



THE BLUE & GOLD



**Pembroke Diocesan Catholic Women's
League Newsletter**

Spring 2017

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February 2017

My dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League of Pembroke Diocese,

As I am preparing this letter for you we are enjoying the beautiful "day-after" of a heavy February snowstorm. The skies are a vivid blue, the sun is shining brightly on the immaculate new snow. By the time we read this in the Spring Blue and Gold we may be finding ourselves in a very different weather environment hopefully enjoying the spring and early summer weather which is so different and so beautiful.

These changing seasons which mark so noticeably the Ottawa Valley where we live means more to me as I grow older. The subtlety of the change in the length of days and the strengthening sun takes place at its own measured pace which is beyond our control. With a proper disposition of peace we can be fortunate spectators in this remarkable change. This change from light to darkness and darkness to light takes place on a daily, monthly and yearly cycle and has found an important place in the images we use in the celebration of our faith. Christ is the light of Christmas at the darkest time of the year. The Victory of Christ over death is marked so beautifully in the lighted Easter and baptismal candles of the Easter Vigil on a spring night. Even the 2nd of February, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple, marks both the mid-point of winter and celebrates that Mary brings Christ, the True Light, to the Temple. With our own lighted candles we are invited to accept Christ into our lives daily so that we take Christ out into the world in which we live. And we know well how badly needed is the light of Christ in the darker recesses of our world.

This year the National CWL has chosen the theme "Inspired by the Spirit – Women Respond to God's Call". The Diocesan theme chosen is "Palliative and Hospice Care". These two themes come together wonderfully in the ministry and work of the Catholic Women's League on both a National and local level. I commend each of you and assure you of my prayers in these coming months.

I look forward to seeing you at our Diocesan Convention in May.

In Christ,

✠Michael Mulhall,
Bishop of Pembroke



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Inspired By The Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call - Palliative and Hospice Care

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President's Report Pat Weller

As I write this report, I'm hoping my prayers will be heard for safe travel to our spring meeting in Temiscaming. I'm thinking about hanging a rosary on the clothesline. It works for rain, maybe it will work for snow too. Some members may wonder why we travel such distances for a meeting. It's simply an outreach by diocesan council to involve our parish councils on the peripheries of the diocese. We ask members to travel to the central locations for most of the meetings and so, at times, we must go to them.

I hope by now you will all have received letters from Past President June West asking all eligible members to consider allowing your names to stand for the next diocesan executive. Most of us are reluctant to stand for office. We may think we are not capable or have enough time. I recall Bev Drouin using the phrase in one of her reports, "If God calls, will you answer the phone?". Yes, we are asked to step out of our comfort zone at times but we are always surrounded by League sisters who support us and who will hold our hand and help us on the journey. Please consider saying "Yes" to the League. We need every one of you and all of the special gifts you bring to the table. No one will do the job the same as the previous member. We just ask that you offer your gifts to the diocesan council.



Our members in Arnprior and Braeside are busy in preparation for the Diocesan Convention on May 27. We will have with us National President Margaret Ann Jacobs and Provincial Rep Linda Squarzollo. Also mark your calendar for the provincial council's 70th annual convention in Thunder Bay from July 09-12 and the National convention in Charlottetown August 06-09.

We have lots to think about and do in our parish councils and in response to promoting excellent palliative care for all. Keep abreast of what is happening and be in a position to respond as Catholic women. We belong to a national organization whose purpose is to bring Catholic values into the home, parish, community, and to society.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to respond to God's call as women in service to God and Canada. May Our Lady of Good Counsel keep us in her embrace.

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“Holy Mother of God, look down upon us, deliver us, and save us from all trouble in the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Annual Reports: We can now say we have successfully completed our annual reports for 2016 electronically. Overall, most councils found this method of reporting easier. Some councils struggled with the process and that is to be expected. Any new changes to the status quo requires time, effort and patience to become proficient at them. The process was time consuming but when we consider this is our first attempt at this style of reporting, we can accept that. Several councils remarked that the list of resources and the groups CWL councils can get involved in or use as tools to prepare programs, retreats, or other activities were amazing! Let’s keep in mind electronic reporting is new to CWL and when all the details are worked out, we will have a stronger system that will be user friendly.

