



# Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League

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*Women Helping Women  
Tea Fundraiser Update*

*The new date is*

*May 13, 2017.*



## Ponderings

### Spirit of the Living God Inspire and Bless the New Executive



(Left to right) Leah Pierce, Evelyn Ridell-Gruber, Annette Dutriscac, Barb Foubert, Sister Shannon Hickey, Shirlene Condie, Maudena Farnsworth, Diane Carmichael, Vicki Doucette, Mary-Lynn Truchon, Dawn-Marie Duffy, Monsignor Dave Tramontini and Louise Defonzo.

Absent are Gerri Reid and Elizabeth Delarosbel.



The Catholic Women's  
League of Canada



### Pornography Hurts Everyone

First launched in August 2013, the Pornography Hurts campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of pornography among members, the general public and members of parliament. Each year since the campaign was launched, members have "blitzed" elected officials and government officers with postcards provided by the CWL. During the weekend of **January 7 and 8** members of the Pro-Cathedral were provided with postcards at the back of the church to fill out and send to elected officials. For those who did not have an opportunity to fill out a postcard but still wish to send a clear and strong message to our elected officials please visit <https://www.cwl.ca/instructions-for-printing-pornography-hurts-postcard/> for instructions on how to print your own.

## Our Christmas Dinner & General Meeting

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, members of the CWL Pro-Cathedral gathered in fellowship celebrating the coming of Jesus' birth. Along with an excellent turkey dinner with all the trimmings provided by Dianne Esch, the ladies said good-bye to the outgoing executive and were introduced to the incoming executive. Diane Carmichael (left), outgoing council president, was presented with a mounted gavel by Lisa Henry, past-president.



Members of the executive (left) dressed up in costumes and put on a hilarious performance of Cinderella for the membership. With a little bit of theatre magic, Cinderella - AKA Lorraine Atchison, was transformed from sad to happy in a matter of minutes.



## CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

The "Who's Who" of North Bay, Ontario, came out on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in support of the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption's annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Over \$8 000 was raised in support of numerous charities including: Right to Life, Breakfast Program, Meals on Wheels, Gathering Place, Catholic Charities, Development & Peace and the Bursary Program.



"Although a whimsical Grinch theme, the message was thought provoking - 'Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?' I am blessed to be surrounded by a team of experienced, dedicated and hard working women whose efforts produced another successful Christmas Bazaar," stated Diane Carmichael, Pro-Cathedral CWL President. "The support of the church community never fails to bring hope to those who need it the most in North Bay."

# Catholics Across Canada Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Development and Peace

Article by: Lorraine Atchison, Christian Family Life Committee Chairperson

A Solidarity Quilt was launched on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Each diocesan D & P council in Canada was asked to stitch a square patch of their diocese. The first squares of the quilt were stitched in the east from Newfoundland/Labrador to Quebec and in the west from British Columbia to our diocese in Ontario and beyond.

On Sunday, November 6th at Ste. Anne de Pins Church Sudbury, a special Pilgrimage Mass was celebrated by Bishop Marcel Damphousse. The two quilt pieces from the Anglophone and Francophone D & P Diocesan councils of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie were added to the patches of that which came from the west starting in the Victoria, B.C. Diocese.

The quilt patches travelled from the Sault Ste. Marie (SSM) area to Sudbury French and English parishes and came to North Bay November 16th to 21st. Some patches went to the Sister of St. Joseph Motherhouse for display, Holy Name of Jesus, St Alphonus and St. Peters parishes.

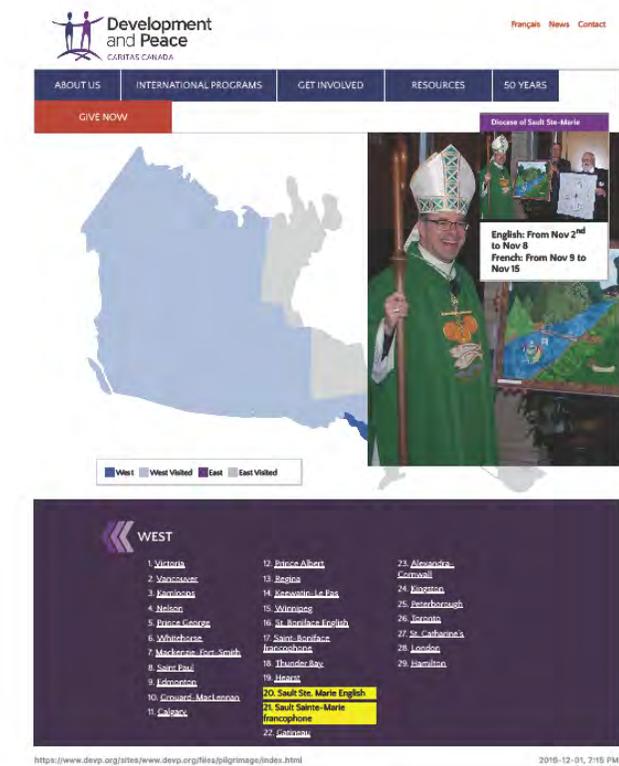
On the November 21st 28 patches for the anniversary quilt came together at the Pro-Cathedral before being sent to Gatineau, Quebec. At the 12:05 Mass 4 patches were on display at the front of the altar – Vancouver Diocesan colourful patch 24" by 24", the Francophone and Anglophone SSM patches and the Edmonton Archdiocesan quilt patch. A solidarity ritual reading was done by Linda Fenton and Ann Sullivan before Mass started, explaining through D & P that Canadians have stood

