Health as well as healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress, while decreasing stigma around Mental Illness and its treatment. This is done through education and intervention.

### **Catholic Education**

#### **3. Plan now for Catholic Education Week 2011**

It will be held May 1 to May 6 2011. The theme is: **Celebrating the Spirit**. How will your members get involved to show support for your local Catholic schools, students, teachers and volunteers?

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**  
**Suzanne Mullins**

*If you have these things, then I ask you to do something for me. This will make me happy. I ask that all your minds be joined together by believing the same things. \be joined together in your love for each other. Live together by agreeing with each other and having the same goals.*  
*Phillippians 2:2*

**As members of the Catholic Women's League, we are challenged to accept the call of God as described in this quote from Phillippians. In order to achieve the needs that are proposed, we must be informed and of one voice when we seek the vision that our Lord has for us.**

**As Newsletter Editor, my responsibility is to bring you the informative messages that will shape that voice and allow us to journey on together as a united body.**

**At our recent Provincial meeting we were presented with the revised Policy and Procedure Manual. One of the major changes was the Privacy Policy (1:6) that will affect the provision of information especially addresses and any personal information.**

**This is indicated in the manual and has been done to comply with the:**

**Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act (PIPEDA)  
which is federal  
Legislation passed in 2011 and implemented  
On January 1, 2004.**

**This edition of the Trillium News and Views will be the last issue that will provide this type of information.**

**In order to access the new policy, please speak to your Diocesan president for details.**

*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*  
*Phillippians 2:4*



## Hamilton Diocesan Council of The Ontario Catholic Women's League of Canada

February 2011

Dear Sisters in the League and Spiritual Advisors:

The women of Hamilton Diocese invite you to attend the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Hamilton Diocese is the second largest English-speaking Diocese in Canada, with a Catholic population of 560,000 and the fourth largest in the entire country. The Diocese was founded over 150 years ago and shaped by the great faith of all its people, some were native people and many were immigrants. The great faith of the clergy, religious women and men who served the Church with such dedication is an important part of our history as well. Bellel Guerin, our first National President, organized the Catholic women of Canada to assist with the care and placement of the ever-increasing influx of immigrants from Europe and elsewhere. We continue her vision and celebrate together. The Diocese covers a lot of area from Tobermory in the north, to Hamilton in the south, from Kincardine in the west, to Georgetown in the east with a wide range of nationalities.

The Opening Liturgy on Sunday will be held at the Cathedral of Christ the King. In 1933, this exquisite Gothic structure was dedicated to Christ, the King of Kings, and the first Cathedral so dedicated in the world. Measuring 235 feet in length and 72 feet in width, the exterior of the Cathedral is stately, solid and serene. It is built of limestone, quarried in Indiana and Georgetown, Ontario. The Closing Liturgy on Wednesday will be at St. Joseph's Parish. Bishop Thomas J. Dowling laid the cornerstone for the present church on September 24, 1893. Construction was completed by June 24, 1894, at which time Bishop Dowling returned to dedicate the parish in the name of St. Joseph.

The convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 116 King Street West in Hamilton. Enjoy complimentary use of the recreation centre (hot tub, pool). Fitness enthusiasts will appreciate the workout area including free weights, treadmills, elliptical trainer, and stationary bikes.

There are many tourist attractions in Hamilton, but we invite you to make a holiday of it and tour outside the city as well. There are so many sites to see in Elora, St. Jacobs, Brantford, Owen Sound and you might even take a ride on the MS Chi-Cheemaun at Tobermory to Manitoulin Island.

The Art Gallery is across the street from the hotel and shopping is attached. We are planning a harbour evening dinner cruise on Saturday from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. and bus trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come join the women of the Hamilton Diocese and celebrate .....Faith, Fun and Fulfilment.

We hope to see you July 10 to 13, 2011. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY so as not to be disappointed!