Annual Membership: Our goal of 100 members in 2016 was extended to May 2017. Please send me the names of all new members and transferred members from another diocese. We are almost there. Keep inviting!! Today, I asked a woman if she would consider being a member; she said she never thought of it before but would consider it now that she was asked. Look around your parishes and ask women not in your council. Take them out for coffee and share your involvement in the League. Tell your story. Women of today need opportunities for Faith, Fun, and Fulfillment too. We can be the one to spread the good news about our League to them. Be League!

Life Members: Life members are past Diocesan presidents and carry a history of service to their parish, diocesan and provincial councils. Their Life membership tells us that they are willing to continue to love and serve the League. Draw on these members for help and support. They are members of a parish council and pay annual membership fees the same as you and I do.

League Resources: Study the National Manual of Policy and Procedure 2016 and the Constitution and Bylaws 2013 by sections. Let’s become knowledgeable about our organization: The Catholic Women’s League of Canada! “for God and Canada”



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*A Good Wife, who can find? She is far more precious than Jewels.
(Proverbs 31.10)*

As Spring ushers in the season for Diocesan Conventions, it marks a wonderful time of renewal. Elections will take place in several dioceses and they have already been held in many parishes.

Although many women in our councils are capable of taking on a leadership role, it is often fear that prevents them from doing so. We, as Past Presidents must reach out and encourage women to get involved by inviting them to run for office and giving them our support so they do not feel alone. Renewal is vital for the League's survival! The League is a gift that needs to be shared. Our women are sincere and well intentioned. We have many gifts and talents.

The following is a quote from Lorette Noble, a former President, who said: "May all who come to our meetings be treated with respect and kindness, enjoy love and acceptance, experience encouragement and affirmation, be wrapped in caring and compassion, feel gentleness and patience, know forgiveness and reconciliation, and find courage and strength. If we can accomplish this, we can expect our membership to grow and women will be more willing to take on leadership roles."

This is my last submission to the Blue & Gold, as my time on the Diocesan executive is coming to a close. I take this opportunity to thank my sisters in the League, spiritual advisors and family for the support and guidance I have received. I hope I have left behind a bit of the passion I feel for the CWL.

Please continue to pray and give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His mercy endures forever!

June

And Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
be it done to me according to thy word."
And the angel departed from her. Like 1:38



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At the Fall 2016 Meeting I presented the following motion. The reasons for this motion are explained here. In order for this motion to be passed an instructed vote is necessary. You will find in this Newsletter, the explanation, the form for this vote and the directions that must be followed for the instructed vote.

Membership Fees paid to National are comprised of the current national fee (\$13.00), provincial (determined by each provincial council) \$3.00 in Ontario and diocesan (determined by each diocese) \$1.50 in Pembroke Diocese. These fees are called per capita fees.

In addition to the amounts paid directly to National, we in Pembroke Diocese, also pay a levy or \$1 per member and Diocesan Fees of \$45 per parish council. A motion to collect these fees, in lieu of raising the amount of per capita fees paid to National was adopted in 1995. The amount has not changed in 21 years. To my knowledge no other Diocese has this Levy and Diocesan Fee method of collecting fees.

The problem with our method of collecting fees is that it is not very efficient or equitable. Also the levy and diocesan fees are to be paid to the diocese by the end of March or the Spring Meeting. Very few councils pay these fees on time.

Councils in other dioceses pay a much larger amount in per capita fees to National. In Ontario, some dioceses collect as much as \$6. (In 2014, 4 dioceses paid \$3 per member, 5 dioceses paid \$4 per member, 2 dioceses paid \$5 per member and 1 diocese paid \$6 per member.) We pay the lowest at \$1.50

The \$1.50 which you pay directly to National is returned to the Pembroke Diocesan Council at the end of the month in which membership fees are submitted.

Because our method of fee collection is so cumbersome and in-efficient, and because we are currently updating the Manual of Policy & Procedure for our Diocese, we think that it is an appropriate time to change our fee collection method.

