



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
St. Joseph's Highland Creek Council
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Pat Wilson

Summer has come to an end. Autumn brings choices and decisions. Decisions give birth to hope and commitment. Just as the seasons change so can we. "Be who you are meant to be and you will set the world on fire."- St. Catherine of Sienna. I invite you to come out with CWL for prayer (Rosary Sunday, Interfaith celebration), fun (apple pie making, November Bazaar) and fulfillment (Ribbon of Signatures Campaign against Pornography, December Advent Retreat). There is something for everyone. Please check the Dates to Remember section of the Newsletter and plan ahead.

Fall is also a time of thanksgiving, appreciating the many blessings we have received. We give thanks for our families and friends, personal gifts, years lived and the richness of each life experience.

This fall is also our time for CWL Parish Council Elections. We all need to pray for each other, that through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, some of our sisters accept the call, let their names stand for office, saying yes to service on our 2013-2014 Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT ELECT/MEMBERSHIP:

Mary Campanelli

NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome is extended to our new members Lovina D'Souza and Teresita Bautista.

CWL Fall Scarborough Regional Mass/Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm at St. Barnabas Parish. Scarborough Region Executives, Presidents of Scarborough as well as the Toronto Diocesan Chair and other executives will be in attendance. Mass will take place at 7:00 pm followed by meeting in the Hall. At this meeting, you will be able to hear what other Parishes in Scarborough are actively working on. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Apple Pie Making – We make the Best!

Each year we gather the dedicated group of ladies to continue the tradition of making Apple Pies. We welcome and encourage new members to join in and learn in order to continue with the reputation of the Best CWL St. Joseph Apple Pie making. Our pies are a big hit each year at our November Bazaar. We have been told, “They are the Best”.

If you are already an expert or you would like to help in any way or if you simply have never made a pie before and would like to learn, we need to hear from you.

Mark your calendars, the dates have been set: Thursday, October 11th and October 18th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. For the ladies who are working and would like to join us, here is your opportunity for a session of apple pie making on Saturday, November 3rd, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, also in the Parish Hall. You may contact Lucia at 416-283-3536 or Eral at 416-283-0559.

Membership Renewal – Due to National before January 1, 2013.

The November/December Newsletter will include the Membership Renewal Form for 2013. The Form will also be available after our General Meeting in November. For those receiving an email of our Newsletter, please ensure you print the form attached to the email.

If you have moved or are in the process of moving, we need to have your correct address and postal code, for our records to National, so that your League Magazine will not be returned.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Pat Furtado

CWL Spiritual Potluck The CWL Annual Potluck held on June 11, 2012, had a “Spiritual Pot” brewing which comprised of a dash of new and special ingredients of love, joy, hope, kindness, understanding, patience, humility, sharing, caring, peace, justice etc. Together, we prayed that the blending of all these ingredients would contribute to give a stronger flavour, enriched taste and add special spiritual spice to our lives. This in turn would further strengthen and improve our growing relationship with other members of various communities. We did trust and hope to keep this fire burning and the pot brewing for several years to come. The event ended with community building and blessing songs which many enjoyed and had a wonderful time participating.

Rosary Sunday - September 16, 2012 at Martyr’s Shrine, Midland, ON.

This year, the Rosary Sunday at Martyr’s Shrine, will be held on September 16, 2012. I spoke to St. Boniface Catholic Church at 21 Markham Road and found out that they are organizing a bus to the Shrine. If any CWL member or Parishioner is interested in going to the Shrine, kindly contact Miriam at their Parish Office (416-261-5983) or Ilona, their CWL President at 416-266-4032 ® for tickets. The bus will leave the Parish parking lot at 8.00 a.m. sharp and will depart Midland at 4.00 p.m. The fee is \$20.00 per person. As limited seats are available, would suggest an early reservation. A copy of their Flyer will be put up in the Narthex to keep our Parishioners informed too.

19th Annual Interfaith Celebration - Friday, October 12, 2012

The CWL members of our Parish are once again proud and looking forward to hosting the 19th Annual Interfaith celebration on Friday, October 12, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at St. Joseph. Last year, this event was well represented by members of other denominations and neighbouring churches who participated in sharing their faith with one another through reflection, prayer and songs. Emphasis will be laid on our current theme, “Centered in Faith and Justice” and how to improve our spiritual poverty. While individual invitation letters to different churches/denominations will shortly be sent, a flyer containing further details, will soon be posted in the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Pope Benedict XVI has declared October 11, 2012 to November 23, 2013 as the “Year of Faith”. We need to reflect on “Are we really the people we say we are? Are we Catholic in name only, or do we truly live and love what it means to be Catholic”? Authentic Catholic life includes a prayerful relationship with Christ, regular participation in the Eucharist, communion with each other, and service to others. Let us get rid of our spiritual poverty and encourage one another to study and use modern forms of communications, as instruments for the new evangelization. Remember, united under the common banner of love, hope, justice and peace, we can move forward for a better impact on people and the world.