The women of the Diocese of Hamilton are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Mary Jane A. Yaeger,  
Hamilton Diocesan President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
64<sup>th</sup> Annual Ontario Provincial Convention  
Hamilton Diocese  
July 10-13, 2011, Hamilton

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**"Fragrance Free Convention – No Scented Products"**

**Deadline for registration: June 10, 2011**

**No refunds after June 26, 2011**

**One form per person. Please PRINT clearly or TYPE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

CWL Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please check one category only:***

- ☐ PROVINCIAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
- ☐ PROVINCIAL OFFICER – ACCREDITED DELEGATE (attach credential form)
- ☐ DIOCESAN VOTING DELEGATE (1) (attach credential form)
- ☐ DIOCESAN – ACCREDITED DELEGATE (2) (attach credential form)
- ☐ DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
- ☐ PARISH COUNCIL – ACCREDITED DELEGATE (1) (attach credential form)
- ☐ PARISH SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
- ☐ HONORARY LIFE MEMBER – ACCREDITED DELEGATE (attach credential form)
- ☐ LIFE MEMBER - ACCREDITED DELEGATE (attach credential form)
- ☐ PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT – ACCREDITED DELEGATE (attach credential form)
- ☐ CWL MEMBER
- ☐ MILITARY ORDINARIATE MEMBER
- ☐ MEMBER OF THE HIERARCHY
- ☐ NATIONAL OFFICER/NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
- ☐ GUEST

**Registration Fees:** ☐ \$25 full convention registration - includes Annual Report Book

☐ \$10 single day registration - includes Annual Report Book

**Circle: Mon. Tues. Wed. (if only attending one day)**

☐ \$10 late fee (registering after June 10, 2011)

*The personal contact information provided will be used by the convention registration committee for registration, preparing name tags, assigning workshops and will be destroyed once the convention is finished.*

**Make all cheques payable to: 2011 CWL Provincial Convention**

**Mail to:** Shirley Sullivan, 219 Silverbirch Blvd. Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0

Telephone: 905 679-4964 or email [shirleysullivan@gmail.com](mailto:shirleysullivan@gmail.com)



**MEALS & SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**  
**64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**July 10-13, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton**

**One Form Per Person**

**NAME: (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**POSTAL CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please specify any special needs- Food allergies/ special diet, etc.** \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, July 9	Harbour evening dinner cruise	\$85.00	
Sunday, July 10	Royal Botanical Gardens tour and lunch	\$50.00	
Monday, July 11	<b>Choose One</b> Life members luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$26.00	
	Spiritual advisors luncheon <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Coffee break, morning	\$4.00	
	Coffee break, afternoon	\$4.00	
Tuesday, July 12	Luncheon	\$35.00	
	Banquet ( <b>choose one</b> ) Salmon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$55.00	
	Chicken <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Coffee break, morning	\$4.00	
	Coffee break, afternoon	\$4.00	
Wednesday, July 13	Coffee break, morning	\$4.00	
	Closing Luncheon	\$26.00	
	Bus – Opening Liturgy	\$8.00	
	Bus- Closing Liturgy	\$8.00	
	EXTRA Annual Report Books	\$5.00	
	Total Enclosed		

**No Refunds after June 26, 2011**

**“Fragrance Free Convention- No Perfume”**

Hotel reservations must be made directly at the Sheraton, Hamilton (Room Rates: \$149.00)

[www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/OCWL](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/OCWL) or 888-627-8161

If you are a medical professional, would you be willing to assist a member if necessary? YES ☐ NO ☐

We are using school buses to the Liturgies. Do you need a reservation on a more mobility friendly bus? YES ☐

Please make cheque payable to: **2011 CWL Provincial Convention**

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 219 Silverbirch Blvd., Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0

Questions: Telephone: 905 679-4964 or email [shirleysullivan@gmail.com](mailto:shirleysullivan@gmail.com)

**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL  
OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
64th Annual Convention  
Sheraton Hotel, King Street,  
Hamilton, Ontario**

**July 11 to 15, 2011  
PROGRAM**

*Centered on Faith & Justice – Led by the Spirit*

**Saturday, July 9**

Noon – 5 p.m.	Registration	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom foyer
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Admin Committee Meeting	President's suite
5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Dinner Boat Cruise	Ticket required

