

# League Lingo

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London Diocesan Annual Convention  
London—April, 23, 24, 25, 2018



**Called  
Wanted  
Loved**



## *President's Report—Angela Pellerin*

Hard to believe it is almost convention time again! I hope you are planning on attending in lovely London. The committee is anxious to have you come.

Everyone has their own style of leadership. As diocesan president I have used my favorite style, team. **Together Everyone Achieves More.** I was recently given a book called *Make Your Bed* by Admiral William H. McRaven. One paragraph really spoke to me: "Like the small rubber boat we had in basic SEAL training, it takes a team of good people to get you to your destination in life. You cannot paddle the boat alone. Find someone to share your life with. Make as many friends as possible, and never forget that your success depends on others." What is your leadership style?

I have been busy since the last League Lingo bringing greetings to various councils and to meetings of other faiths. I have enjoyed these events and getting to know so many ladies. There have been some challenges but that is inevitable.

The executive and I make every attempt to assist you as need arises. We would also welcome the opportunity to present workshops for your members on whatever topic you feel would help you – just give me a call to set up.

I recently attended my last provincial executive meeting. It has been a marvellous experience and I have learnt a lot from these ladies. Our dioceses are all so different but despite that, the issues are similar in the fact our members are not as young as they were and it is hard to attract new younger members. At this meeting I had the opportunity to participate with the other 3 retiring diocesan presidents in dressing up and singing a goodbye song dressed appropriately as an angel (we were Brendan (Archbishop O'Brien and his angels). I'm sure Marie-Theresa can tell you how angelic we looked in our white gowns with halos bobbing on our heads. We definitely met the saying of Faith, Fun and Fulfillment at the meeting,.

This year is an election year for the diocesan council. I hope you submit your instructed vote to Marie-Theresa and send a voting delegate to participate in choosing your diocesan executive for 2018-2020.

I have enjoyed serving as your diocesan president for the past 2 years and look forward to continuing to serve in the role of past-president. Know that I will continue to keep you all in my prayers and you can feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

See you all at the Best Western Lamplighter Hotel & Conference Centre April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

May God continue to bless you as you respond to His call

Angela



### *I saw Jesus this week*

*He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt.  
He was shovelling the snow on the street,  
He was alone and working hard.  
For just a minute he looked a little like my neighbour next door,  
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his smile.*



## *Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fr. Greg Bonin*

Dear Ladies,

Life is amazing, but sometimes it's hard to acknowledge because of all the sticky situations and straight-up terrible nonsense that happens in our lives.

Let me guess: Right when you FINALLY think something is going great, something bad happens again. When does it end, right? Why you? Why can't you just be NORMAL like "everybody else"? How come it seems like some people have no problems at all, and you're stuck under a constant avalanche?

The truth? I am not going to tell you things will get better over night. I am not going to tell you that terrible circumstances you obviously don't deserve are not going to come your way. Bad things will happen; I can practically guarantee it. Trust me, I know firsthand.

What I will tell you, however, is that there are ways to live above these unforeseen circumstances. You can make it through the unexpected situations; you can come out stronger than ever and better equipped for the storms that will inevitably come your way in the future.

Here are 6 ways to live above the most unfortunate circumstances:

- Trust - trust that it will all come together with god's help.
- Meditate - Stay in touch with your spiritual self.
- Be patient - waiting is not punishment; it's preparation.
- Be positive, even when you're not positive—What you proclaim, you are. Change your thoughts, and your life will follow.
- Live in the now—You have outgrown your past. You are so much bigger and stronger now. It's time to let it go.

- Have faith—Keep moving ahead (even if it's at 5 mph)! Keep the faith and know that you will reach where you want to be.

Ladies, get out there and show your life who is really in charge!

*Father Greg*



*Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.*

*Don't put a question mark where God put a period.*

*Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.*

*Forbidden fruits create many jams.*

*God grades on the cross, not the curve.*

*God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.*



*President-Elect – Rebecca McCarrell*  
*Organization/Membership Standing Committee Chairperson*

**Recruiting Leadership – Our On-Going Journey**

It is hard to believe this term is nearly up and my focus on leadership has come to the end... for now! I believe that leadership and team building is an on-going journey that must happen if our League is going to survive.