Please ensure you mark this date in your calendar and bring along your friends/guests too, to socialize and share our faith with others.

We also look forward to your volunteer service in setting-up and clearing the place that day. Further, any donations in the form of food/snacks, juice or water will be much appreciated.

Travelling Pilgrim Statue of “Our Blessed Lady of Grace” – (Home visits)

October is also the “Rosary Month”. Continue to recite the daily rosary to our Blessed Mary, who intercedes with God, for us. She will safeguard you and your loved one under her blue mantle. Currently, the pilgrim statue of “Our Blessed Lady of Grace” is visiting the homes of many of our Parishioners. If you are interested in bringing our Mother’s statue to your home for a few days/week/weeks, kindly contact Debra Silveira, Legion of Mary of our Parish at [416-286-3932](tel:416-286-3932). If you also wish to do the enthronement of your home to the “Sacred Heart of Jesus”, a Legion member will be happy to assist you.

RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATION:

Maria Sol Tellis

Ontario Provincial Convention News July 2012

Seven resolutions were received this year and five were returned for further study and possible resubmission. Two were brought forward for consideration and adopted during the day’s deliberation. They are as follows:

- ON.12.01 Infrared Breast Screening and Thermography and
- ON.12.02 Prohibit the Use of Indoor Tanning Equipment by Youth

I would like to comment on the second resolution, ON.12.02 which will be posted on the Ontario website for viewing and action in the near future.

Tanning in the old-fashioned way in the sun, or with high-tech tanning beds, can result in sun damage in the form of wrinkles, splotches or less elastic skin.

Bill No. 74: an act to prevent skin cancer caused by artificial tanning was introduced by Yves Bolduc, Minister of Health and Social Services in Quebec in May 2012, passed in June 2012 and will come into force in June 2013.

For those who are intent on acquiring a golden tan, let me recommend three options:

Spray on tan application, average cost \$70.00 for one treatment

Pretend TAN bronzing mist, "highly recommended by dermatologist because it is DHA based and all natural"

Be content with your natural color and save your money

COMMUNITY LIFE

(Submitted by Jean Fernandes, Mary Tuccitto)

Denise Van Veen April 18, 1950 – August 2, 2012

In this newsletter we wish to remember our CWL Sister, Denise Van Veen who passed away suddenly on August 2, 2012 at the Rouge Valley Health Care-Centenary at the age of 62 years. Denise, beloved daughter of Gabriel Van Veen (CWL member) and the late Wilton Van Veen. Cherished sister of Roy Van Veen (KofC member), Ingrid Hart (CWL member), Rebecca Wong and the late Paula Gonsalves. Denise served on two Executive Committees of the Catholic Women's League. In 2009 – 2010 as Communications Chair and currently held the position of Community Life Chair.

Denise was a faithful and prayerful member of the Prayer Group at St. Joseph's and was on the Core Team for one term. She was much loved and respected in the prayer group for her friendship, always ready to help with a smile. She never said "no" to anyone who asked for her help.

Denise joyously volunteered at the Parish office in various capacities as well as with other ministries such as Meals-On-Wheels, RCIA, ShareLife etc.

The turnout at the funeral home was outstanding - members of her family; relatives and friends, work colleagues and her church family were there to say their last farewell before the coffin was closed. The Mass at St. Joseph's Church was filled to capacity and a beautiful honour guard was presented by her sisters in the league, truly a testament of Denise's life.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Michal Jurkowski and concelebrated by Fr. Damien Ali who always called her "Auntie Denise"

She will be missed by all,
May her soul rest in peace

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE:

Jean Fernandes

The Sisters of Life:

Who are they? They are a contemplative / active religious community of women founded in New York in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor. Like all religious communities, they take the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They also take a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of all human life. We, the CWL at St. Joseph's, were given an opportunity to help them to live their vows.

On June 4th at the Executive meeting, the members were very gracious in responding to my request to advertise the need of the Sisters for both money and items for newborn babies. Also, at the June Potluck the collection that is usually taken up for Rosalie Hall be diverted to the Sisters of Life. All of this was agreed to and implemented. The response from our members and the parishioners was overwhelming. The announcement/request for help in the June bulletin (the last one before the summer break - thanks to Winnie Martin in the Parish Office) had people phoning in to Denise Gracias and myself. We collected a huge amount of clothing, strollers, car seats, diapers, various household and baby items for both Mother and baby etc. We also handed over the cheque for monies collected at the Pot Luck.

