



## ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

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### Betty's Blog

Happy New Year Everyone!



I sincerely hope you had a blessed, wonderful Christmas enjoyed with family and friends followed by a celebration of the New Year.

As we begin the New Year, we welcome our new theme ONE HEART, ONE VOICE, ONE MISSION. The promotional cards from national office explaining the theme are awesome! Not only is the card eye appealing but a wonderful way to capture the attention of prospective members. The back of the card says who we are, what we offer, what we do and why we do it. "As Catholic women, we are called to stand up and take our place, speak the truth and renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God – to fortify the family, create sanctuaries of peace and be the Good News to all." Doesn't that sound amazing?!

The following is an interesting quote I recently read by Pope Francis that spoke to me of social justice.

"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy form being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and goal in life." With our social justice projects, we continue our call and show the signs of having been out on the streets giving service to the people of God.

These are exciting times as annual reports are being compiled and preparations are under way for diocesan and provincial conventions. With all that is on the horizon, a thought comes to mind that I read on a local church board: "Life is fragile, handle with prayer"

Blessings and hugs for the New Year!

*Betty Colaruci*



## How The Internet Got Started - According To The Bible

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP). And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth! ► Special thanks to Carol Richer for sharing...

### Communication Skills 101

The most important communication skill we possess is the ability to listen effectively. Here are some hints for effective listening:

- † **Tune in...** be prepared to listen; face the person you are listening to, make eye contact and remove all other distractions
- † **Understand what you hear...** ask open ended questions to ensure you are following; listen for changes in tone of voice and watch for physical signs like agitation or aggression
- † **Avoid miscommunication...** summarize what you heard in your own words before you give advice or instruction

These tips can be used in our prayer life as well. Listen to what the Lord has to say to you as you pray. Be open to His word. Be present as you pray. Set aside some time each day to say three Hail Marys and the League prayer for all members.

I will be praying for you... and listening... Colleen Randall, OPC Communications Chair



### Do you know what your teens are doing on their phones?

After you read this list, you'll likely start looking at your teen's texts in a whole new way.

1. **IWSN** - I want sex now
2. **GNOC** - Get naked on camera
3. **NIFOC** - Naked in front of computer
4. **PIR** - Parent in room
5. **CU46** - See you for sex
6. **53X** - Sex
7. **9** - Parent watching
8. **99** - Parent gone
9. **1174** - Party meeting place
10. **THOT** - That hoe over there
11. **CID** - Acid (the drug)
12. **Broken** - Hung over from alcohol
13. **420** - Marijuana
14. **POS** - Parent over shoulder
15. **SUGARPIC** - Suggestive or erotic photo
16. **KOTL** - Kiss on the lips
17. **(L)MIRL** - Let's meet in real life
18. **PRON** - Porn
19. **TDTM** - Talk dirty to me
20. **8** - Oral sex
21. **CD9** - Parents around/Code 9
22. **IPN** - I'm posting naked
23. **LH6** - Let's have sex
24. **WTTP** - Want to trade pictures?
25. **DOC** - Drug of choice
26. **TWD** - Texting while driving
27. **GYPO** - Get your pants off
28. **KPC** - Keeping parents clueless

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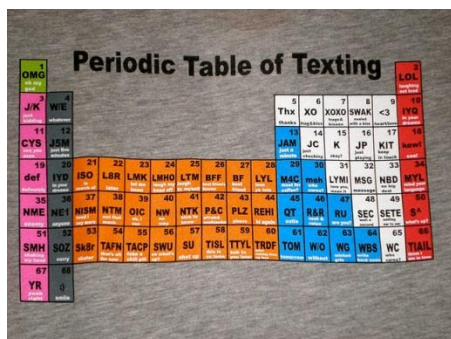
Over the next two years, the Cathedral will become a gathering place for all churches in our area. For this venue to happen, much organization is taking place along with major fundraising. We, the members of the Catholic Women's League, have come forward to support our church with a commitment to donate the sum of \$5,000 over the next 5 years. We also have put on two bake sales and the success was overwhelming with a profit that exceeded well over \$3,000. Our council is very much alive in our parish as we move forward to do God's work! Pictured below are Jean Lajambe, Anne Kasch, Dale Nelson and Beverley Dunn