Let's take a little time to review our last two years ...

September 2016:

- ✦ Create Bite Sized Roles:
- ✦ Inventory Talent & Skills:
- ✦ Limit Terms:
- ✦ Include Young Women and Give Them Power:

- ✦ Empower Possibility:
- ✦ Communicate opportunities.

November 2016:

- ✦ Educate
- ✦ Engage
- ✦ Empower

January 2017:

- ✦ Prepare job descriptions with expectations (responsibilities)
- ✦ Give authority to the person holding the job

March 2017:

- ✦ Be open to new ideas
- ✦ Personal contact is crucial
- ✦ Welcome all
- ✦ Share your journey

May 2017:

- ✦ Plan

September 2017:

- ✦ Unleash Individual Talent

- ✦ Master the art of asking relevant questions

- ✦ Delegate and let that person or group get to the finish line

- ✦ Work as a team

- ✦ Encourage

November 2017

- ✦ Sing your council's praise

January 2018:

- ✦ Impact
- ✦ Influence
- ✦ Inspire.

Try one or all these things to enliven your council, bring depth to your league, and experience spiritual growth by always keeping God in the midst of your plans!

*Blessings, Rebecca*

*President-Elect – Rebecca McCarrell*  
*February 02, 2018—Message to Mirjana*



"Dear children, you whom my Son loves, you whom I love with an immeasurable motherly love, do not permit for selfishness, for self love, to rule the world. Do not permit for love and goodness to be hidden. You who are loved, who have come to know the love of my Son, remember that to be loved means to love. My children, have faith. When you have faith you are happy and are spreading peace; your soul trembles with joy. My

Son is in such a soul. When you are giving yourself for the faith, when you are giving yourself for love, when you are doing good to your neighbor, my Son smiles in your soul. Apostles of my love, I am turning to you as a mother. I am gathering you around myself and I desire to lead you on the way of love and faith, on the way which leads to the light of the world. I am here for the sake of love, for the sake of faith, because with my motherly blessing I desire to give you hope and strength on your way - because the way which

leads to my Son is not easy. It is full of renunciation, giving, sacrifice, forgiveness and much, much love. But this way leads to peace and happiness. My children, do not believe lying voices which speak to you about false things, false glitter. You, my children, return to the Scripture. I am looking at you with immeasurable love, and through God's grace am making myself evident to you. My children, set out with me. May your soul tremble with joy. Thank you."

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# AN EVENING OF SONG

*featuring*

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Toronto**

100 Voice Boys' Choir



**St. Michael's Church, Bright's Grove**

*corner of Lakeshore and Wildwood*

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2018**

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*Past President—Marie-Theresa Lamphier  
Historian, Nomination & Elections*

Much has been happening since we last chatted.....I did move and I am still in the process of finding all my files and getting organized. Not all the boxes are unpacked yet....we are waiting for some renovations to be done....it may take awhile!

As past-president, the past few months have been extremely busy. Notices have been sent out to all those eligible to stand for a position on the Diocesan executive; names have been collected and nomination forms have been sent out and now the instructed votes are slowly starting to come in.

Please keep all those running for positions, in your prayers, as well as the councils who will be recommending the names of those for nominations for a leadership position at the diocesan level.

Convention is fast approaching and I am looking forward to seeing everyone. This is likely the last time I will sit up as part of the Diocesan executive. It has been a great journey and I wish the same for all who have aspired to do that. It builds confidence, self-esteem and you make a whole bunch of friends wherever you go!

This winter weather has been very cold and uncertain....we certainly have had our share of snow. The sad part is there are a lot of people out there who do not have proper shelter or a place to call their own where they can feel warm and comfortable. Councils have had several projects to help the less fortunate, especially at Christmas time....which is just wonderful!. Just remember that they need help all year especially during this very cold season. As the Provincial Council is promoting the theme of "Homelessness", please do what

you can to educate yourself on all the possible causes of homelessness, do as much as you can to support them and help them keep their dignity and please remember to keep them in your prayers!

Lent is a time of conversion...of looking inward and deepening our relationship with God. It is also a time of penance, prayer and almsgiving. I encourage everyone to look within their hearts and to love their brother and sister in all matters, to forgive each other and themselves and to start anew with the grace of God!