The Sisters and Co-Workers walk together with young pregnant women who opt to have their babies, instead of an abortion. They invite others to walk with them:

In the heart of every woman is the longing to be heard; to be understood; to be believed in; to be seen for her unique beauty and goodness that all too often she doesn't see in herself.

PAST PRESIDENT/HISTORIAN:

Mary Tuccitto

St. Joseph's CWL Nominations/Elections for New Executive Team 2013 – 2014 will be held at our November 12th, 2012 General Meeting

Dear sisters in the League, by now you will have received your Nominations and Election Package in the mail. Please be sure to complete the Nominations form and returned it by either placing it in a collection basket during mass or in the blue CWL Elections and Nomination Box in the narthex by the **deadline of October 15th**. **Note:** Any nomination forms received after that date will be destroyed by Committee.

Please take some time in quiet prayer to ask our Lady of Good Counsel to guide you over the opportunity of accepting a nomination if one comes your way. The Nominations and Elections Committee is comprised of Delma Alphonso, Gloria Montserin and myself, Mary Tuccitto as Chair. Remember, if a member of this Committee calls you, then this means that you have been nominated to a position on the 2013 – 2014 Executive and that someone has seen a special God given talent or gift in you. It is through your acceptance of this nomination that a healthy election can bring about a new and vibrant Executive to lead us into the future, ensuring our proud 60 year (2013) CWL St. Joseph's history to continue. I encourage you to accept the nomination with an open heart, joyously giving of your service to our members, our community and our charities - "*For God and Canada*".

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.*" Serving on an executive team is a great opportunity for personal growth and a wonderful way of fulfilling your commitment to the CWL.

Here is what you need to know in making an informed choice in nominating someone for election:

Some names will not appear on the Eligible Members List which was included in your package.

Pat Wilson - automatically assumes Past President role, Mary Campanelli – automatically assumes the role of incoming President and Mary Tuccitto – Chair of Nominations and Elections Committee, are not eligible for nomination therefore those names will have been omitted from the eligible members list as well as others who are not in a position to direct the council.

There are many former executive members and members at large who have much CWL experience who can act as mentors to help the new executive team.

Ladies, be not afraid to say 'YES' as you are called to "Serve God and Canada".

Let your name stand for office. All members are reminded that elections take place on Monday, November 12th.

This is an overview of Executive positions and a few of the corresponding responsibilities:

President – lead the executive team and the council by coordinating and organizing programs to promote the objects of the League and sit on the Toronto Archdiocesan Scarborough Regional Council, which is our link to the national organization.

President-Elect and Organization Chair – learn about leading the council in order to serve as incoming president in the following term. Perform the duties of the president in her absence. Be chairperson of organization and be responsible for League development and leadership training.

Secretary – take minutes at both the Executive and General Meetings, keep a separate Motion file, maintain attendance records, be a signing officer for all official documents and the official copies of minutes/attendance/motions for the archives.

Treasurer – create the budget for the council, track all incoming and outgoing funds, be a signing officer, report revenues and expenditures at meetings. Works directly with the president. Some Spreadsheet/financial skills would be an asset.

Standing Committee Chairs positions are appointed by the incoming President after the election amongst those elected as Chairpersons.

Chair, Spiritual Development – Preparing a prayer/reflection for each meeting, organizing our reflections (Advent/Lent) representing us for the World Day of Prayer, help organize the Interfaith celebration and CWL Masses, assist in the spiritual growth of our members.

Chair, Christian Family Life – present to the council information of interest on marriage/family, youth, sanctity of life, arrange for spiritual bouquets for Ordinandi in support of vocations. Present information of interest on youth, disabled, seniors, widowed, separated, divorced.

Chair, Community Life – present to the council information of interest on dignity and rights of persons, social & economic justice both in Canada and abroad. Report any community events of interest.

Chair, Education and Health – work with schools on the public speaking, essay & poetry contests, bring information to the council on health, wellness, environment, genetics etc...

Chair, Communications – prepare and issue our newsletter, organize the WRAP campaign against pornography/sexual exploitation at the end of October, report on media content, items of interest in the promotion of the objects of the league.

Chair, Resolutions & Legislation – present to the council information pertaining to upcoming resolutions, legislation pertaining to resolutions at other levels, organize letter-writing campaigns as appropriate, create resolutions on topic of interest to the council.