Increasing diocesan per capita fees to \$3.50 per member would mean each council would pay directly to National \$19.50. Below is the breakdown of these fees:

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|------------|-------------|
| National | \$13.00 |
| Provincial | 3.00 |
| Diocesan | <u>3.50</u> |
| Total | \$19.50 |

If we change from the current system to the one proposed in my motion all will pay the same amount per member. This will mean a slight increase for some of the larger councils but a decrease for the smaller councils.

Pauline

Parish Instructed Vote for Diocesan Per Capita Fee Increase

At a meeting of _____ CWL Council of
_____ held on _____, members
(city/town/province) (month/day/year)

Voted on the Notice of Motion that payment of the \$1 per member Levy and the Diocesan fees of \$45 currently collected from each Parish Council in Pembroke Diocese be discontinued as of January 01, 2018 and to raise the diocesan per capita fee from **\$1.50** to **\$3.50** effective **January 01, 2018**

Number of members attending the meeting _____

Affirmative _____ Negative _____

Motion carried/defeated _____

Signature of President _____

Signature of Secretary _____

Return this copy to Diocesan President before May 13, 2017 (2 weeks before convention)

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Presidents must bring this copy to Pembroke Diocesan Convention May 27, 2017 in Arnprior.



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“Love One Another” (John 13:34)

What a beautiful world this would be if everyone operated from a place of love for one another instead of letting narcissism, intolerance and fear lead us.

In her directive #9, Wilma Vanderzwaag identifies kindness and gentleness as the two fruits of the Spirit that stand out for Community Life. (Please access Wilma's full report on cwl.on.ca). And in the February ON-Line Newsletter, Wilma reminds us that knowledge is power and urges “all of us to be agents of change and help our communities become places of harmony.” We can change this world, one community at a time.

As I write this report, we are preparing for the 2017 World Day of Prayer”. This year's program was written by the women of the Philippines, where “women are discriminated against and treated as subordinates in the home, in church and in society” (from World Day of Prayer Service pamphlet). There is so much to do! But here are a few things to give us hope:

- Viola Desmond will be the first Canadian woman on the Canadian \$10 bill. (learn more about Viola Desmond)
- “Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle” is a coalition that has been formed to strengthen and foster relations with the Indigenous People of Canada. (go to www.cccb.ca to learn more)
- Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign theme is “Women at the Heart of Change”. Women are responsible for 60-80% of food production in developing countries. Directing funds to their projects will help increase food production.
- Pope Francis dedicated February 8th (feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita) for prayer against Human Trafficking. There is a grassroots movement to designate St. Josephine Bakhita as the patron saint of kidnapped and trafficked persons. (learn more about the life of St Josephine Bakhita).
- At the 2017 CWL Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay, delegates will participate in a “ceremonial walk” to remember murdered and missing indigenous women. (find out what is happening with the Canadian Government inquiry into MMIW. Ask questions. Push for action.)

Learn more about issues that affect the dignity and rights of persons and issues pertaining to social and economic justice and create awareness in your community. Through kindness and gentleness, let us make this world a **Just** place for all.



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A new mini-series that has been aired nation-wide on Global Television entitled **Mary Kills People** focuses on a doctor and her assistant who practise euthanasia as a sideline business. In this program euthanasia and assisted suicide are dramatized, sensationalized and even glamourized and has the potential to influence the sick, disabled and infirm to make life-ending choices. Members of the Catholic Women's League are encouraged to contact the Canadian Broadcasting Standards Council and the sponsors of this program to express their concerns and suggest the program be pulled.

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The National executive has decided to discontinue the production of the online newsletter "Be League". In its place they have introduced **On the Spot**. This is similar in that members are invited to send in news items about the good work of their council (not personal items). As these items and pictures come in they will be posted immediately on the web site under "On the Spot".



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***“Start by doing what’s necessary; Then do what’s impossible; and
Suddenly you are doing the impossible”.***
Francis of Assis

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Marriage and Family: According to an article in the Catholic Register, January 29, 2017, Michael McDonald is the new director of COLF. He wants to make COLF the “Go for All Issues” concerning Life and Family. In order to get the message out, he intends to use social media such as: Facebook, Twitter and other internet means.

COLF has many resources on subjects relating to Life and Family (bioethics, theology of the body and reflections on family life). Michael says: “If we want to shape culture, we have to reach out to all people involved in the issues of Life and Family”.