**Sunday, July 10**

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast on own	
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom foyer
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Pre Convention Executive Meeting (Working lunch provided at noon for participants)	
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tour – Botanical Gardens/lunch	Ticket required
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Resolutions Dialogue	Ballroom
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Pauline Krupa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Resolutions chair	
5:00 p.m.	Hospitality room open	
6:30 p.m.	Dinner on own	
7:30 p.m.	Buses leave for church	From front entrance
	Opening Eucharist & Ceremonies at Cathedral of Christ the King	
	Celebrant, Bishop Douglas Crosby	
	Reception	
9:30 p.m.	Buses leave for Hotel	
10:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service	

**Monday, July 11**

	Breakfast on own	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room open	
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom lobby	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Supplies/Vendors (open at breaks and non-sessions)	
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service	Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	Business Sessions	
10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break	
10:15 a.m.	<b>Keynote Speaker – Centre for Applied Dynamics – Bill and Barb Johnston</b>	
11:45 a.m.	Business Sessions Resume	
12:00 noon	Opening Luncheons General	
	Life Members Luncheon-ticket required	
	Spiritual Advisors Luncheon-ticket required	
1:30 p.m.	Crowning of Mary – Afternoon Prayer	
2:00 p.m.	Business Sessions Resume	

3:00 p.m.	Refreshment break
3:15 p.m.	<b>Speaker: Father Rico Passero – newly ordained, recipient of the Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary</b>
3:45 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>National President Velma Harasen</b> , national president-report and address.
5:00	Eucharistic Celebration in hotel. Celebrant: Father Rico Passero
6:30	Diocesan night dinners
8:30 p.m.	Entertainment ( <i>Christmas in July</i> ) in ballroom
10:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer

## **Tuesday, July 12**

	Breakfast on own
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Hospitality room open
7:30– 3:30 p.m.	Registration
8:00 – 4:00 a.m.	Supplies & Vendors
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Celebration ( <i>Collection</i> ) – in ballroom. Celebrant: Father David Wilhelm, Hamilton diocesan spiritual advisor
9:15 a.m.	Business Session Resumes
	Resolutions
10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:15 a.m.	Business Session Resumes
12:00 noon	Lunch - Ticket required
	<b>Speaker: - Sister Christine Leyser, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Loretto Sisters. Founder of Drop-In Community Centre, Dwelling Place and Elizabeth Place, a network of facilities that provide social services, accommodation and a sense of community to those in need.</b>
1:30 p.m.	Resolution Archiving Service
1:45 p.m.	Business Session Resumes
3:15 p.m.	Refreshment Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Business Session Resumes.
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour, Cash Bar
7:00 p.m.	Banquet in the ballroom
8:30 p.m.	Entertainment and silent auction
10:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer

## **Wednesday, July 13**

	Breakfast on own
7:30 a.m. –10:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Hospitality room open
8:00 – 12:00 noon.	Supplies & Vendors
8:30 a.m.	Opening Prayer
8:45 a.m.	Invitation to 2011 Convention –Kingston diocese
8:55 a.m.	Business Session Resumes
9:30 a.m.	Provincial Spiritual Advisor Report
	President Report
	Rite of Elections
10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:45 a.m.	Final Registration and Credential Report
11:00 a.m.	Closing Prayer
11:45 a.m.	Buses leave for mass from front entrance



12:30 noon

Closing Eucharist at St. Joseph's church Installation of provincial officers, celebrant Bishop Douglas Crosby

1:45 p.m.

Closing luncheon – ticket required

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Post Convention Meeting

## Credential Form - Parish Council Accredited Delegate

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### ONE PER PARISH COUNCIL

This is to certify that:

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Accredited Delegate of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Council

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Council President: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parish Council Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this with your registration form to: Shirley Sullivan, 219 Silverbirch Blvd., Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0

### **Directions to Sheraton Hamilton Hotel**

#### **From the North and West**

Take 401 East to Highway #6 South.  
Exit at 403 Hamilton exit.  
Take Main Street East exit.  
Travel on Main Street East past Bay Street  
to the next left which is MacNab Street.  
Take MacNab to King Street, turn left.  
The hotel is half a block down on the right hand side.

