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Pauline's Ponderings...

Greetings

A new CWL year has begun. We have completed the convention 2015 journey at diocesan, provincial and national levels. Reports from these are available to you on a variety of websites, in the newsletter and *Canadian League* magazine. Kudos and appreciation at all levels for hosting energy-filled, spiritually uplifting and learning experiences for our members. Your provincial executive team has been completing tasks all summer and is now focusing on launching the 2015 - 2016 project - - centred on the *Holy Year of Mercy*. Watch for details of our plan in the near future.

We are living in a time where human life is under attack. As citizens we are in the middle of life ending tactics that are contrary to all that we believe as Catholics. I encourage you to be pro-active in the campaigns to support life from the moment of conception to natural death. Over the past few months the national president has sent letters to the government on our behalf expressing our concerns. As Catholic concerned citizens, we must act... keep ourselves informed. Why not plan letter-writing campaigns at your fall meetings? The World Meeting of Families will be held in September. Our national president will represent The League at this meeting. Pray for the success of this meeting. I wish each of you a good year in CWL. May Our Lady of Good Counsel keep you in her loving arms as you work for *God and Canada*.

Cheers and ttfn...



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Fun Times at the Convention Photo Booth



St. Peter the Apostle Council CWL, North Bay

was well represented at the 68th Annual Provincial Convention held in Niagara Falls. We do look our best!

From left to right, Ann Cousineau, Marcelle Beaulieu, Gert Lalande and newly elected to the Provincial Executive, our very own Anna Tremblay.



Our Lady of Hope (Sudbury) CWL Feeding the Hungry

Since Christmas 2013, we have been serving lunch to people on the street at the Blue Door in Sudbury.

Our sign-up sheet at Our Lady of Hope Parish welcomes regulars and new volunteers.

My first experience was wonderful! I served a wide variety of people some old, some young, some with walkers and some in wheelchairs. Many returned to the counter after eating lunch with big smiles and thanked us!

Should an opportunity come your way to help out to feed the hungry, I would highly recommend the experience. We can make a difference!



***The October issue will
feature the Toronto
Archdiocese and the
Spiritual Advisor.***

Stay tuned!



St. Peter the Apostle (North Bay) CWL & Knights of Columbus Join Forces



On August 16, 2015, the CWL Council of St. Peter the Apostle and the Knights of Columbus North Bay Council 1007 joined forces to put on a breakfast and bake sale. This was an amazing opportunity for two parish families to come together and work for the benefit of their charities. The Knights wanted to recognize the 125th anniversary of their founder, Father Michael McGivney. The proceeds from the breakfast were donated to the food bank at St. Peter's Church. The CWL raised funds for their 60th anniversary celebration, November 7th, 2015.

The event was a resounding success! Both groups have planned to make it an annual event!

From Left to Right: Chef Fernando Amendola, Knights of Columbus, Marcelle Beaulieu, President.

Sole Hope

At **St. Alexander's Parish in Chelmsford**, we had a very successful "Sole Hope Project" which was organized and led by Emily Vinski.

Sole Hope involves making closed toed shoes for children in Uganda to protect them from jiggers. Jiggers are small sand fleas that burrow into the surface of the skin that is most exposed, usually feet. As they multiply infection and disease often result.



Our CWL members donated denim jeans, traced, cut, tabulated the shoe templates and contributed money to help pay the shipping cost to Uganda. The local people in Uganda will assemble the pieces into shoes while earning a wage.

Gayle O'Brien is tracing shoe template on denim. Emily Vinski shows the finished product which was assembled in Uganda. This could be a great project in any parish community!



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St. Kevin's CWL (Val Therese) Keeping 'Shannen's Dream' Alive



Our Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan council made us aware of 'Shannen's Dream', a young education advocate from the Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario who had a dream: safe and comfy schools and culturally based education for First Nations children.

St. Kevin's CWL in Val Therese filled 105 backpacks with school supplies for Wapekeka's First Nations students in Northern Ontario. Their school and portable building burnt to the ground this past May. Their community was devastated and struggled to find ways for the students to finish their year. We are very blessed with members and parishioners' generosity. We hope that this can be a small act of reconciliation to our First Nations youth.

Picture: Sue Godin, Anne Marie Duff, Pat Morris, Mary Catherine Tremblay, Marie Hynes, Aline Radey and Delorese McGaughey

Pro-Cathedral CWL (North Bay) Participates in Relay for Life Way to Go Ladies!



On Friday, June 12th, during the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life fundraiser, eleven brave ladies set out to relay for six hours at Canadian Forces Base North Bay's Athletic Field in the fight against cancer. **The team raised close to \$2,400!**

Left to Right: Evelyn Riddell-Gruber, Leah Pierce, Lorraine Atchison, Sister Shannon Hickey, Maudena Farnsworth, Sharon Brown, Wilda Beaupre, Vicki Doucette (kneeling) Tessa Clermont and Lisa Henry. Absent from the photo: Noelle Sharpe, Elaine Kilroy and Diane Carmichael. **Photo Credit: Leah Pierce, Pro-Cathedral CWL Communications Officer**



Resolutions

By Linda Squarzolo

Provincial Resolutions Chair

Catholic Social Teaching and Resolutions are closely linked. The prophet Micah calls on people *"to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God."* (6:8) Every person on earth is entitled to dignity, food, shelter, work, education, social order, an equal share of resources, a share of creation, peace, just wages and religious freedom. When people lack some of these it leads to suffering and oppression. To improve the plight of the less fortunate, changes must be made in the social and political structures. Through resolutions the League can work to change social conditions that lead the suffering of God's people.

For example, the dependence on food banks is a sign of injustice in society. Perhaps the causes could be the less-than-adequate social assistance, the lack of affordable housing or other social problems. Is there a resolution that could be studied to improve the situation?

Our mission, as League members, is to free people from oppression and work to change the social conditions that lead to suffering. My resolution could state:

Whereas, The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization, rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness, through service to the people of God; and

Whereas, by their faith, Christians are required to show active concern to form a just and fair society; therefore, be it

Resolved That League members will work to change social and political structures by researching and writing resolutions; and be it further

Resolved That League members will implement the action plans of previously adopted resolutions.

