



October 2018 Edition  
Featuring the Diocese of Timmins and  
Communication Chairperson, Marie-Theresa Lamphier

**Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call**



## *Annie's Annotations*

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*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.*

- Colossians 3:15

Thanksgiving, thankfulness, blessing, all come to mind at this time of year. It is a time to reflect on all that God has given us; we truly are fortunate to live in Canada, a country where we are free to practice our religion, express our opinions, open a business and move around our country without borders, to name a few things I am grateful for. I recently learned that we are expecting our 15<sup>th</sup> grandchild in the spring. God is Great!!! The Madden Family is truly blessed.

I pray you will have a bountiful Thanksgiving celebration with your family and friends. Why not invite a neighbour to join you...perhaps they will not have anyone to share with this year? Please continue to be generous with your contributions of donations to food banks and homeless shelters and remember to pray for those who have been impacted by the storms and strong weather.

God Bless each of you,

*Anne*



## Timmins Diocese



This group photo includes all those in attendance at the Spiritual Retreat Day hosted by the Diocesan CWL Council – Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Wayne Mills, guests, presenters and members from across the diocese. The presentations included “Life in the Spirit” by Deacon Stan Cor and Janine Cor, and “Taking Your Spiritual Pulse” by Life Member Anne Plaunt.

Pictured from left to right are Diocesan President Audrey Shelton, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Father Wayne Mills, Janine Cor, Deacon Stan Cor, Anne Plaunt and Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairperson, Annette Kelly.



### St. Anthony of Padua Council, Timmins

Barb Poulin, a CWL member and volunteer with the Syrian Refugee Family living in Timmins, accompanies Zozan, the mother, to a pre-natal appointment. Barb and Zozan made a presentation to council members and other parishioners.

Zozan and her daughter help other CWL members make sandwiches for the homeless in Timmins.





## 2018 Timmins Diocesan Convention

Armida Millions (on the right), Co-President of Sacred Heart of Jesus Council in Timmins, presents Kim Nadeau, Co-ordinator of Living Spaces, Timmins, with items such as socks, clothing, backpacks and toiletry products. These articles were collected at the convention for the patrons of the overnight component of Living Spaces. Kim gave a very informative presentation on this newly created facility, which is affiliated with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Cochrane, Timiskaming Branch. In her letter of thanks, she states, "Your generosity is of great assistance to us in our ongoing mission to create a shared community responsibility for ending homelessness by promoting and providing a continuum of services which clearly reflects our values for all."



**At Holy Trinity Church in Englehart,** boxes are piled high in preparation for pickup by a transport which will bring them to Canadian Food For Children in Toronto.

Anne Plaunt, Life Member and project co-ordinator, is standing with other Holy Trinity Council members and volunteers, Line Gillette (on the right) and Marie Black (kneeling). For months, articles such as pneumonia vests, afghans, blankets, sweaters, shoes, crayons, pencils, shampoo, soap and salt are collected from all the councils in the diocese. They are stored and packed into boxes at the church. Members throughout the diocese have supported this charity for over 20 years, especially with pneumonia vests, which continue to be knitted or

crocheted with much love and generosity. Two councils also contribute financially to assist with shipping costs.

## Our Mother of Perpetual Help Council, New Liskeard

From left to right, CWL members Evelyn Carter, Theresa Depres, Kathy Ruddy (Council President) and Helen Leroux prepare food for the children of St. Michel School in New Liskeard. CWL ladies get together twice a month in the church kitchen to cut cheese, fruits and vegetables and prepare bagels and sandwiches for area schools.





## Sacred Heart of Jesus Council, Timmins

Pictured are council members selling a variety of baking to enthusiastic members of the community. The council's annual tea and bake sale in this Italian Parish is a very popular and well attended event in the community, as well as a rewarding fundraiser.

- Articles submitted by Marie Black, Communication Chairperson, Timmins Diocese



## The Elephant Rope

*FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT*

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at any time, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them

and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?



Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

- Submitted by Anna Tremblay, OPC Spiritual Development Chairperson



## Inspired by the Spirit.....

Over 25 years ago, I attended a meeting that was called by our Pastor to see if there was any interest in forming a CWL. At that time, I was working full time for a big corporation, I had a family with 3 growing children and I was going to University at night, working on my Bachelor's Degree. This meeting was probably the first time I was inspired by the Holy Spirit, on my CWL journey.

I attended **my first** convention, in Chatham, by myself, as our President was not able to attend. At that time they had assigned seating...so being a new council, they had forgotten to assign a seat for me. Well, talk about divine intervention...wasn't I fortunate enough to be invited to sit with the Life Members at their table! What a great experience that was as they explained to me what was going on...why they were doing things a certain way, what to do and when and where to go! It was just marvelous!

It was an election year, and I remember the controversy over sending in your instructed vote and why you had to be at convention to make it count etc. The resolutions dialogue brought forth ideas that I never considered and the discussion that followed was very enlightening!

I was so motivated that I grabbed every piece of information I could put my hands on...from the tables, the display room, and took copious notes, as is my habit, and brought it all home. I put it in a binder and brought it to our next meeting....I was on such a high that I wanted to share this experience with everyone....just like a good recipe, you want everyone to have a taste of it!

The Spirit inspired me through the face and the eyes of my sisters in the League; ....the Spirit inspired me through the speakers that I listened to and the Spirit definitely inspired me through my prayers. I can definitely say that once we are called, the Spirit does not abandon us.....the thing is....we have to be open to His call...be open to His prompting and listen with an open heart.

I look back on the road I have traveled and I know that the only reason I was able to make it this far, the only reason I am still here today, is the fact that God was walking the road with me every step of the way!

Please encourage everyone to listen, reflect, pray and give thanks to God who works through each of our lives! Just remember that if you want to give light to others you have to Glow yourself!...and if the Spirit calls you....say, "Here I am Lord, your servant is listening!"

- submitted by Marie-Theresa Lamphier, OPC Communication Chairperson



**IT'S TIME  
TO GET  
ORGANIZED!!**

**WHAT SOCIAL JUSTICE OR HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUE IS BURNING IN YOUR CONSCIENCE???**

**ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT A CHANGE YOU  
WISH TO MAKE IN THE WORLD?**

**TOPIC DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS IS  
DECEMBER 15/18**

**Contact your Diocesan Resolutions Chair**

## **2018 RESOLUTIONS UPDATE**

The resolutions passed at the 2018 Ontario provincial convention were:

ON.18.01 Develop national standards for levels of pharmaceuticals in Canada's drinking water

ON.18.02 Full implementation of *Income Security: A Roadmap for Change* for disabled adult Ontarians

ON.18.03 To fully implement alternative sentencing to incarceration of Indigenous offenders

ON.18.02 was forwarded to other provinces to make them aware of this issue and requesting each to review the situation in their own province.

ON.18.01 and ON.18.02 were not accepted for presentation at the National convention. The reasons paraphrased from the letters received from national office were:

ON.18.01 *The national resolutions committee noted the World Health Organization's ("WHO") recommendations state (page 28) " .. development of formal guideline values for pharmaceuticals in WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality and the installations of specialized treatment processes to reduce trace concentrations of pharmaceuticals are not warranted."*

ON.18.03 *The national resolutions committee noted there was "lack of proof that Section 81 and 84 ... are not being implemented. In addition, the committee noted "Correctional Service Canada has agreed with the recommendations of the Office of Auditor General of Canada Report" and "committed to take corrective action to improve results for Indigenous offenders."*

Despite these resolutions not being presented at the national convention, councils are encouraged to take action.

Please see the resolutions posted on the Ontario website to read the resolution, brief and action plans.

