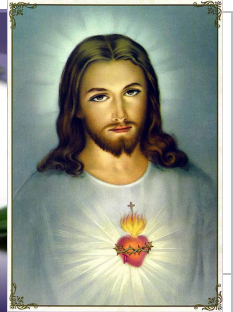




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Our thanks to Thunder Bay  
Diocesan Council and  
provincial Communications  
Standing Committee  
chairperson for their  
submissions

### PAPAL INTENTION

#### General

Mutual Respect – That a culture of dialogue, listening and mutual respect may prevail among peoples

#### Missionary

New Evangelization – That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization

### June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

#### Marlene's Musings

This spring, I was honoured and privileged to attend several annual diocesan conventions. What a joyous experience! It was exciting and rewarding to see the League in action at the grassroots level. Great works and ideas! The provincial convention is fast approaching. Come and see the League in action at the provincial level. Bring a friend!

We are half way though the Year of Faith and are called to do something special to strengthen our faith. While in eastern Ontario, I took the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the shrines of Saint Kateri in Kahnawake, Quebec and Fonda, NY. These truly are special places. Saint Kateri is the patroness of peace and ecology. The peace and quiet I felt in both locations allowed me to imagine her living so close to nature and the influence it had on her life. We thank God for her courage, constant perseverance and deep love for the Cross. We pray God will give us the courage, the boldness and the strength to build a world of justice and peace.



#### Blessings, Marlene

### Social Media – Today's Communication Tool

Social media "refers to the means of interaction among people in which they create, share, and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks". (Wikipedia) It depends on internet-based technologies to function. In most recent studies of minutes spent, internet users spend more time on social media sites than any other type of site. Nielsen reports an

increase from 88 billion minutes in 2011 to 121 billion minutes in 2012 on social media sites in the USA.

How does this trend affect the Catholic Women's League of Canada? Clearly, if we want to reach out to women today, we had to enter into the world of social media. Our national executive launched Twitter and Facebook pages in March and reports exciting

things are happening with them. At the national convention in Regina, Sask., a new website and campaign to fight pornography will be launched. Ontario provincial council launched its facebook page this year as well. It continues to be a work in progress.



## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

### Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Adorable Heart of Jesus, the tenderest, the most amiable, the most generous of all hearts! Penetrated with gratitude at the sight of Thy benefits, I come to consecrate myself wholly and unreservedly to Thee! I wish to devote all my energies to proclaim Thy worship and winning, if possible, all hearts to Thee. Receive my heart this day, O Jesus. Or rather take it, change it, purify it, to render it worthy of Thee; make it humble, gentle, patient, faithful, and generous like Thine, by inflaming it with the fire of Thy love. Hide it in Thy Divine Heart with all hearts that love Thee and are consecrated to Thee; never permit me to take my heart from Thee again. Let me rather die than grieve Thy Adorable Heart. Thou knowest O Heart of Jesus, that the desire of my heart is to love Thee always, to be wholly Thine in life and in death, in time and in eternity. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee. Amen.



## Quilt is Welcomed Home

The Thunder Bay Diocesan Quilt depicting each of its councils has come home. MIA for a bit, delegates welcomed it back with a blessing and a multitude of photo ops.

## Belle Guerin Award Presented



Noreen McGeagh, a member of St. Margaret Parish, Thunder Bay was awarded the Belle Guerin Award at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention. Noreen is a long time member of the council. Over the years she held a number of positions on both the parish and diocesan councils.

Most notably, as diocesan recording secretary, she kept the most accurate and beautifully hand-written minutes. Now in her 80's she continues to do what she can for her Council.

*Exceptional* *Fabulous* *Outstanding*  
CONGRATULATIONS  
*Terrific* *Fabulous* *Outstanding*  
*Terrific*

## Tidbits

### Evangelium Vitae "Faithful to Life"

Faithful from around the world will gather July 15 – 16 with the Holy Father to share a communal witness to the sacred value of all life. Saturday events include multi-language catechesis, pilgrimage to the tomb of the Apostle Peter, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation and a candlelight service. On Sunday, mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis I.