**Parking entrance** is just past the front doors  
of the Hotel on the right hand side.

Parking fees are not included in room rate and  
are \$9.99 per day with in/out privileges.

**Outside parking** also available across the street.

#### **Directions to Closing Liturgy from Sheraton Hotel**

St. Joseph Church  
260 Herkimer St, Hamilton, (905) 528-0019  
Exit underground parking facility onto King St. W  
Turn left onto Dundurn St. S. (10 blocks)  
Turn left onto Herkimer (5 blocks).  
Church is located at Locke and Herkimer (one block)

#### **From Church to Hotel:**

Follow Herkimer to Bay St. S., turn left (5 blocks)  
Turn right onto Main St (at City Hall).  
Take the next left which is MacNab Street.  
Turn Left at King Street, (one short block).  
The hotel is half a block down on the right side.

#### **From the East**

Take 401 W, 427 S, QE Hamilton  
Take 403 W 11 km  
Take Hwy 8E [Main St.] (exit 70) about 1 km  
Turn slight Left onto Main St W [Rte 2E] 1.5 km  
Turn Left on Summers Lane .15 km  
Turn Left on King St W .15 km  
Hotel is at 116 King St W.

#### **From Niagara**

Take QEW Hamilton  
Exit at Burlington St E (exit 90) 4.3 km  
Turn slight left on Industrial Dr. 1.3 km  
Turn slight Left on Burlington St E 3.3 km  
Turn Left on James St N 1.9 km  
Turn Right on King St W to Hotel at 116

#### **Directions to Opening Liturgy**

Cathedral of Christ the King  
714 King St W, Hamilton (905) 522-5744  
Take 401 E to Highway #6 S  
Take 403 Hamilton exit.  
Take Main Street East exit.  
Take first left  
Turn Left on King St and move to right lane immediately  
as the Cathedral is on the right hand side.  
Parking at first left or go to stop sign and turn left.

### **Airport Shuttle:**

For transportation from the Hamilton Airport to the hotel, call Blue Line Cab at 905-525-2583 (about \$30).  
From Pearson Airport, Toronto, pre-book through Airways Transit at [www.airwaystransit.com](http://www.airwaystransit.com) or 905-689-4460  
(cost varies from one person (\$85) to several persons (\$155))

*May She Rest In Peace.....*

***Jacqueline Josephine Schneider  
October 3, 1921 – December 5, 2010***

***Ontario Provincial President 1975 – 1977***

Jacqueline was born Jacqueline Josephine Mary Quinn Hancox and was an only child. She was the devoted spouse of the late George Louis Schneider for fifty two years. They had 3 children.

Jacque's son Michael recalled that she often practiced her talks on him when he was four years old and that he read them back to her during her final days and she said that they still sounded good! In later years, she often said that because she missed so many of her children's birthdays when they were growing up because of CWL that she felt it necessary to pass up on conventions.

Jacque was a woman of profound and deep faith. She actively demonstrated this through her involvement with many charitable organizations. Most important to her was her seventy year association with the Catholic Women's League of Canada. She lived a full life enjoying travel, bridge and dancing. In 1979 she was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Medal.

Jacque hailed from Hamilton diocese.

The following is a mealtime prayer that she composed.

Loving God, we are especially thankful  
for the many blessings we have received from you.

We ask for the grace of faith to see your hand  
in all that touches our lives, and glimpse your love  
in the people who have crossed our paths.  
We thank you for the food we about to share,  
remembering those less fortunate than ourselves.

Let us be open to touch others with your love, compassion and peace. Amen.