Eternal Rest, grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Pray for our Sisters in the League- Continue to Pray for Good Health for our CWL Sisters and their families. If you know of any of our Sisters in the League, who are ill please contact: Mary Campanelli

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences are extended to our sisters in the League who have had a death in their family:

Jean Fernandes for the passing of her brother Bernard D'Souza

Ingrid Hart for the passing of her sister Denise Van Veen

Joan Snooks for the passing of her brother Gene Donohue

Gabriel Van Veen for the passing of her daughter Denise Van Veen

Pray for our Sisters in the League- Continue to Pray for Good Health for our CWL Sisters and their families. If you know of any of our Sisters in the League, who are ill please contact: Mary Campanelli

May Our Lady of Good Counsel keep you in her loving care.

CWL Items for Purchase: CWL Blue Scarves \$23.00 -- CWL Name Tags \$3.50

COFFEE MUGS – Members are encouraged to bring their own mugs to the meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 2012

- Sept. 9 CWL mass at 11 am, CWL Sunday. NO RECEPTION
- Sept.10 CWL General Membership Meeting beginning at 7:10 pm
Rosary, social time, Business meeting, Charities 2012 vote , Elections Information
Room 2. New members welcome.
- Sept. 12 November Bazaar Planning Meeting, 7:30 pm, Board Room
- Sept. 16 Annual Rosary Sunday, Midland Ontario

October 2012

- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving
- Tuesday**
Oct. 9 CWL General Membership Meeting beginning at 7:10 pm
Rosary, social time, Business meeting, Room 2
Installation of Spiritual Advisor
Bazaar Planning Group update to council
All welcome to help set up room in the church, Monday 2pm
- Oct 11 CWL Apple Pie making, church hall 1-4pm, all welcome
- Friday**
Oct 12 **CWL Interfaith Celebration St. Joseph Church 7:30 pm** All members
invited to attend, bring a neighbour or friend. CWL members are asked to
donate food items for the refreshment table following this event. Members
are also asked to help set up for this reception in the afternoon, at 2pm. Please
join us if you are able to help
- Oct. 13 **CWL Sunday**, mass at 11 am, CWL Welcome Sunday Reception
Food donations are requested; please join in on the day for set up, beginning at 10 am
- Oct.15 **Deadline – Election nomination forms to Election and Nominations Chair**
- Oct. 18 CWL Apple Pie Making, church hall 1-4pm. All members' welcome
Oct. 18 CWL Scarborough Region General Membership Meeting- St. Barnabas
- Oct. 27/28 Ribbon of Signatures Campaign (C.A.S.E./ White Ribbon Campaign) CWL members

are invited to help collect signatures after mass on these dates, contact Person – Winnie Martin, please let her know if you can participate in activity, date to be confirmed

- Oct. 20 Catholic Chapter House conference – Dr. Scott Hahn. Theme:” The New Evangelization Equipping Yourself to Engage the Culture” Three talks;
1) Why Scripture Matters
2) The Lamb’s Supper
3) The Bible, The Eucharist & The New Evangelization
Saturday Oct. 20, 9-4:30 pm, Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr
Admission \$45 lunch available @\$5.75 contact info@catholicchapterhouse.com
- Oct. 31 Diocesan Deadline- 1st submission of New Draft resolutions For CWLToronto May Convention

November 2012

- Nov.3 CWL Apple Pic Making, church hall 10 am-3pm All are welcome
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day, NO CWL Mass or CWL WELCOME SUNDAY RECEPTION
- Nov. 12 **General Membership Meeting - CWL Executive Committee Elections for 2013/14**
Please come out to vote Meeting begins at 7:10 Business meeting, social time, Elections.
Instiaillation of the New Executive will take place in Jan. 2013, date TBA, Room 2
- Nov. 16 set up for annual Christmas Bazaar – CWL annual fundraising event, 2:30-9:30 pm
All members invited to participate. Dinner at 6:30 pm for helpers present.
- Nov. 17 Annual Christmas Bazaar and Fundraising event, for CWL setup/clean up (8-3pm)
Doors open to the public following the 9 am mass
- Nov. 19 Christmas Bazaar Debrief, open to all CWL members, event participants encouraged to attend, Room 2, 7:30pm

December 2012

- Dec 8 CWL Advent retreat beginning with mass at 9 continues to 3pm, hall
Open to CWL members and women of the parish, 16 yrs and older
- Dec. 9 CWL Sunday, mass at 11 am, NO CWL WELCOME SUNDAY
- Dec. 10 CWL General Membership Meeting 7pm church hall
Annual Advent Celebration, Christmas Pot Luck, CWL awards event
All members to attend and bring potential members as guests to this event.
Bring your favorite dish to share. Please arrive early if you need to warm food, so that we Start as close to 7pm as possible. Everyone is hungry!

