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PAPAL INTENTION:

General:

New Evangelization

That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries

Missionary:

World Mission Day

That the celebrations of World Mission Day result in a renewed commitment to evangelization

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October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary

Marlene's Musings

The national theme *We Have Seen the Lord* was announced in August and as we plan the year ahead, the provincial executive were anxious to identify a provincial subtheme. The subtheme *As People of Faith* was chosen at the executive meeting last month.

Beginning January 2013, the themes will provide an opportunity to plan activities which deepen our understanding of what it means to be people of faith. Do we know our faith? The Pope challenges us to study our faith and its teachings beginning this month.

A presentation by Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Colli on the *Year of Faith* is available on the provincial website. He offers ten suggestions to assist us in accepting the challenge to deepen our faith. The executive identified the following one which will be promoted across the province.

Members are encouraged to pray the Nicene Creed at the beginning of every League meeting for the Year of Faith. Pray the creed carefully, reflecting on its teachings.

Do we really understand the words we pray? This prayer study offers the opportunity to understand and grow as people of faith. Let's not let it pass us by.

Blessings,
Marlene

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT HOUSE and OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SHRINE

In London Diocese blessings are abounding and we attempt to share them as much as possible.



Holy Family Retreat House along the northwestern shores of Lake Erie, just outside Oxley, Ontario is one of the most peaceful areas of our Diocese. It is a house of prayer, a home,

a relaxing tranquil section of Holy Ground that we frequent as a Diocesan Council. What a wonderful place for a meeting, a weekend away, a prayerful walk with God! We have our executive retreat here each spring; it is an encouraging, restful spot where friendships are strengthened, peace is found, and joy.

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, located in Merlin, ON, hosts our annual Shrine Day July of each

year. Our membership walks the way of the rosary, has a picnic lunch, attends mass and receives the Word of God from our homilist. It is a summer activity that is looked forward to each year! Please stop in if you are in the area.



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer to be said after reciting the Holy Rosary

My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favour which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena: (*Mention your request*). I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul. I offer you this spiritual bouquet of roses because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. Amen.

London Diocesan Convention

Our 2012 Diocesan Convention was held in Chatham, Ontario



Past President Lucy Hendrix and Diocesan President Mary Jean Horne share a photo op.



Madonna statue 2012 Convention

Sharing our Blessings



Studying Standing Committee Display Boards – a great learning experience.

Bringing our members together, afforded us the wonderful opportunity to support our former Diocesan Spiritual Advisor in his new role in the Yukon Territory. Father Matthew George alerted us to the need of hats, gloves, scarves and warm wearables within his

ministry. London Diocesan Councils rose to the challenge!



This picture shows the last of the donations from around the diocese being packaged. In all over 200 pounds of winter wear was donated with love (either purchased or handmade) and Father Matt was ecstatic when his shipment arrived!

Catch the Fire - An Introduction

Our Regional Fall meetings have begun. London Diocese has 3 such meetings each year: one in the northeast, one central, and one in the southwest of the diocese. The introduction presentation of the new national program *Catch the Fire* was well received, and we look forward to sharing this across the Diocese.

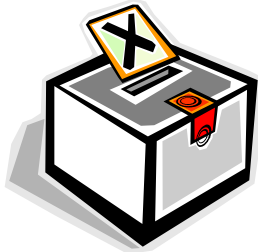
We augmented the theme of the program with a time of sharing from the Diocesan Executive ... as women in the League we come from all walks of life. We are united in the **flames** of the work within the Catholic Women's League and are wishing to **spark** others to join us! It was a wonderful and

sometimes tearful experience for the Diocesan Council as they spoke of their inner selves sharing where they came from, where they are going, and what has touched them during their CWL journey. The session was well received as part of our Regional Day and the positive feedback has encouraged us to add more **sparks** to the fire.



Watch for it in your community

The Election Process



Most past presidents will be asked to chair the elections committee and this is a very important function.

The election process is a prayerful, essential activity of the League. The past president and all council members, for that matter, should encourage eligible women to run for office. My advice is to start early. The election should not be left to the night of the meeting, but thoughtfully planned and publicized.

This article is being written in October; the month to start planning the election.

- Talk to women in the council and encourage them to let their name stand for office
- Your parish priest and spiritual advisor should be asked to participate in the discernment process as well as the election itself
- Prepare the list of candidates
- Plan for the election, make sure there is an announcement that the election will take place and when
- Plan the election process including prayers. See *Ceremonies Booklet-free download from CWL website.*
- Women who have served on the executive should be encouraged to run for other positions and not stay in one position longer than the intended term.

May God bless you in you election process. Elections must be held every two years. It is a very important function of every council.

TIDBITS

The Gospel of Everyday Life - An Adventure Worth Sharing

The Catholic Organization for Life and Families (COLF) has just introduced this new message as we begin the Year of Faith. As part of the unveiling of their new brochure, COLF stated: "The family is called to play a major role in the New Evangelization. That is why we decided to reflect with you on the ways and means of proposing the friendship of Christ to the members of our families, our friends and colleagues at work, in the midst of our day-to-day life." To download the brochure long onto www.colf.ca

World Mission Sunday – October 21, 2012

We celebrate missionaries throughout the world and recognize their very important ministry to the Church. In Canada the CCCB Pastoral Mission Fund helps missionary formation and catechetical training. Other monies collected aided programs in Bangladesh, Nigeria and Sri Lanka. To learn more visit www.missionsocieties.ca



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

The Year of Faith

Thursday, Oct. 11, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Activities have been planned year round to encourage each of us to deepen our faith. Three simple things to do: attend mass regularly, pray the Nicene Creed daily, study the catechism. Website help to study each day <http://www.flocknote.com/catechism>

Salt and Light Coverage

Throughout the month of October S & L will have extensive coverage of events at the Vatican. Visit www.saltandlighttv.org

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, London Diocese

"We may not be able to give much, but we can always give the joy that springs from our hearts that is in love with God. Ask for grace to find joy in loving and to share this joy with everyone you meet".

Mary Jean Horne, President 2012-2014

Greetings from the southernmost diocese in Canada! And, the largest in membership! We are proud of "*leading the League*" by responding to social justice issues and we continue to recruit new members citing one voice across Canada for God and country!

Social Justice Award Introduced

London Diocese continues to serve God and our country, Canada, with social justice issues. We have initiated an award, "The Life Members and Past President's Social Justice Award" to honour someone from the London Diocese who exemplifies how God wishes us to "love one another as ourselves". At the convention in 2013, the first honouree will be named.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be with you as we enter Advent and wait for the joyful coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Patricia Rivest, Provincial Spiritual Development Chairperson with statue of Mary at Provincial Convention

We are very blessed to have had a large contingent of ladies from the London Diocese attending both the Ontario Provincial Convention and the National Convention. They have returned to us excited to start on new initiatives, and to share all the memories with everyone. This is truly how the "fire" is lit and we look forward to the adding fuel in the programs we have planned for the convention in 2013 (taking place at "The Arden", Stratford, ON).



One in three poster Awareness Campaign in the battle against human trafficking



Entrance to Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine

Up-coming Events

October 7

Opening of Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization of the Transmission for the Christian Faith

October 8

Thanksgiving Day

October 11

Year of Faith Begins

October 15

Feast of St. Teresa of Avila

October 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

October 21

World Mission Sunday

October 21

Canonization of Blessed Kateri, Rome, Italy

October 24

United Nations Day

November 1

All Saints' Day

November 2

All Souls' Day

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