

Ontario Provincial Council
Oral Report
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(One event in the diocese that demonstrated the provincial theme and/or the Sisterhood of the League.)

I am sure you have all heard of the phrase “It’s lonely up at the top...well maybe the same thing could be said of the position of Treasurer...also known as the “Money Police”.

Treasurers are often the ones that look over the cheques and the expense sheets to make sure everything is copacetic...It’s not always easy to remind someone that they can’t spend money on something or that they need a motion to buy something....The position of Treasurer is not always the most popular position on the executive.... However Treasurers’ have the opportunity to reach out to others to help out if they have any questions, to send little notes when issuing cheques and acknowledging deposits with receipts....It’s a manner of staying in touch.

In the London Diocese, we have been in isolation mode for the past year with virtual AMM meeting. Council meetings are just beginning to gather, subject to the Pastors permission and available meeting places. But there were a couple of times that I could sense the hunger of the ladies to get together and the desire to once again meet in person. Just prior to AMM, we had a virtual “Fun Night”. A lot of the ladies joined virtually and showcased some of their fun times and skits that they could present. Everyone seemed to enjoy the synchronized swimming at their fun night put on by men, who dived in and out...behind blankets...it was hilarious! ..we also had a husband who showed us how to make pizza cups with preferred toppings in a muffin pan. It appeared that everyone enjoyed that as well as the irish dancers presented by some of our young people.

The hunger to get together was also evident is our most recent Executive and Life Members retreat at Oxley....first time in a couple of years. It was a joyous occasion to just be together to hug and to talk and reflect on the talks presented by Fr. Murray Watson on Faith, Service and Justice. We were presented 3 Bible readings...The Healing of the Paralyzed Man, Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, and the Raising of Lazarus.

- 1) He reminded us that we come to God often because of others...carried on their shoulders by their great faith...and because of that we are often helped.
- 2) As CWL members we bring what we have to the table and God the Father can take what we give and make more of it...if only we are open.
- 3) The third story is a reminder that it is very important to take time from our busy-ness to “Listen to Jesus”..seek what it is that God wants for us.

We are invited to dream New dreams and to do things differently...engage new ways especially for the younger women.

Overall, we are called to embrace Faith in our God, to be of Service to our brothers and sister and to be the voice of Jesus in the world. And Always, always, be humble, and kind! When you think about it that's Catholic and Living it!