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Featuring Thunder Bay Diocese and the Communications Standing Committee

We Have Seen the Lord

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**SEE YOU IN
COBOURG
JULY 6**

Betty's Blog



The members of the provincial council and I are looking forward to the upcoming provincial convention. We will be presenting reports and updates on our social justice projects. This year

it is being held at the (Best Western) Cobourg Inn and Convention Centre in Cobourg with the theme *We Have Seen the Lord!* The convention committee is eagerly preparing for our arrival and to welcome delegates from all over the province.

The opening and closing masses will take place in St. Michael the Archangel Church. We are thrilled that there will be two resolutions that will be brought for dialogue and presentation. The convention committee have planned an exciting and mysterious social highlight with a Masquerade Party at the banquet. You are invited to bring a mask for this intriguing event. I can't wait to see all the different styles! There will be two tours that will give you an opportunity to see the local beauty of Cobourg's famous beach and quaint downtown.

Be sure to bring your rosaries for our spiritual programs that will include the Divine Mercy and Rosary for Peace as well as daily mass. Our key note speaker is the CEO of Pathstone Foundation dealing with mental illness in response to our resolution passed at last year's convention. We will also have Father Frietas address us on Tuesday. Our interactive workshop is called, "On the Way with Jesus". There will be many displays to see and information to gather. National President-elect, Barb Dowding will be joining us for the convention. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our incoming national president.

The Life Members luncheon and Spiritual Advisor's luncheon will be held on Monday. President-elect Pauline Krupa will be hosting a luncheon for the organization chairpersons on the Tuesday.

Conventions are such a special time to reconnect and strengthen the bonds of sisterhood that we share with members across this amazing province of ours.

I look forward to seeing you there!



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St. Peter's Church CWL 25th Anniversary

Appropriately, it was during the month dedicated to our Mother Mary when the youngest CWL council in the Thunder Bay Diocese observed their **25th anniversary**. Spiritual Adviser for St. Peter's and the Thunder Bay Diocesan CWL, Father Terry Sawchuk, launched a two month-long celebration with a declaration of CWL Days.



The first significant event was a Mass on May 6th, celebrated by Rev. Sawchuk and widely attended by parishioners and CWL members, along with many other council sisters. CWL members were involved in the Mass in all capacities and the original executive led by first president June Meady, and the current executive led by current president Karen Nigro processed in and participated in the unveiling of the newly framed CWL charter and blessing of the 25 year pins. Deceased members were honoured with white and red roses carried and laid by the Book of Life by Hazel Fletcher and Isabella Carella. The offertory was brought up Elda Pessotti and Olga Bystrican. Another former president, Marie Walsh was organist and Jamie-Lynn Gustafson was Cantor and sang a beautiful acapella version of Ave Maria. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were Pauline Krupa and Ann Frastak while Bernice Reguly and Gail Beda did the reading and prayers of the faithful. Other members, Susan Bevingnu acted as Cross Bearer and Angela and Shalyn Meady were Altar Servers.

A reception was held in the newly renovated Church Hall and Bishop Frederick Colli honoured all with his presence and support. The program began with greetings from Bishop Colli, followed by Father Terry who humourously "passed a resolution" that the members continue being cheerful, being prayerful and being missionaries for the Faith. Pauline Krupa, member and provincial President-Elect, brought greetings from Provincial and presented a certificate of honour. She also read letter of congratulations from other councils and from Fathers Gerry McDougall and Wayne Bolton. Then, Gail Beda, member and Diocesan President, brought greetings and a certificate from the Diocese. Gordon Rowe, from the Knights of Columbus 7332, acknowledged the milestone anniversary and pledged to work more closely with the CWL at local and other levels. Historian for the Diocese, Roy Piovesana, and his wife Diane Piovesana, author of Rooted in Gospel Values, the history of the CWL in Thunder Bay, each spoke about the past achievements of St. Peter's Church and the St. Peter's CWL. Diane made special notice of the fact that this young council has provided three Diocesan presidents, two Life Members and one provincial President-Elect. Mike Meady, chair of the Parish Council, followed with congratulations and a tribute to the women of the parish throughout St. Peter's over 100-year history. June Meady provided a brief history of the council before joining Karen Nigro to present the 25 year pins. Thirty-nine pins were blessed and distributed and many of the recipients were present to receive them. Food, fellowship and reminiscing extended the celebrating and it was a stellar start to the Days of CWL.