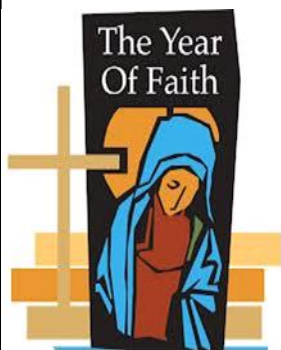
### Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ made 12 promises to those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart in apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun. (1670's) Read more at <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=875>



### Promotion of Good Content in Media

Members are encouraged to monitor media content. In this ever changing world, it is difficult to "keep up" with television viewing, let alone all that can be uploaded from the internet. Start with your local viewing stations. Make your opinions known to producers, network executives, advertisers, the CRTC and CBSC. Learn about filter systems to block undesirable programming on both your TV and PC.



As a Spiritual Gift to you,  
you will be remembered  
in THE MASSES offered in  
our church in observance  
of Mother's Day.

## St. Patrick Cathedral – Spiritual Cards

This year St Patrick's Cathedral council designed spiritual cards, one each for Mothers' and Fathers' Day, which were given for a donation of \$5 each. Parishioners signed their loved ones name in a bound book which was displayed at the front of the church for all masses each weekend. The Council purchased the intentions of all masses during the two weekends. The card indicated on the front that it was a spiritual gift and, on the back, had a wish for a blessed day and year with the year indicated. The Mothers' Day cards raised approximately \$250 toward the councils work and the Fathers' Day spiritual cards are expected to raise the same.

### Up-coming Events

**June 2**

Corpus Christi Sunday  
(Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

**June 7 (2013)**

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**June 13**

St. Anthony of Padua

**June 16**

Father's Day

**June 17 – 18**

G8 Summit, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

**June 21**

First Day of Summer

**June 22**

St. Thomas More

**June 24**

St. John the Baptist

**June 29**

St. Peter, First Pope

**July 1**

Canada Day

**July 3**

St. Thomas the Apostle

**July 6**

St. Maria Goretti

### Three Diocesan Presidents from St. Peter's Council

Formed in 1989, St. Peter's is among the youngest councils in the Thunder Bay Diocese. Over the years three past parish presidents accepted the call to service by serving on the Thunder Bay Diocesan Council. Charter president, June Meady was elected Diocesan president in 1999, followed by Pauline Krupa in 2003.

This spring, Gail Beda was elected at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder Bay Diocesan Convention.



Pictured (l to r)  
Pauline Krupa  
June Meady  
Gail Beda



Join us in Thunder Bay for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Convention  
July 6 – 10, 2013





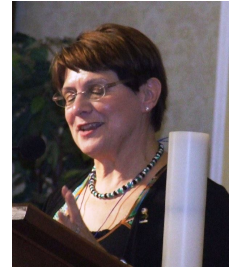
## Thunder Bay Diocesan Convention – Photo Gallery

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention was held at St. Andrew's Church in Thunder Bay. Just over 200 members and guests gathered on the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel for a weekend filled with memory making moments.....

**Katherine crowning Mary**



**Delegates hard at work**



**Greetings from Marlene**

**Spiritual Advisors con-celebrate Opening Mass**



**Standing committee chairs ``sell` their position**

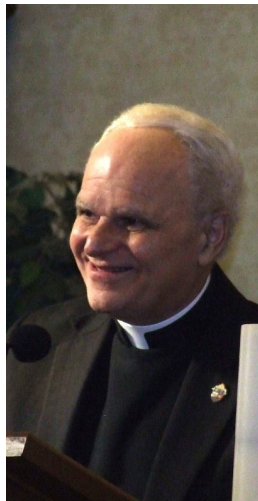


**Take my position, please!**



**Panel Discussion on bullying strategies in our community and schools**

**Resolutions are for you!**



**Msgr. Stilla presents workshop on Daily Prayer**



**Noreen gets a congrats hug from Martha after receiving her award**