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May 2014 Edition

Featuring Peterborough and Pembroke Dioceses and the Resolutions Standing Committee

We Have Seen the Lord



Betty's Blog



I have had the pleasure of attending diocesan conventions this month. It is a wonderful opportunity to pray, hear reports and spend time together in fellowship. What an honour to hear all the incredible works that are being done by our members that provide humble service for His people. I was thrilled to see and participate in unique prayer services. It's great to see that members are making sure that the 1/3 each of faith, fun and fulfillment are done at each meeting.

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The month of May gives us the opportunity to reflect and honour Our Mother Mary and all mothers that have guided us and been an inspiration in our lives. A friend sent me a YouTube link where it appeared that they were interviewing for the position of Director of Operations. When the candidates heard the amount of hours they would have to work and that they would not get paid, they weren't interested in the position. They even asked if it was legal. Then they were told it was the position of "mother". They then sent a message of thanks to their mothers. It was a lovely tribute to mothers and all that they do. As women of faith and action, we automatically reach out and do what needs to be done. I have been privileged to witness it your faith in action. We also honour those mothers and members gone before us that were generations of fearless women whose shoulders we stand on.

I recently attended the funeral of a member from my parish. Holding a candle in the guard of honour still brings me to tears after all these years. We can't under estimate the incredible respect for the years of service given by our sisters in the League in the form of a silent prayer guiding them along their way. It also shows their family and friends our gratitude for their service and how much they meant to us.

Women of Faith – Women of Action

May God bless you with the grace and strength to continue in your ministry to His people.



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Active Resolutions



Currently there are **53 active resolutions** and hundreds of archived resolutions which can be found on the provincial web page.

Did you know that at the first Ontario provincial convention in 1948 there were 13 resolutions passed! Two of the 13, *Health and Observance of Good Friday* were also presented and adopted at the national convention.

In 1920 at the first national convention there were 4 resolutions passed; *Social Study Circles, Against Divorce, Child Welfare, and Big Sister Movement.*

By Rosanne Sogan OPC Resolutions Chair

Pembroke Diocese Temiscaming, Quebec St. Theresa's Parish C.W.L.

St. Theresa's Parish CWL Counsel hosted a Mini-retreat on Thursday April 11th with 30 members in attendance. The theme of the retreat was "**We have seen the Lord as People of Faith...Easter People.**" Carmel Rumleskie who is Chair of Spiritual Development for the Pembroke Diocese was the guest speaker. She spoke of Faith and what it means to us, and how we see the Lord in our daily lives. The retreat started at 2:30 with members taking part in the readings, hymns, meditations and recitation of the rosary. It ended with Mass and the installation of officers and reception of three new members. The day ended with a pot luck supper. What a fantastic day it was, indeed.





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UPDATE /CORRECTION RE: TRANSPORTATION to PROVINCIAL CONVENTION 2014

For those Flying into Billy Bishop Airport on Toronto Island on Porter Airlines

Take a short ferry and walk/ride to union station.

NEW !!!!! information re: travelling from UNION STATION

Take VIA TRAIN to Cobourg.



Then call taxi to

Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre- (Best Western)

From Provincial 2014 committee

They Started a Long Time Ago!

By Rosanne Sogan OPC Resolutions Chair

Resolutions go way back in time to the ancient Babylonians who made promises that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts.

Similarly in modern times many of us each New Year's set our minds on making resolutions which could be to better ourselves physically or spiritually or sometimes we have farfetched ideas in mind for our yearly quest. This notion partially came from the exercise of Lenten sacrifices.

Biblical Resolutions

By Rosanne Sogan OPC Resolutions Chair

Here are 5 biblical resolutions to contemplate at any time of the year!