Sanctity of Life: According to the Catholic register January 29, 2017, Campaign Life Coalition officials reported that gender – identity is making inroads not only on Parliament Hill but also at the United Nations. A bill was passed in the House of Commons to add gender – identity expression to the protected against discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code. This bill is now in the Senate for approval. Matthew Wojciechowski reports that gender – identity at the United Nations is a new focus to destroy the natural family. The United Nations is forcing all countries to do away with natural marriage laws and replace with same sex marriage. Matthew says that Pope Francis uses the strongest language against gender – identity theory, calling it “satanic” and “demonic”. Michael also says that the United Nations would like to declare universal abortion rights but pro -lififers are preventing this from happening.

Today, March 25th is the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

The Angelus is an ancient prayer celebrating the Angel Gabriel's annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is recited at 6 A.M., noon, and 6 P.M., and the time for recitation was traditionally marked by the ringing of church bells (which were known as the Angelus bells). During the Easter season, from Easter through the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday, the prayer Regina Coeli Laetare is recited in place of the Angelus.



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We have been issued a challenge by Fran Lucas, Chairperson of Education and Health, to choose a topic that her article covers in the winter 2017 Canadian League magazine “that speaks to the heart and find out more about it”. The two topics that she covers in her article are Mental Health in the workplace and Dementia, which is affecting many Canadians. The article (p.23) has very good information and resources you can access. “Act on what has been learned and share what was learned at a meeting and encourage others to experience similar learning opportunities”.

CWL 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care will be held on May 4, 2017. Parish councils are encouraged to discuss what preparations they will be doing. There is an excellent article (p. 25), with many ideas and resources to help us plan for this special event in the winter League magazine.

In “Our Sunday Visitor” (www.oursundayvisitor.com) Father Scott Jablonski wrote an article on 4 ways Catholic schools are a blessing to the Church.

1. Catholic Education instills in students the conviction that truth exists and is knowable.
2. Catholic Education teaches students their God-given dignity.
3. Catholic Education forms students in moral virtue.
4. Catholic Education offers all of us hope.

Continual parental participation in our local schools is very important.

Sophie

He shall be great,
and shall be called the Son of the most High;
and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father;
and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. Luke 1:32



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Resolutions:

“By perseverance the snail reached the ark.” Charles H. Spurgeon

Thank you to the nineteen councils who responded to the new annual report survey. It was a challenge to us all as we are creatures of habit and resist change.

In 2016 there were no resolutions submitted by any councils in our diocese. Of the resolutions listed on cwl.ca the five that were considered the most important by those councils who studied them were as follows:

2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service

2016.05 Amend the Canada Health Act to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service

2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives

2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, an Amendment to the Immigration and refugee Protection Act

2016.02 Eating Well with Canada’s Food Guide

One important action that we can do with little effort is to go online to www.cwl.ca to sign the petition relating to resolution 2016.05 Amend the Canada Health Act to Include Home Care as an Insured Health Service. Letters and emails are also important actions we can do to let our politicians know our concerns.

In looking at websites of other Dioceses I was interested to read Resolutions Chair, Mary Bannon of London Diocese reminding her councils of some past successes of resolutions passed by National. Did you know the CWL is responsible for the banning of the use of tanning beds for those under the age of 18? Also the CWL is responsible for Canada Post designing and circulating religious themed stamps.

It all starts with a member who has a concern about a particular issue. It can be something that has happened to her, in her family, parish, community or country. It is only our passion which leads to action that will change the world.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Bless You

Respectfully, Donna Provost

Legislation:

“We have a God who delights in impossibilities” Andrew Murray

As I sit writing this we are having another little snow storm! The snow on my deck is up to my kitchen window. When will it end?

Again we have had annual reports to get done. It was quite the challenge with everything being done on line for the first time. Seventeen councils responded and it was from these that I made my annual report.

In her latest Directive, Provincial Legislation Chair Carol Richer, asked us to keep in mind the success of our microbeads resolution. Effective July 1, 2018 the federal government has banned the sale of shower gels, toothpaste and facial scrubs containing plastic microbeads. This was the hoped for response to our resolution ON.15.01, which passed at the national level as 2015.02.