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter!

*Marie-Theresa*

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**Look for the ad for the London  
Convention on April 23, 24 &  
26. Found on page 21**

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*2nd Vice-President—Mary Bannon  
Resolutions Standing Committee Chairperson*



I was thinking about our theme “Inspired by the Spirit” and the gifts lavished on us. In the Book of Isaiah 11:2-3, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are described. In the passage the gifts are considered ones that the Messiah would have possessed. Through Jesus, we also receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thought about how these gifts can assist us in our most important work with Resolutions in the Catholic Women’s League.

*Wisdom* helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives. Wisdom is so necessary to help us to see and understand God’s plan in our lives and in the world. It helps us to say Aha! I finally get it. I believe this “AHA!” moment is the source of a resolution. We

say, “Aha! We need to do something about this situation.”

*Understanding* is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God’s message. Understanding helps us to untie the knots, straighten out our lives and deal with our problems. Understanding is letting the Word of God have room in our lives. Understanding leads us to figure out how to become resolved to deal with a situation.

*Knowledge* is the ability to think about and explore God’s revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us. It is the gift that assists us in knowing what the Church is about and how the Church’s teachings lead us to a desire to do something to change situations that are not just in the form of resolutions.

*Counsel* is the ability to see the best way to follow God’s plan when we have choices that relate to him. It is the gift that encourages us to talk things over and make choices that lead to resolutions.

*Fortitude* is the courage to do what one knows is right. It is the gift helping us to walk out into the world feeling prepared. It gives us the stick-to-it-iveness to stand up for what we believe in, to persist in our writing and following up resolutions.

*Piety* helps us pray to God in true devotion. Prayer is an essential component in every step along the way of a resolution

*Fear of the Lord* is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose. God’s continuing presence is promised to us in our work of resolutions. We just need to be open to His closeness and, of course, always surprised!

*Mary*





## Treasurer—Mary Lappan

“...and do everything in a decent and orderly manner” 1 Corinthians 14:40

Well here we are - another Lenten season. Will this be your “best Lent ever”, the one where you accomplish all you plan? Or will you lose your determination half way through and fall off the wagon, so to speak. Don't be discouraged. It's never too late to start over. We don't have to be perfect. Jesus just asks us to do our best. I hope many of you attended our annual Lenten retreat in Woodstock. This would have been a great way to start off the Lenten season. Unfortunately due to

distance and the weather this is the first retreat I have missed in several years.

I hope many of you will take the opportunity to attend our Diocesan Convention in London. It will be held at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. I will have some blue CWL scarves for sale at \$20.00 each and a few of the CWL pin ribbons for \$10.00.

Since this is my last League Lingo article as treasurer, I would like to thank all the parish treasurers for their cooperation in the last four years. I hope you learned a few

things along the way and I made your job a little easier. In addition to the “Guidelines for Treasurers”, the Diocesan executive is always available to assist you with any problems that may arise.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to support you in all your endeavours.

Blessings,

Mary

## Corresponding Secretary—Madeleine Visser



As corresponding secretaries, always keep the theme “*Inspired by the Spirit - Women respond to God's call*” near your hearts and minds when you send out your correspondence. I would like to thank each and everyone of you who have supported and encouraged me while on the Diocesan Executive for the past 12 years. Thank you.....Thank you. I will always treasure this experience and have been truly blessed by the

many faith filled women, who graciously give of their time and talents for the league. I have enjoyed these past 2 years as the Corresponding Secretary for the London Diocesan Council. By the time you read this we will be close to Easter.

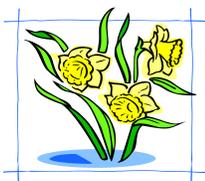
Happy Easter to you all and I hope to see you all in London, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>.

A wonderful convention has been planned.

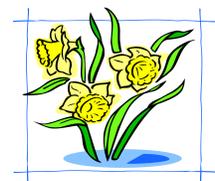
May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to watch over each and every one of you and your families.

