

Since our last Ponderings the following sisters of the CWL will forever live in peace:

Sister Jeanette Lalonde 9 years June 10 2015 *Maria Ermel 10 year member July 14 2015*

Sister Margaret Smith 12 year July 19 2015 *Jessie Clement 56 years August 16 2015*

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

The Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Executive for 2015 to 2017

President: Diane Carmichael

President Elect & Organization & Membership Chairperson: Maudena Farnsworth

First Vice-President & Spiritual Development Chairperson: Sister Shannon Hickey

Treasurer: Vicki Doucette

Recording Secretary: Noelle Sharpe

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Passmore

Past-President: Lisa Henry

Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Leah Pierce

Christian Family Life: Shelby Sharpe

Education & Health: Tessa Clermont

Community Life: Elizabeth Delarosbel

Resolutions/Legislation: Wilda Beaupre

Parish Activities: Debbie Laframboise

Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini

Volunteers are needed !

⇒ **Funeral Lunch Helpers**

⇒ **CWL Prayer Service**

⇒ **CWL Honour Guard**

Please contact Maudena Farnsworth.

Please donate unwanted, blank greeting cards to Elizabeth Delarosbel in support of the Community Life Committee.

We are on the web at
www.procathedral.ca
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Executive Meetings

September 28

October 26

November 23

General Meetings

October 7—Movie Night

November 4—Memorial Service

December 2—Christmas Dinner



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



Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League

Ponderings

CWL—The Living Gospel

On Saturday, June 13th the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral hosted the first Women Helping Women Tea & Dessert Fundraiser.

Close to \$600 was raised. Tessa Clermont, Education and Health Chairperson, who came up with the idea to help women in crisis, contacted the three local women's shelters: The Ojibway Women's Lodge, Nipissing Transition House and Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre of Nipissing to

find out what they needed. With a wish list in hand Diane Carmichael, CWL President and Lisa Henry, CWL Past President and Historian, purchased items for each of the women's shelters.

Then, in late August members of the CWL Executive dropped off the items to the very appreciative agencies.

Thank you all who supported the tea. Plans are in the works to host the next tea in the fall of 2016.



(Left to right) Back row—Maudena Farnsworth, Brenda Passmore, Lisa Henry, Elizabeth Delarosbel, Leah Pierce. Front row—Sister Shannon Hickey, Tessa Clermont and Wilda Beaupré pose with baskets and boxes of items donated to local women's shelters.

CWL Pin Holders

As League sisters now often wear more than one pin at one time, the problem of holes in clothing was a concern. So, the inner entrepreneur in one member, Brenda Passmore, came out to fix the problem. Brenda approached the parish council executive with her idea—to produce a pin holder. The pin holder, inspired by a Trefoil Guild (Girl Guides of Canada) badge holders, would hold all the pins in one place on one ribbon, minimizing holes in clothing. Brenda found a company in North Bay that would produce the clasps and found several ladies who would sew the ribbons. The project has taken off!

Recently, 120 ribbons were sold at the Provincial Convention and 80 were sold at the National. Brenda just sent 50 to a member in Kingsville, Ontario and 12 to her cousin in Espanola. A huge thank you to Diane Gallupe in Mattawa and sewing ladies who have sewn 500 ribbons on the bars

The ribbons can be purchased through Brenda for \$10.

Excerpt from Dec 2014 issue of Be League

Investing in the Future



This year's CWL Bursary student recipients are: Diana Forte and Maria McParland, both graduated from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School. Each student will receive a \$300

cheque at our 11am Mass Thanksgiving weekend. They have both expressed their intention to use the bursary to help purchase textbooks.



This Year's CWL Theme

ONE HEART VOICE MISSION

One heart – filled with mercy, compassion and holiness

One voice – united in harmony to speak the truth with courage
and zeal

One mission – witnessing to the Good News of the Gospel
through personal encounter and joyful service

Message from Spiritual Development

*I am one of many.
I belong to a sisterhood
from which I can draw
spiritual and temporal
support, comfort and
strength in times of need.
I am reminded of my
religious teachings and
responsibilities. I am
aware of my culture and
my country.*

A reminder to all CWL members and others who wish to join us: Please remember to say your Rosary every Thursday along with the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi for World Peace. I am hopeful that you will also pray for the Refugee Situation and that we will pray even more than on Thursday for both intentions. Gentle reminder that The Year of Mercy begins on December 8 and concludes on November 20 2016.

God Bless, Sister Shannon Hickey.

CWL Annual Bazaar Update

CWL Bazaar planning is underway!

This year's theme is "*Silver Bells*"

**All convener positions have been filled and we are now
looking for volunteers to assist our conveners.**

Can you help?

**If you are willing to share your time and talent
to this worthy event, please contact
Lisa Henry at 493-4164.**



Welcome Message to New Members to The Catholic Women's League

Terry Campbell Andree Cornish Fran Fraboni Noreen Kelly Vivian Rose Malouin
Sister Patricia McNamara Bree Modeen Leah Pierce Alexandra Smith Maureen Tallon

Welcome!

On behalf of the over 54,000 members in the Province of Ontario, we congratulate and embrace you as you take your place among us!

You now belong to a grassroots parish-based organization with members from every part of the province that join to form the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada. The CWL has been in existence since the 1920's and has met annually with all levels of government since the 1970's.

We represent every walk of life, culture and ethnic group with a vital presence in the home and work force. Our role as Beatitude women is indispensable.

Our Mission Statement:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

The Catholic Women's League is the united voice of Catholic women expressing their values while promoting dignity, sanctity of life and social justice for all making a difference in their community. We are the voice for the voiceless, for the vulnerable and marginalized.

The League has a long and proud tradition of providing opportunities to develop a deeper spiritual life, friendship, leadership development and affirmation for its members. Through standing committees, members can feel the pulse of what is happening in church and society.

We are overjoyed that you have joined your sisters in the League across Canada to help "change the world". Together with the Holy Trinity and our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, we can make it happen. For God and Canada.

Sincerely,

Betty Colaneri, Ontario Provincial President of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

The CWL welcomes all female members of the parish sixteen years and older. The League is affiliated with the provincial and national groups bearing the same name. The CWL works to enhance the spiritual development and individual development of its members. It is a vehicle for communication and development of Christian fellowship among Catholic women everywhere. Guest speakers are frequently invited to assist in educating or involving members in community resources. Service to the community involves support and participation in many activities including: Catholic Charities, the Gathering Place, post-secondary student bursaries, breakfast programs at three schools and visits to a ward at the Regional Mental Health Centre. Support is also provided to the North Bay Food Bank, VON Meals on Wheels, Right to Life and Birthright. Financial support is given to several provincial and national programs. Our members serve in many areas of our parish community, and their generosity and spirit lives out our mission statement. Meeting times and locations are advertised in the parish bulletin. **Along with the national organization, the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption celebrates its 95th year in 2015.**