Yes our voice was and is powerful and our resolutions are effective. We need to keep monitoring all current government bills. I remind you that one way is to check out the following website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/commons/bills>.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Bless You

Respectfully, Donna Provost



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At this time of year many of our Councils are having elections, please send your updated executive lists to me as soon as you can. Did you know that the Diocesan Council has their own website? Come visit us at www.cwl.pembroke.on.ca. All of our events are listed there as well as some of your events. All you need to do is ask.

The Blue and Gold is a newsletter from the Pembroke CWL diocesan executive sharing information from the 31 Councils in the Diocese. It is published twice a year and distributed to each council and to the Spiritual Advisors. Presidents are encouraged to share the council edition with their members. Please email electronic pictures and articles to me by the deadline or when you have them. Once I reach the deadline I send the document to be reviewed, then the printer needs a week to get it together. Copies are available for purchase to individual members for \$5.00 per copy. A very special thanks to my editors.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2.1-4

I began with that scripture because of our new national theme; "Inspired by the Spirit, women respond to God's call." We are in for an exciting two years as we follow the Holy Spirit wherever he leads.

When completing the Annual Report for Spiritual Development I noted that good things are happening in our parish councils. Great new programs available from Formed.Org, Matthew Kelly and Fr M Gaitley were helping our members to grow spiritually. There were Year of Mercy pilgrimages and activities that renewed and refreshed us in the ministries that we all love to do. The reports showed that we can grow in the study of Catholic Teachings and on the Role of Women in the Church. Let's make that a council challenge. Invite your priest or some other knowledgeable person to speak to these issues. Please check with your priest or the diocesan council for recommended speakers.

I was surprised to see that a lot of councils reported little or no financial support for missions. This is historically a strong area for CWL councils. I'm hoping that the rather bleak amount of support may have been a result of some confusion with the new online reporting. It also doesn't take into account the non-financial support like knitted items, food bank donations etc. Let's challenge ourselves to double our amount for next year.

Book of Life: We are still having problems with the reporting of our deceased members. It has gotten better but there is room for improvement. I would like to share with you about the process:

1. The Spiritual Development Chair sends an email or letter to both the diocesan chair for Spiritual Development who is local Keeper of the Book of Life and to the National Keeper of the Book of Life.
2. You must include the name, date of decease and parish council name along with the membership number of the deceased.
3. Spiritual Development chair or designate should take a moment to make sure your own deceased members are in the book correctly at the Spring and Fall meetings as well as the Convention.

Please check out the latest edition of The Canadian League magazine for information about the Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4th. Let's really get behind this important initiative this year.

All in all, keep up the great work for God and Canada.

Council Activities



DIOCESAN COUNCIL



Carmel Rumleskie presents a plant to Rita Mears, together they presented a workshop on the new Annual Report process at the Fall Meeting.



Display of Works of Mercy Project



Five things to tell a loved one who is dying, Forgive me, I forgive you, thank you, I love you and goodbye (Dr. Ira Byock: Dying Well).

Joan Lemay, retired nurse and Community Life Chair spoke on Palliative and Hospice Care from a Catholic Perspective.

CHALK RIVER – ST. ANTHONY'S



Chalk River CWL donated \$500.00 to the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation for Palliative Care Unit. From left to right Amy Joyce, Executive Director, Gladys Boyle, Jennifer Boyle, Bev Rabishaw, Richard Bédard, CEO, Ida Gendron, Mary Pat Ladouceur, Loralie Cochrane, CWL President and Jennifer Olfert, Chair.

DEEP RIVER - OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



Christmas luncheon with new co-presidents for 2017/18 Annette Chaplin and Charlene McGuire seated with Agnes Douglas, Grace Richmond, and Linda Madore

DOUGLAS - ST. MICHAEL'S



Pat Weller and Angela McEachen stand beside their parade entry before taking to the streets of Douglas for the Annual Santa Claus Parade on December 18, 2016. It was our council's way of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and promoting the League at the same time.



Angela McEachen kneels by the trail marker on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. At the end of September 2016, Angela joined her niece, two year old great-nephew, and some new friends made along the way. They walked for seven days and covered 116 kilometres of trail through countryside and village. Angela set off on her adventure with prayers and support from her family, friends and League sisters and on her return, dutifully reported to St. Michael's council of her experiences.

