



**Pro-Cathedral of the
Assumption
Catholic
Women's League
Faith, Service & Social Justice
100 Years**

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The next General

Meeting will be held on

Wednesday,

February 5th, 2020

Ponderings

Record Amount Raised at the CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

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Sunny skies matched the bright smiles of countless volunteers that welcomed hundreds of people to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption's Parish Hall on Saturday, November 16th, 2019, in support of the Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption's annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. With this year's theme: 'Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow,' a record \$11 000 was raised in support of numerous charities including: School Breakfast Programs, Meals on Wheels, the North Bay Food Bank and the Gathering Place,

"Our volunteers have created a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and I am blessed to be surrounded by a team of experienced, dedicated and hard-working women



whose efforts produced another successful Christmas Bazaar," stated Leah Pierce, 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."



With over 200 members, the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL is part of the larger national CWL of 78 000 members each called to grow in faith, and to witness the love of God through ministry, service and social justice.

CWL AWARENESS

Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, Council President

As your President of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League, I would like to take this opportunity to address, primarily the women, but gentlemen, I will not leave **you** out !

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness, through service to the people of God. Many of you have seen the work we do here at the church, providing our annual tea and bazaar and other fundraisers, helping the **needy** and **homeless** with our sock campaign, there is more. Locally, we raise the Gathering Place, VON Meals on Wheels, School Breakfast Programs. We also give post-secondary school bur-



Our members visit "shut-ins", the mental illness, to provide comfort and hear daily, on the news and suffering, terrorism, human trafficking-needs through our committees, city & Family Life to name a few; provincial and federal levels too. We make citizens **listen. WE MAKE CHANGE!** process of bringing about change in human trafficking, euthanasia, drinking water. The list goes on... Change **begins** with an idea and a **challenge** to make things better. **It begins with you.** That is why I am asking **you** to consider joining The Catholic Women's League.

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elderly, those in social housing and with and support... but there is more. We see elsewhere of human tragedy and suffering and social injustice. We address those such as, Education and Health and Community & Family Life to name a few; provincial and federal levels too. We make citizens **listen. WE MAKE CHANGE!** process of bringing about change in human trafficking, euthanasia, drinking water. The list goes on... Change **begins** with an idea and a **challenge** to make things better. **It begins with you.** That is why I am asking **you** to consider joining The Catholic Women's League.

I know you probably feel pressed for time and are unsure of making another commitment ! You don't have to get involved with everything. Pick a special interest and help us with that...but become a member! Busy women **are** organized and **know** how to get things done. Gentlemen, husbands, I said I wouldn't leave you out... we need and appreciate your support. We will continue to work together in co-operation with the men's organizations... the Men's Club, and the Knights of Columbus. Also, like the Knight's our League is recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

There **is** strength in numbers and there is **so much work** yet to be done! Our Parish council is 100 years old this year. Wow, the League has been at work for a long time! Plans are already underway to mark this historic event. We hope you will be part of our celebration.

Be an Early Bird!

Membership 2020

Ladies! It's time to renew or become a new member with the CWL. Pay your \$25 membership dues before February 3rd for a chance to win! The prize is your membership free for the year! Contact Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 705-474-0447 for details. The draw will be held at the first General meeting of the New Year on February 5th, 2020. For those who use parish envelopes – please note that you have a CWL membership envelope included in your box of envelopes which can be completed and dropped into the collection basket.





Pro-Cathedral CWL 1st Annual Chocolate Fest & Guess the Oscars Party!

You won't want to miss this!

Friday, January 31, 2020
6:30 pm
\$25.00 per person

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall (480 McIntyre St. W)
Wheelchair accessible entrance on Algonquin Ave. side of the church

Everything is Better with Chocolate!!





Tickets are available by contacting:
Louise Defonzo at 705-494-7474
OR
Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at 705-493-0718



CWL Christmas Dinner

There was nothing calm or silent about the CWL Christmas Dinner held on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019. Members of the CWL were treated to a scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings catered by Jennifer Leblond, a festive holiday concert by the North Bay Ukulele Club ending with a visit by the Jolly Old Elf himself and Mrs. Claus! Christmas PARTY!!



**Funeral Lunch
Helpers**
CWL Prayer Service
CWL Honour Guard
Please contact
**Shirlene Condie-
McVeigh**




**Care for our
Common Home**

The Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption CWL Executive 2019 to 2021

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In Memory Of ...

On Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, a memorial service was held in commemoration for our deceased members.

The following sisters of the CWL will forever live in peace:

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| <i>Pauline Borden</i> | <i>February 11, 2019</i> |
| <i>Paulette Burman</i> | <i>June 17, 2019</i> |
| <i>Sr. Rosemary Carroll</i> | <i>June, 7, 2019</i> |
| <i>Maudena Farnsworth</i> | <i>December 19, 2018</i> |
| <i>Carol Ann Mantha</i> | <i>December 16, 2018</i> |
| <i>Bernadette Murphy</i> | <i>January 21, 2019</i> |
| <i>Yvonne Parisien</i> | <i>September 30, 2018</i> |
| <i>Merilyn Parker</i> | <i>October 3, 2018</i> |
| <i>Fay Ranney</i> | <i>December 18, 2018</i> |
| <i>Joanna Sokolowski</i> | <i>February 11, 2019</i> |
| <i>Collette Tancredi</i> | <i>March 27, 2019</i> |



Maudena was a serving CWL President when she was called to Christ.

A rose, a symbol of life in Christ was presented as a living memory for each deceased member. Candles were lit in honour of our loved ones, as a symbol of life, love and hope; and in memory of the times we shared, cared and loved.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE TURNS 100!

2020 will mark 3 momentous occasions as the Catholic Women's League turns 100 at various levels.

April 24 to 26—The Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada will be turning 100 and will mark the occasion with their 100th annual convention which will be taking place right here in North Bay at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre! **Flag raising on April 24 at 10 a.m. at North Bay City Hall.**

June 17—Our very own Pro-Cathedral CWL council will be turning 100 and we will be celebrating with a mass and following that, a banquet at the Davedi Club.

August 9 to 12 —National Convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in Montreal.

Please plan on joining us! It won't be a celebration without you!

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

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, Education & Health Chairperson, at pn.thebay@gmail.com.