



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

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## Ponderings

### Meet the Executive!



Left to right front row: Leah Pierce, Debbie Laframboise, Sister Shannon Hickey, Brenda Passmore, Vicki Doucette

Left to right back row: Lisa Henry, Maudena Farnsworth, Patricia Fassl, Diane Carmichael, Elizabeth Delarosbel and Shelby Sharpe. Absent is Wilda Beaupré

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 **February 6 and 7** members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards in the bulletins and the back of the church to fill out and send to elected officials. Here is how you fill it out for the biggest impact:

- Ensure your name and return address is on the card in order for the minister (s) to respond to you;
- Ask a question or ask for feedback from the minister (i.e. will you take a stand by helping to ensure that just punishment is given to the perpetrators of this heinous crime to children and women)?
- Mail to Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing — Timiskaming and Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP Justice and Attorney General (Ottawa address provided on back and no postage required!)



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## Pornography Hurts Everyone

Pornography fuels the global sex trade by driving demand into the mainstream of society. Studies show that pornography users often seek to act out what they have viewed in porn. Often their partners will not engage in such acts, so they seek it elsewhere – increasing the demand for trafficked women and children to be prostituted. From [www.pornharms.com](http://www.pornharms.com)



### Our Christmas Dinner & General Meeting

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 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, in true CWL fashion, the ladies also raised funds that evening by hosting a silent auction and donated a table filled with cozy hats, mitts, scarves and slippers to the less fortunate (left).

Rev. Rex Lumine (right), along with Msgr. Dave Tramontini, joined the ladies of the CWL and enjoyed wonderful food and conversation during the annual Christmas Dinner and General Membership Meeting.



*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.*

### SISTERHOOD PROJECT

Are you heading to Health Sciences North in Sudbury? Feeling alone?? Sisters of CWL are never alone. Sudbury's CWL Councils have begun a new project: **SISTERHOOD PROJECT**. Simply contact St. Patrick's Parish at 705-522-3900 or the Pastoral Care at the hospital. Give them the details of your arrival date. If you wish, you will be placed on their Prayer Line, they will provide support to your family and you during critical care or surgery, take family members for coffee away from the hospital, provide a sympathetic ear, encouragement or anything else you feel they could help you with. (Due to privacy concerns the request must come from the patient.) **CWL MEMBERS ARE NEVER ALONE. WE ARE A SISTERHOOD WHO SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND DO GOD'S WORK.**

### Message from Spiritual Development

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on March 4, 2016. This year's theme is Cuban and the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption is honoured to be the host church. Volunteers are welcome to make this year's event a success! Please contact me at 705-474-3800, Ext. #408 or Diane Carmichael, President, at 705-471-5096. God Bless, Sister Shannon Hickey.



## PRO-CATHEDRAL CWL BAZAAR 2015

### CHRISTMAS JOY WAS IN THE AIR..... YOU COULD FEEL IT EVERYWHERE !

Article by: Lisa Henry, Bazaar Convener

On Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral hosted their annual Christmas Bazaar and Tea. Close to \$9,000 was raised. Each year, the incredible women of the Pro-Cathedral CWL come out in scores to support this event for which, the proceeds go to charities such as: Right to Life, Breakfast Program, Meals on Wheels, Gathering Place, Catholic Charities, Development & Peace and the Bursary Program to name a few. The planning for the bazaar typically starts in May and our gifted volunteers do their magic creating the most spectacular bazaar and tea room year after year. There are many moving parts with the coordination of:

**The Tea Room;  
Kitchen (food prep and plating)  
Bake table;  
Knitting table;  
Sewing & Crafts table;  
Heritage & Hidden Treasures tables;**

**Beautiful handcrafted cards by our very own Joyce Sjolin;  
Penny Sale;  
Raffle;  
Beautiful, festive decorations;  
Phone committee; and  
Publicity**

It takes a tremendous amount of work and it is heartwarming to see the number of tireless volunteers who contribute their efforts to this day culminating in an incredibly successful event. Not only are we blessed with people donating their valuable time, but our parish community never ceases to amaze us with their generous donations of items for the Kitchen, Penny Sale, Door Prizes, Publicity items and all the Bazaar tables. Of course, we would be lost without the support we receive at the parish level from Msgr Dave, Fr. Rex and Karen Steel. We are grateful indeed.



Ella Lamothe, 26-year member of the CWL, serves desserts during the Christmas Bazaar and Tea Fundraiser

person who volunteered their great gift of time and talent to couldn't do it without you and each year you never disappoint!

"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."

The national CWL theme of "One Heart, One Voice, One Mission" comes to life in each of the CWL volunteers through this Bazaar and Tea. It enables the CWL to continue the vital work of giving back to our local and global communities.

A most sincere heartfelt **THANK YOU!** goes out to each and every this year's bazaar and tea. We just

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

THE CATHOLIC  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
OF CANADA



President: Diane Carmichael  
President Elect & Organization & Membership Chairperson: Maudena Farnsworth  
First Vice-President & Spiritual Development Chairperson: Sister Shannon Hickey  
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette  
Recording Secretary: Patricia Fassi  
Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Passmore  
Past-President: Lisa Henry

### Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Leah Pierce  
Christian Family Life: Shelby Sharpe  
Education & Health: VACANT  
Community Life: Elizabeth Delarosbel  
Resolutions/Legislation: Wilda Beaupre  
Parish Activities: Debbie Laframboise (on a leave of absence)

Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini

**We are on the web at**  
**[www.procathedral.ca](http://www.procathedral.ca)**  
**[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)**  
**[www.cwl.on.ca](http://www.cwl.on.ca)**  
**[ssmcwl.ca](http://ssmcwl.ca)**

**Note:** If you are interested in serving on the Executive and would like to learn more about the role of the Education & Health committee chairperson please contact Diane Carmichael, President, at 705-471-5096.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

<u>Executive Meetings</u>	<u>General Meetings</u>
25 January	3 February - Exec re-installment
22 February	2 March
21 March	6 April
25 April	4 May
24 May	1 June
27 June	
***Christmas Bazaar & Tea—19 November	

CWL members are reminded to take advantage of the Early Bird draw. Those that pay their annual \$25 membership before January 31<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Contact Maudena Farnsworth, President Elect and Organization & Membership Chairperson, at 705-495-2532 for more information.



Volunteers are needed !

- ⇒ Funeral Lunch Helpers
- ⇒ CWL Prayer Service
- ⇒ CWL Honour Guard

Please contact Maudena Farnsworth at 705-495-2532.



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)