RENFREW – OUR LADY OF FATIMA



On Dec 9, 2016, Pauline Hughes organized and led an Advent Service at Quail Creek Retirement Centre. Several residents attended, prayed and sang with the CWL members. They expressed their appreciation for us having the service. A short social was enjoyed after the service with a warm interaction between the residents and members. From left to right Ella Box, Darlene Meleskie, Nancy Guyea and Pauline Hughes.

RENFREW – ST FRANCIS XAVIER



Joan Lemay, pouring tea at the Tea and Talent Sale in November.



Aldene Gray and Rita Holden serving at the ever popular Bake Table.



St. Francis Xavier and Pembroke Diocesan CWL Councils presented cheques to Hospice Renfrew in October. The CWL national theme for 2017 is "Inspired by the Spirit - Women Respond to God's call", with a focus on palliative and hospice care. The CWL believes that quality palliative care should be available to all Canadians, and urges the Canadian government to identify palliative care services as an insured service under the Canada Health Act, and to develop a national strategy for uniform standards and delivery of palliative care as defined by the World Health Organization. On hand for the presentations are, from left, Pat Weller- CWL Diocesan president, Simone Howard and Judy Cobus - Hospice Renfrew, Joan Lemay and Elaine Turner St. Francis Xavier CWL.

CORBEIL - SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Members of Sacred Heart of Jesus at their Christmas party

In Memoriam



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, January 9, 2017 in her 83rd year. Beloved wife of the late Robert E. White. Loving mother of Lee Anna White (Iain). Dear sister of Sylvia Ross and Edward (Ted) Terry. Predeceased by her daughter Tina, her son Robert John and her daughter Penny (Peter). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Shanna (Jamie) and Becky (Jeffrey), Alex (Courtney) and by her great grandchildren Annalise, Jacob and Aspen. Also fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. June was an accomplished career woman and actively involved in her Community. Some of the many volunteer positions she held were with Girl Guides of Canada, Point In Time, St. Anthony of Padua CWL, Highland Games and Places for People to name a few. She was a fine lady who loved the CWL. She was part of the chartered members who started the council in Haliburton.

She also invited all of us to come to Haliburton. June and her husband were very good to all the parish priests who came to Haliburton and they hosted them many times in their home. June was on the diocesan executive from 2003-2005 as the Christian Family Life chair and was also President-elect but she could not assume the Presidency due to health reasons. She enjoyed her time with us but the drive from Haliburton to meetings in Pembroke, Eganville, Renfrew, etc. became more than she could handle. May she rest in peace.

**The 96th Annual Convention
of the Pembroke Diocesan Council
of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Saturday, May 27th 2017**

Co-hosted by
Saint John Chrysostom Council, Arnprior &
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council, McNab/Braeside

**"Inspired by The Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"
"Palliative and Hospice Care"**

Sisters of the Catholic Women's League;

You are cordially invited to the 96th Annual Pembroke Diocesan Convention which will be held at St John Chrysostom Parish Hall, 285 Albert St., Arnprior on May 27th 2017. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:00 am. to be followed by the opening of the convention at 9:00 am. The convention Mass will be held at St. John Chrysostom Church, 295 Albert St, Arnprior at 4:30 pm.

Those attending the convention are asked to come "SCENT AWARE". Each council is asked to please bring a **DOOR PRIZE** and your **COUNCIL BANNER**.

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| Registration fee | \$10.00 |
| Luncheon fee | \$15.00 |
| Banquet fee | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| Total | \$55.00 |

Please fill in the advance registration form and return it prior to May 6th, 2017 to our Registration Chairperson Nancy Black, 98 McGonigal St. W., Arnprior, ON K7S 1M3. For more registration information you may call Nancy at 613-623-7211. Cheques are payable to SJC/OLPH Convention Account.