- submitted by Colleen Martin, OPC Resolution Chairperson



## ***An "Eye on Legislation" ...***

### ***Update on Homelessness Project***

To date, these councils have completed the **Scavenger Hunt** and submitted surveys:

- Star of the Sea (St. Catharines diocese) – first to submit!
- Sacred Heart (Toronto archdiocese)
- St. Theresa's (Pembroke diocese)
- Our Lady of Fatima (Pembroke diocese)
- Holy Trinity (London diocese)
- St. Michael's (London diocese)



**IT'S NOT  
TOO LATE!**

We know of other surveys being completed and we thank all who are participating. It is not too late to go on the "Hunt" ... we are asking for your completed surveys by **October 16, 2018**. Here is the **link** to the *Scavenger Hunt*:

<http://cwl.on.ca/sites/default/files/directives/1679.pdf>

The provincial legislation committee is encouraged by the positive feedback from those who have participated ... they discovered programs in their own communities ... recognized the challenges faced by those without a home ... are planning meetings with their MP/MPP ... and are reviewing the legislation in place and resolutions passed.

We are compiling the information gathered from all of the surveys into one report ... stay tuned!

- Submitted by Legislation Chairperson Karen McDonald and sub-committee



# A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

By Linda Squarzolo

At the end of June the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) organized a trip for CWL members to visit the Holy Land on a ten-day pilgrimage. What an unforgettable trip it was! The tour took us to many of the holy sites in Israel and Palestine. I was deeply moved to visit the actual site of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, to be at the foot of the cross on Calvary and to touch the stone on which Jesus was placed after being taken down from the cross. This experience was memorable!

Although visiting the holy places was wonderful, another aspect of this trip was to meet with Christians who are living and working in the Holy Land. CNEWA is a papal agency, which supports many of their projects. Did you know that CNEWA is one of the national council's voluntary funds? The League supports two of their projects, Shepherd's Field Hospital and the Infant Welfare Centre. These projects are known as "**Velma's Dream**" in honour of a past national president, Velma Harasen.

**Shepherd's Field Hospital** is located near Bethlehem. Currently, a modern hospital is under construction to serve its clients. Social cases, 45 to 50 monthly, receive services free-of-charge. The hospital is able to do this because of the partnership with charities, like the CWL and CNEWA, who pay 50%, while the co-operative pays the difference. Women and children make up 67% of patients. We were given a tour of the new building, which will open in a few months.

We often see the results of our CWL donations in our own communities and country. How awesome it was to see the difference we are making for Christians in the Holy Land.



The Shepherd's Field Hospital Co-operative gave the pilgrimage group a tour of the new hospital, which will open in the near future. They also presented CWL National Secretary/Treasurer Janet McLean with a wooden carving of the Holy Family in recognition of the CWL's ongoing support. The carving will be displayed at National Office in Winnipeg.



## Rosary Sunday 2018

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> was another perfect day for Rosary Sunday at the Martyrs Shrine in Midland. The weather was sunny, yet slightly cool, making it very comfortable to be outdoors for the noon mass celebrated at the Polish Altar by Father Thomas Rosica of Salt + Light TV. Following the final blessing, those who wished were offered the opportunity to come forward to be blessed with a relic of one of the martyrs.

The procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Papal Altar, at 2:30 p.m. included the Senior Marshall, District Deputies, VIP's (K of C and CWL), 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, Living Cross, Acolytes, clergy, deacons, religious sisters, flower girls, statue of Our Lady, a cross bearer, Rosary participants, *Knights on Bikes* and parish groups carrying banners. Participants of the Living Rosary each wore a simple pale blue tunic and represented more ethnic groups than I could identify. Each participant prayed in his/her language. To have so many nationalities/cultures praying together symbolized perfectly the diversity of today's Church.



The five CWL members privileged to participate by reciting a brief meditation before each of the Glorious Mysteries were: Margaret Ann Jacobs, National Past President, myself, Ann D'Souza, Toronto Diocesan President, Alice Warford, Toronto Spiritual Development Chairperson and Sue Gribbons-Shrubsole, Northern Regional Chairperson.

The day included Benediction and Liturgy of the Word. As he began his homily at the Papal Altar, Father Rosica invited all the young children and youth to come and sit with him, and many did. The gospel chosen was the Visitation and Father Rosica gave a very eloquent, yet down-to-earth, explanation of The Visitation and why it is so important. He also reminded us that we were on *holy ground*, as a saint had celebrated mass in this very spot some 34 years ago, referring to Pope John Paul II on his papal visit to Canada in 1984.



