



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

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## Ponderings

*Congratulations to Sister Shannon Hebeey, our Council's First Vice President and Spiritual Development Chairperson, who celebrated her 50th year of religious life!*

**"For the glory of God and the good of God's People"**



On Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, during the General Meeting, seven new members were welcomed to the Pro-Cathedral CWL raising membership numbers to 213. During the ceremony, Shirlene Condie, Council President Elect and Organization & Membership Chairperson stated, "We welcome all new and current League members and visitors. We pray that your membership will be most enjoyable and fulfilling. As members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, we are guided and inspired by 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 President Elect lit each new members' candle as a symbol. "You have been given lighted candles as a reminder of the candle you received at your baptism. Let your light shine before all, so that your good works may give glory to God." (Left to right) Sister Mae Kierans, Caitlin Wilson and Shirlene Condie. Absent were: Alyssa Atchison, Julia Crea, Sr. Rita Godon, Lesley McGinnis and Malgonata (Margaret) Sroga.

### Members of the CWL Relayed in the Fight Against Cancer

We relayed for family. We relayed for friends. We relayed for our sisters. That is why eleven members of the Pro-Cathedral CWL and a member of St. Peter's CWL formed the 'Inspired by the Spirit' team. Then, on Friday, June 23rd, 2017, the team relayed for five hours at the CFB North Bay Athletic Field. Working tirelessly, the team raised close to \$2,400. (Left to right) Vicki Doucette, Susan Plamondon, Wilda Beaupré, Lisa Henry, Evelyn Riddell-Gruber, Leah Pierce, Barb Foubert, Gerri Reid and Dawn-Marie Duffy. Absent: Diane Carmichael and Maudena Farnsworth.



## Women Helping Women Spring Tea & Dessert Fundraiser - The Living Gospel

On Saturday, May 13th, 2017, the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral held the second Women Helping Women Spring Tea & Dessert Fundraiser raising \$600 to benefit three local women's shelters. Then, this past summer, Gerri Reid and Evelyn Riddell-Gruber, Education & Health Committee Chairpersons, presented each organization with a cheque in the amount of \$200.



(Left to right) Suzanne Goulais-Deering, Evelyn Riddell-Gruber and Julie Dalgliesh at the Ojibway Women's Lodge during the cheque presentation.



Brenda Quenneville (left), Executive Director of Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre, receives



Janine (right) Executive Director of Nipissing Transition House, receives a cheque from Gerri Reid.

### Investing in the Future

This year's CWL Bursary student recipient is John McParland, son of Peter and Antoinette (CWL member of the Pro-Cathedral). On graduating from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall, John will attend a two-year business course at Canadore College. An active member of the Parish over the years as an alter server, he is recently more recognized as the Sunday cantor. Members of the CWL wish John many blessings in his future endeavour. He will be receiving his \$400 bursary at the 11 a.m. Mass on October 8, 2017.



**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)

#### 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 Riddell-Gruber

Communications: Leah Pierce

Resolutions/Legislation: Dawn-Marie Duffy

Parish Activities: Annette Dutrisac

Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini

## Focus on Christian Family Life Standing Committee



Article by: Barb Foubert, Chairperson

There are so many parts of the Christian Family Life committee: vocations, ministry to children, youth, Seniors, separated and divorced Catholics, sanctity of life from conception to natural death, support of the sick, marginalized and bereaved and the widowed. We have started visiting Cassellhome on Thursdays to pray the rosary with the second and third floor residents - the seniors enjoy our time there. We are open to supporting each other where we are, and serving where we are called. Just like our personal families, there may be differences and challenges, however, as Christian women we must strive to look for what is good and noble and loving. So whatever we do we do it, we do it out of love for God and neighbour.

### CWL Theme Prayer 2017-2019 Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call

Spirit of the Living God  
Open our hearts and minds  
to experience the unconditional love of God.

Empower us with the gifts of your Spirit  
so that we may respond to God's call  
in joyful service.

Inspire and bless the members of the  
Catholic Women's League  
so that the fruits of your Spirit  
may be evidence in all that we say and do.



Amen.

# 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.*

# Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

**Come celebrate an Ol' Country Christmas  
Church Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

**Parish Hall**

**480 McIntyre St. West**

**Tea Room—\$5/person**

**Tea Room, Penny Sale and Bazaar—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Wheelchair accessible entrance from Algonquin Ave side of the church**

We are seeking assistance in the kitchen, serving tea and making delicious baked goods. Please contact the following to lend support:

#### Co-conveners:

Annette Dutrisac at 705-495-3584 or

Lisa Henry at 705-495-2532

#### Kitchen:

Shirlene Condie at 705-493-0718

#### Tea Room:

Gerri Reid at 705-490-0082

#### Baking:

Theresa Duffy at 705-472-9036

Dawn-Marie Duffy at 705-497-1179

Ann Madden, CWL Provincial President, has chosen to focus on **Homelessness** for 2017-18. She encourages parish councils to learn and discuss what causes a person or group to be homeless. How can we help the homeless as a council? Please forward suggestions to Maudena Farnsworth, Pro-Cathedral CWL Council President, at 705-495-2532.

Shirlene Condie, President Elect & Organization & Membership Chair, is challenging all current members of the Pro-Cathedral CWL—yes all 213 members! to invite someone new or someone who, perhaps, once was a CWL member to join the CWL. Share with a friend, a co-worker, a fellow parishioner why you joined the CWL and encourage her to see for herself how the CWL brings a sense of fulfillment, fellowship and fun to each life touched!

***Are you up for the challenge!***



## **Membership Challenge!**

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 pn.thebay@gmail.com

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Executive Meetings

September 25

October 23

November 27

#### General Meetings

October 4—Movie Night

November 1—Memorial Service

December 6—Christmas Dinner

**\*\*November 18—CWL Bazaar and Tea**