We look forward to welcoming many of your members and your Spiritual Advisors to Arnprior.
Sincerely,

Nancy F. Black & Marilyn Robertson

Nancy F Black. St John Chrysostom & Marilyn Robertson. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
97th Annual Pembroke Diocesan Convention
St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior ON
May 27, 2017

Advance Registration

One person per registration form (photocopy additional forms as needed)

Deadline May 6, 2017

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parish Council: _____

I am attending this convention as a: (Please check only one item from below)

Voting and Accredited

- _____ Voting Delegate (Parish President)
- _____ Diocesan Officer
- _____ Parish Accredited Delegate (2 allowed from each parish council)
- _____ Life Member

Non-Voting

- _____ Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
- _____ Parish Spiritual Advisor
- _____ Catholic Women's League Member
- _____ National Officer
- _____ Provincial Representative
- _____ Guest

Please indicate if you are staying for lunch and/or banquet

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| Registration Fee: | 10.00 | _____ |
| Lunch: | 15.00 | _____ |
| Banquet: | 30.00 | _____ |
| Total: | | _____ |

***Please note any food allergy** _____

Please make cheque payable to: **SJC/OLPH Convention Account**
Your cancelled cheque is your receipt. No Refund after May 6, 2017.
For registration information contact: **Nancy Black 613-623-7211**
Complete **ADVANCE REGISTRATION** form before May 6, 2017 and mail with your total fees to: **Nancy Black, 98 McGonigal St.W. Arnprior, On. K7S 1M3**

Accommodation available in Arnprior

Arnprior Motor Inn
168 Daniel St. S Arnprior on. 613-623-7906

Arnprior Quality Inn
70 Madawaska Blvd. Arnprior On. 613-623-7991

Country Squire Motel
111 Staye Court Dr. Arnprior On. 613-623-6556

Kirkman House Bed & Breakfast
294 John St N. Arnprior On. 613-623-5890

Credential Form – Parish Voting Delegate (President or representative) (1)

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and diocesan recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Is the Voting Delegate of
Parish Council, Town/City: _____

Signature of Parish Council President: _____

Signature of Parish Council Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Parish Accredited Delegate (2)

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Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Is the Accredited delegate of
Parish Council, Town/City: _____

Signature of Parish Council President: _____

Signature of Parish Council Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

70TH Annual Ontario Provincial Convention
 The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Diocese of Thunder Bay
 July 8 - 12, 2017 - Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay, ON
Invitation letter <http://cwl.on.ca/sites/default/files/resources/1435.pdf>
ONE FORM PER PERSON

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please specify any special needs: i.e. mobility etc. _____

Dietary needs: dairy-free; diabetic; gluten-free; vegan; vegetarian;
 other _____

Best time to contact with respect to special needs: _____

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| Saturday, July 8th | Explore the North Core Bus Transportation to and from this event | \$ 10.00 | |
| Sunday, July 9th | Green Mantle is Calling Tour (space limited) | \$ 40.00 | |
| | Bus - Opening liturgy | \$ 10.00 | |
| Monday, July 10th | Coffee break, morning | \$ 4.00 | |
| | Choose one: Spiritual Advisors Luncheon () Life Members Luncheon () Delegates Luncheon () | \$ 25.00 | |
| | Entertainment at Hotel: John Scaffeo and Friends | N/A | |
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| Tuesday, July 11th | Coffee break, morning | \$ 4.00 | |
| | Luncheon | \$ 25.00 | |
| | Banquet | \$ 50.00 | |
| Wednesday, July 12th | Coffee break, morning | \$ 4.00 | |
| | Bus - closing liturgy | \$ 10.00 | |
| | Closing luncheon | \$ 25.00 | |
| | Bag Lunch also available. | \$ 20.00 | |
| | Registration Fee (from Registration form) | | |
| | Extra Annual Report books | \$ 5.00 | |

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

REFUNDS NOT GUARANTEED AFTER JUNE 8, 2017

Make all cheques payable to: The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Thunder Bay Diocesan Council
Phone: 807-577-4922 E-mail: cwlconvention.2017@gmail.com
Mail to: Maria Bertoldo, 386 Ryerson Crescent, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5R6

70th Annual Ontario Provincial Convention
The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Diocese of Thunder Bay
July 8 – 12, 2017,
Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay, ON

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE June 1, 2017 (REFUNDS NOT GUARANTEED AFTER June 8, 2017)

One person per registration form (photocopy forms as needed)

Name (please print) _____ Diocese _____
THIS IS MY FIRST PROVINCIAL CONVENTION _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____ Parish _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

I am attending this convention as a: (Please check **only one item** in this section.)