### COMMUNICATING IS EASY!!!

There are so many forms of networking these days; it is hard to keep up. It is great connecting with family and friends through Skype and Facebook – the Sault Ste. Marie Diocese has a Facebook page now, so friend us. But with the rise of social media, the darker side of the internet also gains strength – from Cyberbullying to Child Pornography. In December the Vatican launched an anti-cyberbullying campaign titled "Stop threats on the Internet". Visit the National website ([cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca)) for more information on this and other detailed reports from Pope Francis and the Vatican. Also, please check out Be League – it is great to see pictures from our own Diocese that people all across Canada will share as well. When you see something you like, tell a friend & they can tell a friend & so on & so on...

Bev Michaud, Communications Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Diocese





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On April 11, 2014, **Catch the Fire** was rolled out for a second time to participants from the North Bay Region. With lunch in hand, we made our way to Saint Joseph's Mother House where we were warmly received. The roll-out team from the Diocesan Executive met us with tea, coffee and an assortment of fruits and pastries. We spent a wonderful day sharing ideas while learning more about the League. We prayed together, ate together and even cried a little. Some things are even better the second time around and this is definitely one of them. Everyone should try it!



**St. Veronica's Church CWL, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario**  
After 18 years of having no CWL at our church, in 2011 we started a new council. Our executive members have worked very hard to keep our CWL going, and without their time and dedication we could not have re-started our group. Our members are also first to offer any help and support us whenever we ask. Our most recent fundraiser was a Christmas Bake Sale held on the same day as our parish's monthly coffee Sunday. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> year in 2015.

Rose Linklater, President, On behalf of St. Veronica's CWL



Pictured are Claudette Jirovec and Suzanne Murphy

Pictured are Betsy Currier, Bruna McPherson, Donna Demarco Arlene Delaney and Lori McLeod



At the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of **St Peter the Apostle council in North Bay**, years of service pins were presented. Pins given out included twelve 10 year pins, eleven 25 year pins, five 40 year pins, four 50 year pins and nine 60 year pins. A Certificate of Merit for 73 years of service to the League was also presented to Amelia Saini. Her son accepted the certificate on her behalf. Pictured are two of the 50 year recipients; from left: Stella Caicco, our Spiritual Advisor, Father Anthony Man-Son-Hing, and Arlene Maunsell. Absent were Vivian Boisvert and Miriam Davis. The members receiving 60 year pins were Aura Conway, Muriel Cousineau, Pat Croteau, Mary-Jean Cundari, Leona Kotsilidis, Nora MacDonald, Eileen Mechefske, Janet O'Connor and Elizabeth

Vezina. Congratulations to all these amazing ladies. Their commitment to the League and its objectives is remarkable and provides us with many role models.



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### 50 years for Sault Ste. Marie Diocese St. Kevin's Council!

Our celebrations started with Anniversary Cake in January 2014 with installation of new executives. An anniversary committee was formed and chaired by Doris Labelle with the dream of having an event a month to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Highlight of the year were a pilgrimage to Martyrs Shrine in Midland organized by Marina Lamoureux. The topping on the cake was our June 7th Dinner which was well attended. The night was enjoyed by all with prayer, a wonderful catered dinner, conversation, renewed friendships, awards, beautiful decor and toasts galore. We are blessed with a membership of giving women, who shared their gifts organizing a variety of monthly celebrations. We were honored to have our Diocesan President Anna Tremblay accept our invitation to come celebrate with us. She presented Lou Burns with her 50 year Service Pin for her dedicated service to the League "Helping the less fortunate." Lou truly fulfilled our Mission Statement, "Service to the people of God". We are sad to say we lost Lou last September her dedication and love of the league will carry on through all whom she mentored.



(Picture) Susan Godin (Pres.) with some of our past presidents Nancy Shank "Sudbury Regional Chair", Doris Labelle, (Diocesan Legislature) Denise Warren, Raymonde Petryna, Lou Burns, Gail Collins, Sue Beaudry and Marina Lamoureux.

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