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**and the Communications Standing Committee**



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### *Pauline's Ponderings...*



#### **Happy New Year!**

I am sitting here looking out the dining room window reflecting on the wonder of the world around me. Yesterday we had snow, so today is for digging out. My snow angel was here before the sun came up and got the job completed. I thank the Lord for people like Norm who enjoy their time in the freezing cold helping in their own way. This brings to mind a recent homily given by Msgr. Stilla who reflected on *2 Timothy 4:7*. His question to us was, "Have you fought the good fight? Have you finished the race? Have you kept the faith?" Those questions have stayed with me these past days and now I share them with all of you. Take a few moments today and think about our "good fights." This year we have all rallied for excellent palliative and hospice care. What more can we be doing? We have "finished" the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. How will we keep mercy alive? Our "faith" is the key. How will we keep the faith?

It is my hope that each of you are exploring ways to live the new national theme, *Inspired by The Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call*.

This morning we received the announcement that Most Reverend Bishop William McGrattan, Peterborough Diocese, will be leaving Ontario. He has been named the eighth Bishop of Calgary, Alberta. Our prayers go with you, Bishop McGrattan. You will be missed.



#### ***Join the Conversation.***

***Every time you talk, text and join in on social media on January 25, Bell will donate 5 cents more to mental health initiatives.***

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**CWL Pin Holders**

League sisters often wear more than one pin at one time, leaving holes in clothing. So, the inner entrepreneur in one CWL member, Brenda Passmore with the **Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay** council, came out to fix the problem. Inspired by the Girl Guides of Canada badge holders, the CWL pin holders keep all the pins on one ribbon. Brenda found a company in North Bay that would produce the clasps and found several ladies who would sew the ribbons. The project has taken off!



Members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in the Sault Ste. Marie Diocese were introduced to **Seminarian Chad Franklin**, at the Closing Eucharistic Celebration of their 96th Diocesan Convention held at St. Veronica's Church in the City of Sault Ste. Marie on May 15, 2016. Chad is in his second year of studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario and can be seen in the photograph with Diocesan President Karen McDonald. Their members continue to pray for Chad and for vocations to the Priesthood.



**The Journey Project**

**Precious Blood Cathedral in Sault Ste Marie**, the mother church of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, has been asked to take a leadership role in the preservation of our past. The goal is to create a multi-use gathering place at the cathedral, which will provide indoor and outdoor space for celebration, education and outreach. It will offer to all Catholics the gift to remember and celebrate the past, which will inspire and enliven our present and future.

The Catholic Women's League has committed to give the *Journey Project* a monetary donation of \$1,000.00 annually for five years. Pictured is Spiritual Advisor Rev. Hamish Currie receiving a cheque from council president Geraldine Chateau.



The CWL of **St. Alexander's Church in Chelmsford/Azilda** had their annual **Birthright Shower** in October. Members were encouraged to bring newborn clothing and/or a monetary donation.

Yvonne Cholette, from Birthright, brought a client who is a new immigrant from Pakistan. She has been here for about a year and brought her four-month-old son with her, much to the delight of our members. She related to us how The Birthright Organization assisted her and continues to help her in her adjustment to living in a northern community. Our membership presented Birthright with newborn clothing and over \$400.00 dollars.

Pictured Left to right: Charmaine Malette, Pakistani immigrant, Marina Lamoureux and Yvonne Cholette





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### Wheelchair of Presents

Through the generosity of the parishioners of **St. Peter the Apostle Church in North Bay**, the members of the CWL parish council could bring an abundance of good cheer and presents to the residents of Wing A-1, formerly the Evergreen Lodge, at the North Bay Regional Health Centre. Pictured are council president Marcelle Beaulieu and communications chairperson Ann Robb-Mathieu.



### Bursary Presentations



Each year **Saint Peter the Apostle CWL Council, North Bay**, is proud to offer two \$500.00 bursaries, made available through the generosity of Gerry and Yvonne McCarthy. Pictured are the recipients of this year's awards: from left to right, Allison Angelo, recipient of the Angelina McCarthy Memorial Bursary, Ann Robb-Mathieu communications chairperson, Marcelle Beaulieu council president, and Megan Cruickshank, recipient of the Agnes Dufaure Memorial Bursary



On November 12 - 13, 2016, the Catholic Women's League of **Our Lady of Hope Parish in Sudbury** held their annual **Fall Mini Bazaar** (sewing/crafts, baking, books, gently used treasures) to raise funds for Christmas gifts to be given to the shut-ins of the parish. Each basket included a one-year Jesuit Mass enrolment card, a Catholic calendar, and personal care products.



Approximately 40 parishioners received these gifts that were personally delivered by CWL members before Christmas.



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### **OUR NEW NATIONAL THEME EXPLAINED**

Submitted by Anna Tremblay

Communications Standing Committee Chairperson

#### **Symbols**

##### ***Dove***

Holy Spirit – advocate, counsellor, intercessor

##### ***Cloud & Light***

living, saving God of glory

##### ***Fire***

transforming energy of Pentecost

##### ***Disciples***

CWL members, responding joyfully to God's call in word and action

##### ***Cross, Anchor & Heart***

Faith – lived, professed, witnessed and spread

Hope – strength to sustain and preserve us

Love – the first and greatest of all virtues

##### ***Theme Prayer***

Spirit of the Living God  
open our hearts and minds  
to experience the unconditional love of God.

Empower us with the gifts of your Spirit  
so that we may  
respond to God's call  
in joyful service.

Inspire and bless the members of the  
Catholic Women's League  
so that the fruits of your Spirit  
may be evidenced in all that we say and do.  
Amen.



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

***"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper".***

***"All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings"***

*~ Pope Francis ~ (From the encyclical: "Laudato Si" on Care For Our Common Home)*

## LIVING Laudato Si'



In keeping with the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical, and taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint, the Ontario Provincial Council, after discussion, careful discernment and consideration, has decided that the

**Spring 2017 will be the last paper edition of  
The Trillium News and Views.  
Stay tuned for more information!**