

## 2022 Provincial Convention Oral Report

Madam President:

This year the Diocesan Executive and Parish Presidents were asked to report on a "Catholic Treasure" in keeping with the theme **Catholic and Living It** at our Diocesan Convention. Each treasure was unique. After each presentation, the women placed their treasure in the treasure box.

These women shared their life experiences openly – a sign of being comfortable and accepted by fellow CWL members. That is a treasure in itself. Here are some of the treasures that were shared.

A deceased son: "I saw Lazarus rise from the dead" 3 times – my son had 3 lung transplants and lived for 32 months after the last one, dying at 24. It took FAITH to have lived through this.

The shrine at Ste. Anne de Beaupre was featured in 3 women's treasures for the power of faith they felt present in the shrine, and the availability of Ste. Anne to hear their prayers for themselves and their families.

The statue of Jesus and Mary that did not burn in a house fire is a help to a member's faith.

A baby who was to be born had a 50/50 chance of surviving and last year was ordained a Priest. The treasure put in the box was his Ordination card.

The rosary which was said with her family as a child is now recognized as a treasure because it helped ground her in faith.

A young grandson changed another member's life in a positive way showing her to let go and trust that all will be O.K.

A small Nativity Scene from Majorca, carved in stone, is a miniature 3-D puzzle which represents another's family and how faith held them together.

Growing up in a family of 11 siblings and the lessons learned from them and her children to keep it simple and do it with unconditional love.

The unfinished basilica in Barcelona, Spain: Sagrada Familia. The basilica of the Holy Family, its magnificence, its detail, its expression of God's power in structure.

Children were another's Catholic Treasure as she sees them passing their faith on to their own children.

A member treasured the statue of Mary holding baby Jesus which belonged to her Polish mother who met her father in the Nazi's forced labor camp in Austria. It was all they had when they were freed.

One said she treasured the cross of Jesus, the listener, hanging his head down to hear her prayers.

The last member felt she had grown, gained knowledge and success and made friends because of The Catholic Women's League. That was her treasure.

Everyone appreciated learning about the Catholic Treasures which fostered growth and faith of fellow members.

We all have a Catholic Treasure. Perhaps at some point today YOU can spend time in the prayer room pondering your own treasure.

Respectfully,

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