in solidarity with the people of South Africa who overcame the regime and in 1994, in their first multiracial elections in their history elected Nelson Mandela as president. Mr. Mandela personally thanked D & P for our support of his cause.

We stood in solidarity with young men and women who work in sweatshops around the world making clothes we wear. We stood in solidarity with the poorest and most indebted countries and during Jubilee year 2000 campaign raised more than half a million signatures on a petition calling on the cancellation of their debts. Today we stand in solidarity with Mother Earth. We call on our government to do everything it can to save our planet from threat posed by global warming and climate change.

We continue to respond to terrible natural disasters like Hurricane Mitch. We have used the generous contributions of Canadians to help survivors through the initial trauma and then empowered them to rebuild their countries.

Every day our partners in the Global South work with communities of urban poor, farmers, landless workers, fisher folk and indigenous people. Every day they help to empower women's groups,, journalists, labourers, young people and others.



Thank you for your generous financial support during Share Lent and acts of solidarity you have carried out during our Fall Education and Action campaigns as we celebrate our 50th anniversary.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016, a memorial service was held in commemoration for our deceased members. The following sisters of the CWL will forever live in peace:

**Rochelle Brown 25 years**

**Arlene Watt 26 years**

**Annie Woods 61 years**

**Deardree Cornthwaite 36 years**

**Sister Rita Laberge 10 years**

**Sister Madelaine Rochon 2 years**

**Jocelyne Schrader 20 years**

Loving God, You promised fullness of joy to those who seek Your face. Trusting in Your Word, we pray to You for our sisters who sought to further Your reign on earth by her service in the Catholic Women's League "For God and Canada." Though we are saddened that they are no longer with us, we entrust them to You with confidence. May they now live in peace, joy and happiness.

*The Prayer Service for a Deceased Member, taken from The Catholic Women's League of Canada's Ceremonies Booklet*

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[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca);

[www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca) and at

[www.procathedral.ca](http://www.procathedral.ca)

### Upcoming Events

**97th Annual  
Diocesan Convention  
April 28 to 30 at the  
Best Western in  
North Bay.**

**70th Annual  
Provincial Convention  
July 9 to 12 in  
Thunder Bay.**

### **The Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Executive for 2017 to 2019**

President: Maudena Farnsworth

President Elect & Organization & Membership Chair: Shirlene Condie

First Vice-President & Spiritual Development Chair: Sr Shannon Hickey

Treasurer: Vicki Doucette

Recording Secretary: Mary-Lynn Truchon

Corresponding Secretary: Louise Defonzo

Past-President: Diane Carmichael

Committee Chairs:

Christian Family Life: Barb Foubert

Community Life: Elizabeth Delarosbel

Education & Health: Gerri Reid & Evelyn Ridell-Gruber

Communications: Leah Pierce

Resolutions/Legislation: Dawn-Marie Duffy

Parish Activities: Annette Dutrisac

Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini

### Resolutions and Legislation

Update by: Wilda Beaupré, outgoing Resolutions/Legislations Chair

The following five resolutions were adopted at our CWL National Convention in August of 2016:

- Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status;
- Resolution 2016.02 Eating well with Canada's Food Guide;
- Resolution 2016.03 Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all inactive Substances and Additives.
- Resolution 2016.04 Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service.
- Resolution 2016.05 Amend the Canada Health Act to include Home Care as an Insured Health Service.

Resolutions are tools that make our community as well as our country a better world and that is why we follow up on them by taking action, at Council level as well as Provincial and National levels.



CWL members are reminded to take advantage of the Early Bird draw. Those that pay their annual \$25 membership before January 29th have their names entered into a draw for the return of the cost of the membership. The draw will be held at the General Meeting on February 1st, 2017.

The Ponderings newsletter is located on the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption webpage under "groups". All questions and ideas can be forwarded to Leah Pierce, Communications Officer, at [warren\\_pierce@bell.net](mailto:warren_pierce@bell.net)