God's Blessings,

Madeleine



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*Recording Secretary  
Elisabeth Duggan*



Spring is coming! Praise the Lord! I would like to thank all the councils that participated in the Annual Report. There was a great response.

I want to touch on the topic of archiving your minutes. I know that we all have basements with boxes of CWL items from past years. Like many, these boxes can become troublesome and pushes around from corner to corner and shoved into dark places of our basements or garages. The concern that arises is that these boxes can

be forgotten and sometimes discarded accidentally or even worse get damp or wet. Your minutes of your council are important; they are the history of your council.

In these boxes you will also have kept your past memberships. These names are an important part of your history as they will also be the members when your charter was formed. There may even be photo albums of these forming years. The excitement this brings when they are brought out for important milestones being

celebrated.

I encourage every council to do this; you can look into getting a small storage unit that is climate controlled and itemize what is there. You will not regret this nor will future members that want to know more of the history.

*God Bless and May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you*

*Elisabeth*

*Communications Standing Committee  
Chairperson—Mary Maxwell*



The Canadian League Magazine Winter 2018 has been sent out to all members recently. I would like to point out to all the articles by Shari Guinta,, the National chairperson of Communications. Her first article is entitled “What’s a Human Worth? Human Trafficking Price Tag” This article gives us as League members information and statistics about this problem that we need to be aware of since human trafficking is present in Canada and is increasing rapidly. We need to become aware of the resolutions that we have created in the past and how we can help be solution seekers for this problem.

Shari Guinta’s second article is entitled “Visit to Sagkeeng First

Nation”. Our national executive had a resolution in 2013 called Building Relationships and Partnerships with Canada’s Indigenous Peoples. The national executive in the fall of 2017 participated in the KAIROS blanket exercise and visited the Sagkeeng First Nation. I had the opportunity at my parish in London to participate in the blanket exercise sponsored by our Catholic Women’s League council, the Knights of Columbus and our Social Justice committee. It was a very powerful experience and enabled those present to become knowledgeable about the historical relationship in Canada and gave us opportunities to begin conversations with a greater understanding and the motivation

for us to do more reading and reaching out in a more informed way. If you have the opportunity to participate in the KAIROS in your council, I highly recommend it. Suggested reading: **The Inconvenient Indian: a Curious Account of Native People in North America** by Thomas King 2012. King is one of Canada’s premier Native public intellectuals and this book has won many literary prizes and is extremely informative.

You can also google “What is reconciliation? Murray Sinclair, or Murray Sinclair Speaks to the Churches Next Step.

*Mary*

*Spiritual Development Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Willi Kole*



**“Thank God ahead of Time”**  
*(Blessed Father Solanas Casey)*

As I write this article for the League Lingo, it will be my final time as Spiritual Development Chair.

The Spiritual Development Chair guides and directs the spiritual Growth of each member of all the parish councils. For those in the position of Spiritual Development Chair in your parish councils, I sincerely thank you for passing on what was sent in the directives for our sisters in the League.

I pray that the directives concerning the different types and expressions of prayer helped you to expand your prayer life. I know that it has certainly done that for me!

It has been a busy time for me, but I have very much enjoyed my position. From preparing for the Lenten Retreats, Days at the Marian Shrine in Merlin, ON., Fall Regional Meetings, etc., I have learned much and met so many dedicated sisters in the League who work together “for God and Canada”.

Hopefully, I will see many of you at the 98<sup>th</sup> Diocesan CWL Convention on April 23, 24, 25, 2018 at the Lamplighter Inn in London, ON.

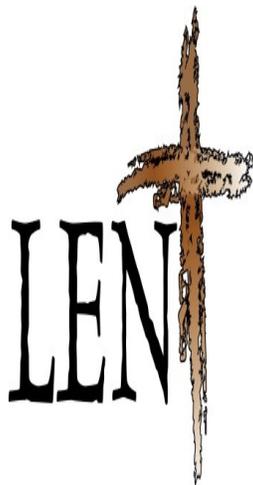
Another date to remember is July 18, 2018 for our annual day at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Merlin, ON.

This year we have been asked to pray for the homeless and to do what we can to help alleviate it. Below, I have attached a prayer that we all can pray for the homeless.

God bless you all and may Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in all of your activities.

