



Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League

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The next General

Meeting will be held on

Wednesday,

February 7th, 2018

Ponderings

Inspired by the Spirit the CWL Supports the Needy

On Monday, January 15th, 2018, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh (left), President Elect of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL, presented a cheque to Dennis Chippa, Executive Director of the Gathering Place, in the amount of \$1 180 at the Parish Hall.

Monies were raised during the annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea through the 50/50 draw and the Penny Sale .



The Catholic Women's
League of Canada



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

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 3 and 4** members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards at 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!)

CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

The Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall was transformed into an Ol' Country Christmas as hundreds came out on Saturday, November 18th, 2017, in support of the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption's annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Over \$6 000 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.

"In the immortal words of the great comedian, Bob Hope, I too believe that 'My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern is very simple: loving others.' It is through the love of others that I am



blesSED to be surrounded by a team of experienced, dedicated and hard working women whose efforts produced another successful Christmas Bazaar," stated Annette Dutrisac, Pro-Cathedral CWL Bazaar & Tea convener. "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 "Inspired by the Spirit Women respond to God's call" comes to fruition in each of the CWL volunteers and supporters through this Bazaar and Tea. It enables the CWL to continue the vital work of giving back to our local and global communities.

Christ our Light, Source of life Fill our hearts with new life

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, members of the CWL Pro-Cathedral gathered in fellowship, enjoyed an excellent turkey dinner with all the trimmings provided by Dianne Esch, and celebrated the coming of Jesus' birth.



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



*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.*

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

President: Maudena Farnsworth
President Elect & Organization & Membership Chair: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
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Parish Activities: Annette Dutrisac
Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini

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.**

On Wednesday, November 1st, 2017, a memorial service was held in commemoration for our deceased members. The following sisters of the CWL will forever live in peace:

- Lidia Rossi, Sept 15, 2016*
- Gloria Bonutto, Oct 14, 2016*
- Rose Moher, Oct 29, 2016*
- Helen Mclsaac, Jan 25, 2017*
- Carol Ann Mantha, Mar 19, 2017*
- Anne Renton, May 3, 2017*
- Sr Antoinette Korpacka, May 11, 2017*
- Sr Anne Sartor, Sept 15, 2017*
- Leona Kervin, Aug 13, 2017*
- Frances-Claire Fraboni, Aug 23, 2017*
- Dorothy Bethune, Aug 28, 2017*



Volunteers Needed

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers—There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 31st, 2018 @ 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Gentlemen we need you too! And you will not be asked to do any heavy lifting. Please consider volunteering as there is a great need for volunteers!

**Funeral Lunch
Helpers
CWL Prayer Service
CWL Honour Guard
Please contact
Maudena Farnsworth
at 705-495-2532.**

**We are on the web at www.cwl.ca; www.cwl.on.ca and
at www.procathedral.ca**

Upcoming Events

- **98th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CWL CONVENTION**
April 27-29, 2018 Sudbury, ON
- ** 71st ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CWL CONVENTION**
July 7-11, 2018 Toronto, ON
- ** 98th ANNUAL NATIONAL CWL CONVENTION**
August 12-15, 2018 Winnipeg, MB

Executive Meeting Dates

29 Jan 18
26 Feb 18
23 Apr 18
28 May 18

General Meeting Dates

7 Feb 18
6 Mar 18
4 Apr 18
2 May 18



Membership 2018

CWL members are reminded to take advantage of the Early Bird draw. Those that pay their annual \$25 membership before January 31st 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 7th, 2018. Contact Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at 705-476-2748 for more information.

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