- Submitted by Anna Tremblay, OPC Spiritual Development Chairperson

## Awards

### Timmins Diocese

#### Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Council, New Liskeard

Jean Craik – 65 years membership pin

Rita Hogan – 65 years membership pin



#### Holy Trinity Parish Council, Englehart

Lillian Mlodozenc – Maple Leaf Service Pin

Jeanette Deacon – 60 years membership pin

Marie Henhoeffter – 50 years membership pin

Marie Black – 50 years membership pin (2017)

### St. Anthony of Padua Council, Timmins



February 25, 2018 - Life Member, Annette Kelly, presents an Ontario Provincial Council Certificate to Mary Jordan on the occasion of her 100th birthday and her 70th year as a CWL member of St. Anthony of Padua Council in Timmins.

#### Holy Name of Jesus Council, Kirkland Lake, ON

Nora Barker, Holy Name of Jesus Council President, presents June Simpson with the Maple Leaf Service Pin. June has been a member of this council for 23 years. She has held a number of positions on the executive and has filled in when there were vacant positions on the executive. As well, June has generously donated her paintings for various council fundraisers and has always been willing to help wherever she is needed in the church and the community.





## London Diocese

At **Our Lady of the Atonement Council's (Windsor, ON)** 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner, on June 2018, the Bellelle Guerin Award was presented to Angie Papineau.

When the family moved into Windsor she was disappointed that there was no CWL Council at the Parish of Atonement. Eventually she met up with Anna Koehl who also was very interested in forming a CWL here. In late 1992 they approached Fr. Damian MacPherson, pastor at the time, and sought permission to explore the possibility of a Council, which he supported whole heartily. She arranged for an information meeting for interested women from the parish with members of the London Diocesan Council on January 25<sup>th</sup> 1993.



Thirty-nine (39) women attended that meeting, they heard the information, liked what they heard, signed on the dotted line and became our Charter members of the brand new Council here. And so our Council was born.

Angie guided the CWL as the first president from 1993 -1995, then again from 1998-2001. She was the Spiritual Chairperson on our executive from 2004 - 2013. She also served on the London Diocesan Council for two years as the Windsor Regional representative.

days, special ceremonies, and preparing prayers for our monthly meetings. She continues to this day to submit spiritual material to be included in the Fall and Spring Atonement CWL newsletters.

Angie has been a very active supporter of all our programs and activities over the years. She has maintained the Book of Life, (a record of our deceased members and Spiritual Advisers) our archives, photo books and scrapbooks for the last 25 years.

She proudly wears her CWL pin every day. She is a wonderful friend, mentor and faithful sister to all our members and very worthy of this Award.



(R-L) Carmen Labadie, Emma Ellul, Fr. Clare Coleman, Art Huggins, Sylvia Huggins, Sister Patrice, Natalie Melo.

## OPC Convention Fundraiser

The Kingston diocese is fundraising for the Provincial Convention in July 2019. They are offering many items such as Ladies soft shell jackets and sports shirts, USB's and Lanyards, auto and trunk organizers and a "Pondering" CD by Bernadette Burgess. Please visit the Kingston diocese website for prices and ordering details: [www.kingston.cwl.on.ca](http://www.kingston.cwl.on.ca).



These may be wonderful ideas for birthdays or Christmas presents!



## "Warmth and Comfort" Project

"Homelessness" is the theme that is being promoted during the second half of this term. With the "Warmth and Comfort" project, we are asking the councils to collect socks –men, women and children; peanut butter jars and boxes of crackers to donate to the homeless shelters in your area. We are hoping that if every council concentrates on this project, we will be able to make a bigger impact as a whole. **Please send in pictures of your councils as you donate these items to the food banks and/or homeless shelters in your area.** Don't forget to keep track of them and forward final results to be tabulated across the province. Photos will be posted on facebook.



We are hoping that by highlighting the good works of the League, other women will want to join our group, as they see how collectively we can impact the world!