Pearl Keon  
1918 – 2011  
Ontario Provincial  
Council President  
1965-67



Pearl Isabella Victory was born in Toronto on October 28th 1918 to Patrick and Pearl Conway and joined the CWL at the age of 19. Pearl married Eldon in Timmins, Ontario in 1940. She moved to New Calumet Mines where she and Eldon raised their family in this small mining community in the Ottawa Valley in 1945, and was President of the Bryson Council for five years. Pearl became Pembroke Diocesan Council President from 1957-59. She also served 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents of the Ontario Provincial Council during the period of 1959-65 and became President for the 1965-67 term and was awarded Life membership. She was in Manitoba from 1967-71 where she served as Parish Council President and also served on Diocesan and National Councils. In 1972 she moved to Sarnia and became President of St. Joseph's Council for two years, then retired to Cobden in 1981 where her son Stan and his wife Donna resided. She served as President for three years and her last position was Legislation and Resolutions Chairperson.

Pearl had four children, Clara Lee, Spencer, Stanley and Marilyn. In 1989, Eldon passed away and Pearl continued to live in their home until shortly after her 90th birthday (2008). She then moved to Caressant Care Retirement Home in Cobden where she resided until early November when she was hospitalized. Stan and Donna took her to their home for end-of-life care in December and there she remained until her passing on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Pearl, the Jewel of Pembroke, loved the CWL and participated in every meeting that her health allowed her to. She was crowned Prom Queen at our Provincial Convention in Arnprior. We last talked to her at our Fall meeting in Renfrew on October 30<sup>th</sup> and sang Happy Birthday to her on the occasion of her 92nd.

Her final days were a reflection of the life she lived. Her sense of humour which she shared with the doctors and nurses was the way she always created an atmosphere of laughter with whomever or wherever she wandered. Her grace, smile and devilish ways drew people to her as she was a magnet that attracted all that she came in contact with.

In dying she remains as an admired human being - caring, concerned, loving, and in God's Diocese, there is no doubt that she will be initiated a CWL council.

She will be deeply missed by all.

### ***Kincardine Celebrates a Milestone.***

**The year was 1960. It was the year when four students in the Southern USA protested their treatment at a Woolworth's lunch counter and began a movement that had significant changes in the lives of Americans. It was the year when sputnik 4 was launched into orbit. It was the year when many African countries shed their colonial status to become free states. And it was the year when a Catholic Women's League council was established at St. Anthony's church in Kincardine.**

**On Sunday, October 3, 2010 at a luncheon in the basement of St. Anthony's church, the CWL council celebrated 50 years of service to God and Canada, as the CWL motto enjoins them. Included in the guests were Mrs. Barb Ruetz, the sole charter member still alive and well in Kincardine. She shared that honour back in 1960 with Margo Bradley, Rose Caruso, Jean Henderson, Julie Leblanc Mrs. Len Murray, Gladys Powell, Eleamor Simpson, Irene Woolword and those who joined in the first year – Elizabeth Barry, Rita Colborne, Connie Greenfield, Mrs. Russell Love and Mary Moll.**

**Now numbering 125 members, the members have given service in the local community as well as the interests of Ontario and Canada and developing countries. This included outreach to Development and Peace, Materncare, Women's House, Canadian Mental Health Association and many others. In 2004, a resolution from Kincardine council drew the attention of the government to the inadequate financial support provided to Ontario disabled persons. In addition, a resolution about the lack of adequate labels on pesticide containers eventually made its way to the National convention. This resolution along with supporting documents was part of the yearly meeting with Canadian parliamentarians in Ottawa, thus highlighting an urgent health issue for farmers, lawn care specialists and the ordinary consumers.**

**The guest speaker was Father Wayne Jobsinger, a former priest of the parish who spoke on grace and its role in our spiritual lives. Council President, Josie McDonald unveiled a plaque to commemorate those who served as council presidents since 1960. Entertainment was provided by members who were challenged to sing a song from 1960. Such talent!! Pins were presented to those with notable years of service including Gabrielle Kleist – 50 years and Marg Firth – 25 years.**

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**Deadline date: January 15**

February, 2011