



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

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## Ponderings

*This year's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 19th. The co-conveners are: Annette Dutrisac, Geri Reid and Sister Shannon Hickey.*

### Member of Pro-Cathedral Recognized for Keeping the Spirit Alive!



Recently, at the 2016 CWL Sault Ste. Marie (SSM) Diocesan Convention held in the SSM, as a result of her impressive drive and team work, our member, Lorraine Atchison, received the Bellelle Guerin Award.

Lorraine has distinguished herself with 47 years of exemplary service to the Catholic Women's League. Epitomizing our core values, she served as corresponding secretary and community life chairperson at the diocesan level. At the parish level, she served 2 terms as president and past-president, and also served as Christian family life and community life chairperson. Recently, in 2015, Lorraine was the recipient of the SSM Diocesan Order of Merit conferred by Bishop Plouffe.

In 2007 the CWL introduced this award to recognize a member who demonstrates a love of the league and an availability and willingness to continue to serve, but does not qualify for life membership. A nominee must have worked tirelessly to keep the spirit of the league alive, in the spirit of the first president. **Congratulations!!!**

(Left to right) Lorrain Atchison, Pauline Krupa, Provincial President, and Karen McDonald, Diocesan President.

### Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council

On Sunday, April 24th, 2016, during the 11 a.m. Mass, our CWL Council honoured our patroness Mary, whom God chose to make mother of His Son, in the Feast for Our Lady of Good Counsel. Wearing CWL scarves and pins, members were ushers, lectors, and ministers of the Eucharist.

"Our Lady of Good Counsel ... pray for us!"



## A Word from the President

Hello my Sisters in the League!!

June 1st, 2016, was our annual Service Pins and Awards Dinner. We had a fun picnic theme that carried over to the menu. Dianne Esch catered the meal with cold turkey and ham, salads, fruit, iced tea and lemonade. Our centre pieces were even edible!! The flower pots were filled with chocolate cake and gummy worms!! Yummy!! Thank you to all the wonderful women who helped with the decorations, setting up and cleaning up the hall!!

During my time as president I've tried to keep the meetings casual, fun and timely. I think I've been able to accomplish that on a few occasions!! Our executive has tried to add a couple of new initiatives to our regular roster. The Relay For Life and Women Helping Women Tea and Dessert. Unfortunately we couldn't participate this year in the Relay For Life as we couldn't get someone to commit to being the captain. But this year will be our second annual Tea and Dessert. Women and children who are involved in abusive relationships need our help. It's difficult for these women to get out and stay out of toxic relationships. **Support is always needed.**



Since our council was no longer permitted to visit the patients at the North Bay Mental Health Unit, Deacon Rick Hammelin helped us find an organization that would be a good fit with our ladies. We will now be visiting mental health patients who live at 416 Lakeshore. This is a group of 20 people who live on their own within a very small community. Socialization is a huge part of their care. Anyone is welcome to visit with our Community Life Chair, Elizabeth Delarosbel and committee!

This fall will be our Bazaar and Tea. It is slated for November 19, 2016. We are always in need of anyone who is willing to volunteer her time and/or talent!! Annette Dutrisac, Geri Reid and Sister Shannon are the Co-Convenors.

We will also be voting in a new executive this November. Please consider letting your name stand for one of the positions. We all volunteer for these jobs and bring what we can to each one. New ideas are always welcomed!! We do it for God and Canada!!

Have a wonderful summer!!  
See everyone in the fall!!

Blessings and Love,  
*Diane Carmichael*  
President

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.

### 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: Sr Shannon Hickey  
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette  
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Communications: Leah Pierce  
Christian Family Life: Lorraine Atchison  
Education & Health: VACANT  
Community Life: Elizabeth Delarosbel  
Resolutions/Legislation: Wilda Beaupre  
Parish Activities: Debbie Laframboise

Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini



## Highlights of the Resolutions & Legislation Standing Committee

Article by: Wilda Beaupré, Chairperson

On May 4th, 2016, a group representing our Ontario Provincial Council met with a few of the Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) at Queen's Park. Discussions were held relating to league resolutions on mental health services for children & youth, awareness of colorectal cancer, infrared breast screening thermography, safe water for First Nations, funding for hospice & palliative care as well as a few other topics which you can read about in their entirety on our CWL website. During question period the Honourable Bill Mauro, MPP for Thunder Bay-Atikokan and current minister responsible for Natural Resources and Forestry, introduced each member by name to the Ontario Legislature.

Regarding Physician Assisted Suicide, Bill C14 was voted on and passed in the house as well as approved in the senate. Please continue to follow this topic closely during the summer months and voice your concerns whenever you can. Now, more than ever, we are working to ensure that our communities have good palliative care in place both in hospice & hospital settings that will respect our end of life wishes. You can also make your end of life wishes known to the designated person responsible for your personal care through a "Power of Attorney for Personal Care". This is a legal document that requires your signature along with that of witnesses and tells your family and family physician details of your final wishes.

You can voice your concerns regarding any of the above topics with our Member of Parliament (MP) Anthony Rota or MPP Vic Fedeli. Once the house adjourns for the summer, they will be here in North Bay in their constituency offices located on Main Street where you can drop by: MP Anthony Rota is at 375 Main St. West (705-474-3700) and MPP Victor Fedeli is at 165 Main St. East (705-474-8340). Have a great summer and know that you are a VOICE that can make a difference!

For more information on CWL resolutions and legislations go to [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca).



# Volunteers Needed

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

**Please contact Maudena Farnsworth  
at 705-495-2532.**

*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.*



## Service Pins and Award Dinner 2016

Long warm days ...

The pace of life slows ...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade.

Lord, help us to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down our restless hearts and fill us with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.



**10 years:** (left to right) Joyce Sjolin, Lisa Henry, Sister Regina Rousseau and Jordanne Doucette. Absent was Sister Alma Thorne.



**20 years:** Ann Sullivan. Absent were: Angela Ceccanese, Janice Day and Kathy Storie.



(left to right) Louise Defonzo-**30 years**, Elaine Pepin-**25 years**, and Donna Frechette-**25 years**.



**35 years: (right)** Joan Watier. Absent was Lois Keenan.

**40 years: (left)** Olga Mulc. Absent was Mary Kolz and Susan Tedesco.



**50 years:** (left to right) Mary Yantha, Buntly Swanson, Lauretta Emond, Pat Murphy and Cora Martinello. Absent was Kathleen Gauthier.



**55 years:** Mary Kelly. Absent was Collette Laird.

♥ Absent were; 25 year service pin recipient: Joan Verge, 30 year service pin recipients: Heather McGuinty and Sister Mary Sheridan, 45 year service pin recipients: Cora Martinello and Monica Sullivan, and 60 year service pin recipient Katherine Voisin.

Diane Carmichael, President, presented Brenda Passmore, (left picture, left side) and Maudena Farnsworth (right picture, right side) with Certificates of Merit on behalf of the CWL Pro-Cathedral Council in grateful recognition and appreciation of faithful and exceptional services.



### Women Helping Women Tea & Dessert Fundraiser

In Canada, a woman is sexually assaulted every 6 minutes. The women of the Pro-Cathedral CWL are doing something about that by hosting the second annual Women Helping Women Tea & Dessert Fundraiser on Sat, 1 Oct from 1 to 3 pm at the Parish Hall. Tickets: \$5 on sale in September and at the door. A group of local women vendors will be present to provide you with a unique shopping experience. For information contact: Patricia Fassel at 494-8192 or Maudena Farnsworth at 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)