Colossians 3:13 - Mend a Broken Relationship

Matthew 25:34-40 - Actively Seek Out to Help the Poor, Homeless, and Needy

1 Corinthians 19:20 - Improve Your Physical Well-Being

Matthew 14:22-23 - Consciously Set Aside Time to Spend with God

Mark 12:29-31 - Loving God = Loving Others



A Sense of Springtime

As I have been impatiently longing for spring to appear, I came upon a copy of the latest Salt & Light Magazine, and a letter from Father Tom Rosica, it's CEO, from which I quote ..."What has happened in the church, and how can it be that a 77 year old, retirement-bound archbishop from Buenos Aires has captivated the world? How can we describe *the sense of springtime* that has come upon the church? How is it fathomable in our day and age that not only Christians and Catholics but millions of others are speaking about "Papa Francesco" as if he were their own?" In response to those who would describe Pope Francis as "a bold, brazen revolutionary" Father Rosica further notes "...the only revolution that Pope Francis has inaugurated is a revolution of tenderness, the very words he used in his recent major letter on "The Joy of the Gospel". [Evangelii Gaudium #88]

Shortly after reading all of this, I went for a walk, and amazingly began to see true signs of spring, but from a totally different perspective. I noticed how gently the leaves unfurl on the tree branches, how calmly and quietly the perennials are making their way out of the ground and blossoming forth, how the birds seem to be filled with a joyful expectancy as they build their nests and await the birth of their little ones. So many signs of a gentle rebirth, of tenderness, of new life! I couldn't help but think again of the words of Pope Francis "a revolution of tenderness", and to realize that we, as members of the League, are part of this "revolution".

We work to eliminate the stigma attached to mental illness, we fight against pornography, we reach out to those experiencing difficulties in their lives, we sponsor anti bullying campaigns, we make valiant efforts to promote social justice, we respect the dignity and sacredness of every human.... the list goes on. We are women of understanding, women of compassion, women of gentleness, and women of tenderness. We are women of peace, women of hope, women of faith and women of prayer.

We have seen the Lord, and, with great joy, we are revolutionary women, eager participants in Papa Francesco's revolution of tenderness.

Submitted by Carol Richer, OPC Education and Health Chairperson

An Oldie but Goodie

By Rosanne Sogan OPC Resolutions Chair

While investigating resolutions I came upon this resolution which I'd like to share with all of you:

Resolution 1923.01b Our Lady of Good Counsel

Resolved, That Our Lady of Good Counsel be the Heavenly Protectress of the Catholic Women's League.

That a High Mass be recommended by each subdivision of the League to be sung for the intention of the League on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

That all members of the League receive Holy Communion in a body on the Patronal Feast Day of the League.





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NOTE!!!! Convention Prayer Services (Outline) The times of the daily Masses and prayer services have been changed for this year's convention. Please share this with your members.

(Sunday) July 6, 2014

7:00 p.m. - Opening Mass: Intention *For all the living and deceased members of The Catholic Women's League of Ontario*

(Monday) July 7, 2014

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration: Intention: *For all who are struggling with Mental Health issues*

Opening Prayer Service: League Prayer

Angelus

Grace - Lunch

1:30 p.m. Afternoon Opening Prayer Service: Prayer Service for Mental Health

4:30 p.m. Closing Prayer Service: Crowning of Mary

(Tuesday) July 8, 2014

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration: Intention: *For the Spiritual Advisors and Clergy in Ontario*

Morning Opening Prayer Service: Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

Angelus

Grace - Lunch

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Prayer Session: Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song

4:30 p.m. Closing Prayer: Rosary for Peace

(Wednesday) July 9, 2014

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer Service: Stars in Mary's Crown

Angelus

12:30 p.m. Closing Eucharistic Celebration – Mass Intention: *To honour the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Re-Affirmation Ceremony

Grace: (Quiet personal grace) - Lunch



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Celebrating Our League History

Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew, Ontario

The focus of our February general meeting was to celebrate the achievements of the many members who served the League since its Charter was signed on December 14, 1966.

The original Charter was displayed along with several beautiful, crafted history books.

Our theme "We Have Seen the Lord, As People of Faith" was obvious. Past President Ella Box acknowledged the 43 charter members who started Fatima Council.

Members took time to view the history books and commented on all the wonderful work completed for God and Canada. The Aims and Objects of the League were evident in the many photos of our special events and projects, diocesan meetings and Conventions. The photos tell the story of faith, fun and fulfilment; along with the many community endeavours our council participated in over the years



***In the June issue we will feature
Thunder Bay Diocese and the Communications Chair***