Voting and Accredited Delegates...please attach credential form

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| Voting Delegate (Diocesan President) | _____ |
| Provincial Officer | _____ |
| Diocesan – Accredited | _____ |
| Parish – Accredited | _____ |
| Honorary Life Member | _____ |
| Life Member | _____ |

Non voting attendees

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| Provincial Spiritual Advisor | _____ |
| Diocesan Spiritual Advisor | _____ |
| Parish Spiritual Advisor | _____ |
| Catholic Women's League Member | _____ |
| National Officer/National Spiritual Advisor | _____ |
| Member of the Hierarchy | _____ |
| Guest | _____ |

Registration fee: \$15.00 per day OR \$30.00 for all three days...Annual Report

Book included with registration

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| Monday | _____ |
| Tuesday | _____ |
| Wednesday | _____ |
| Full Convention | _____ |

\$10 late fee if registering after June 1st, 2017

The personal contact information provided will be used by the convention registration committee for registration, preparing name tags, assigning workshops and will be destroyed once the convention is adjourned.

Make all cheques payable to: The Catholic Women's League of Canada - Thunder Bay

Diocesan Council - Phone: 807-577-4922 - E-mail: cwlconvention.2017@gmail.com

Mail to: Maria Bertoldo, 386 Ryerson Crescent, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5R6

Credential Form – Diocesan Accredited Delegate (2)

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**:

Address: _____

is an Accredited delegate of the Diocese of:

Signature of Diocesan President:

Signature of Diocesan Recording Secretary: _____

Return this form with your completed registration form.

Credential Form – Parish Accredited Delegate (1)

This contact information will be used by the registration committee and provincial recording secretary for checking credentials, preparing voting cards and the credential record. Information will be destroyed once the convention is over.

This is to certify that:

Name **(please print)**:

Address: _____

is an Accredited delegate of: _____ Parish Council.

Town/City: _____ Diocese: _____

Signature of Parish Council President:

Signature of Parish Council Recording Secretary:

Return this form with your completed registration form.

FORMS etc.



Pembroke Diocese Life Members

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| BIELAWSKI, SHEILA | 1997 |
| BONNEAU, ANDREA | 2007 |
| DROUIN, BEV | 2013 |
| FLAGLER, CLARE | 2000 |
| HASS, MARY | 1994 |
| MALONEY, MARGARET | 2007 |
| MULLINS, SUZANNE | 2011 |
| PERREAULT, IRENE | 2003 |
| PROVOST, DONNA | 2016 |
| RUMLESKIE, CARMEL | 2003 |
| SMITH, SYLVIA | 1999 |



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Pembroke Diocesan Executive (2015 - 2017)

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Pembroke Diocesan Parish Presidents (Feb 2017)

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| Arnprior St. John Chrysostom (Joan) | Nancy Black | Rev. John Burchat 295 Albert Street Arnprior, ON K7S 2M7 613-623-2282 catholicarnprior@gmail.com |
| Bancroft Our Lady of Mercy (Sheila) | Kathy Tripp | Rev. Patrick Dobec Box 879 Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0 613-332-2954 No email |
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| Combermere Holy Canadian Martyrs' (Bev) | Kristan Hamon, | Rev. John Lacey 2797 Dafoe Rd. Combermere, ON K0J 1L0 613-756-3606 |

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| Corbeil Sacred Heart of Jesus (Pauline) Dec 1998 | Debbie Corriveau | Rev. Mr. Tim Foster 1511 Village Rd. Astorville ON P0H 1B0 705 752-2782 timfoster@nbcsmail.com |
| Deep River Our Lady of Good Counsel (Peggy) co-chaired Charlene & Annette | Charlene Maguire/Annette Chaplin | Rev. Terry Sirosky P.O. Box 336 Deep River, ON K0J 1P0 613-584-3696 olgc@magma.ca |
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| Haliburton St. Anthony of Padua (June) | Peg Flowers | Rev. Patrick Dobec P. O. Box 879 Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0 613-332-2954 |
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