Upcoming plans include an outdoor Scriptural Rosary with procession and Crowning of Mary for all parishioners, and Holy Mass on June 28th and a banquet with historical displays at the Slovak Legion wrapping up this happy time.



Pope Francis on Communication

Many times since taking office Pope Francis has reminded us that the goal of the Church for its communications efforts is "to understand how to enter into dialogue with the men and women of today, in order to appreciate their desires, their doubts, and their hopes."

Are we using social media to help others to see the face of Jesus? Are we being respectful and joyful in our interactions with all around us?

Let us be cautious that our communications do not encourage solitude and isolation. We are all children of God – even if we don't have access to a computer.



Sacred Heart/St Louis CWL Council

(Keewatin) hosted a Catch the Fire presentation which included invitees from St Joseph CWL Council, Dryden & Notre Dame CWL Council in Thunder Bay Diocese.

Presenters Marlene Pavletic, Liz Bortolussi & Alice Uvanile were thrilled with the large turnout.





An Excerpt from the May 2014 Executive Handbook now available for purchase or download at www.cwl.ca

PORNOGRAPHY

Pornography dictates that the satisfaction of one's own desires is all that matters. It leaves in its wake broken marriages, estranged and molested children, shattered young people, and deteriorating neighbourhoods.

The Communications chairperson shall:

- become aware of the influence that pornography has on children and adults
- support national campaigns such as Pornography Hurts
- promote organizations concerned about and working towards the elimination of pornography
- encourage members to continue writing to the prime minister, minister of justice and local members of parliament urging them to continue to object to pornography in all its forms

Did you know...

World Communications Day was June 1, 2014

World Communications Day, the only worldwide celebration called for by the Second Vatican Council ([Inter mirifica](#), 1963), is celebrated in most countries, on the recommendation of the bishops of the world, on the Sunday before Pentecost. The announcement of the theme is made on September 29, the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, who has been designated as the patron of those who work in radio. The Holy Father's message for World Communications Day is traditionally published in conjunction with the Memorial of [St. Francis de Sales](#), patron of writers (January 24), to allow bishops' conferences and diocesan offices sufficient time to prepare audiovisual and other materials for national and local celebrations.

Taken from the Pontifical Council for Social Communications (PCCS – pccs.va)

St. Mary's CWL, Fort

Frances, hosted a workshop on euthanasia and assisted suicide. Fr. Victor DeGagne provided the church's stand on the topic with a presentation on **Life Ethics** based on the principles of **Created in God's Image, Sacredness of Life, Sacredness of the Body and Respect for Life**. The group looked at the problems associated with legalized assisted suicide and the stand of government parties and officials in Canada.



Corpus Christi Council prays the Development & Peace spring Eucharistic prayer service



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Following the **61st Annual Thunder Bay Diocesan Convention**, the Presidents of Holy Angels, Schreiber, Cathy Lengyel and St. Martin of Tours, Terrace Bay, Ruth Mitchell, are shown passing the Convention banner to Linda Valiquette, President of Corpus Christi, Thunder Bay.

St. Patrick's EMO Catholic Women's League Council celebrates their **60th anniversary**; actual date is February 14th, 1954.

We are celebrating on Sunday April 6th at our Church; we will have a presentation on "The Gift of Faith" history of our parish.

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One of our members is doing this presentation complete news from our history books and minutes along with some era dress with lots more interesting things.

We will celebrate with our sisters of the League with a luncheon and social time.

Please Pray for us.

St. Dominic's Church held their annual St. Joseph's Table in March 2014. A beautiful display of flowers, fruits, handmade breads, cookies and ethnic delights surrounded the statue of St. Joseph. A large number of gift baskets prepared by our ladies were also available for purchase. Volunteers in the kitchen served spaghetti, meatballs, salads and desserts after all Masses that weekend. The young women of the Stelle Alpini Italian Dance group provided the entertainment. Proceeds benefited the new Scalabrini mission in El Salvador."





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Joyce Pavelic & Liz Bortolussi from Thunder Bay were privileged to honour their moms in **St Theresa Council's** first deceased members ceremony during the mass to celebrate the council's 25th Anniversary



Thunder Bay Diocesan Convention 2014 in Schreiber/Terrace Bay

Recycling the meal tickets produced a wonderful surprise!



*Our next issue will be in September
Featuring
The Ottawa and Alexandria- Cornwall Dioceses
And our Spiritual Advisor*