Yours in Christ

*Willi*



*Prayer for the Homeless*

*Bless the homeless, this day and everyday, Keep them from physical and emotional harm, fill their hearts with hope for the future and for today. Comfort the homeless as they walk their difficult paths. May I know that anyone, even me, can be homeless.*

*Bless the homeless with enough food to sustain them, with enough warmth to shield them from the elements, with the power to wrestle personal demons and win, with the will to go on, and build their lives again.*

*May hope touch each homeless heart, spirit and life, let the kindness of others bring lasting benefits, bring freedom from addiction, illness and misery, open their humanity to include & embrace themselves.*

*Bless the homeless with self acceptance and love, spark their imaginations with belief in the future, bringing the possibility of a better life, a safer life and a more secure life.*

*God, thank you for the opportunity to be charitable to others. Bless the other volunteers who were there with them, and bless the people who work at the homeless shelters. Bless the people who provide money to make it possible to provide these shelters.*

*I humbly pray, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

*(Anonymous)*

*Christian Family Life Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Kathy Levesque*



It is very nice to start seeing some spring like weather. I walked outside my house just the other day, right after a big snow storm, and found a beautiful surprise. In a patch where the snow just melted was a crocus in full bloom. God's miracles never ceases.

I am approaching the end to my term as Christian Family Life chairperson. I have been very blessed with this standing committee. It is the one that truly embodies who we are and what we are all about as a Catholic Women's League.

I am a grandmother of a second generation of new grandchildren being born. There was a period of almost 10 years with no new grandbabies. I look at all of the grandchildren and thank God for being so blessed. Family!

When two people meet, they enter into a relationship, getting to know each other, and then get married. At the marriage ceremony, they are not just alone with their family and friends, but also with Jesus. This relationship of love and having Jesus in their lives, makes their marriage stronger. The children are raised knowing that Jesus loves them and they can rely on him to help them, and know that no matter what they do, He will always be there for them. Family is a very special bond.

As we are in Lent, it is usually around this time that the 40 Days

for Life starts. This year it starts from February 14 to March 25. If you have time to spare, maybe you can participate in this walk. Some places usually walk around the hospitals in a silent vigil and praying.

I saw an article about **Euthanasia for Children**. Canada legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide (known as MAiD - so-called "medical assistance in dying") on June 17th, 2016. The law requires persons to be at least 18 years old and have a condition where "natural death is reasonably foreseeable."

Soon after legalization, the Canadian government announced that the Council of Canadian Academies would examine extending euthanasia to children, people who are incompetent but have made an advanced request, and people with mental illness.

Last October, the Canadian Pediatric Society published a study examining euthanasia for teens, young children, and newborns. This study seemed designed to open the door to euthanasia for children.

Why are they so interested in euthanasia for children? Children can't choose and their autonomy is questionable. This is not about a "slippery slope" but rather an incredibly fast incremental extension of euthanasia. We need to pray very hard that this does not happen.

In our communities, we remember the widowed and include them in our activities, offering them a ride. For the elderly, we can help them with meals being sent to them if they are sick, cleaning sidewalks if there is snow, sitting with them to give the elderly company.

**Vocations.** When we hear this word, do we just think of the priests and religious? God's calling is not just about this. There are other vocations, like marriage. We need to think about what God wants us to do. Pray! Pray!

I would like to thank all the councils who sent in their annual reports. All of our councils have worked very hard in their communities.

I look forward to seeing you in London at the Convention. God bless everyone and may Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for you and your families.

*Kathy Levesque*

*Community Life Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Helga Stuermer*



*“Leaning on God,- Give Jesus  
your baggage”*

It is that easy - or is it. We all think we are in control of our destiny. We can try, but it is so much easier if we ask God for help.

Today we participated in the World Day of Prayer. I always love this. Members from Christian churches come together to pray. This time it was St. Cecilia's Church to host it. The theme was. **“God created the world, and he saw it was good.”** The People of Surinam had prepared the Prayer service topic. What God creates is always good. We are created in Gods image. We are worthy just because God loves us. But, our God holds us accountable for how we care for the environment and all beings on earth. Careless or wasteful is not how He wants us to take care of His creation. We need to contribute; and to help restore where we have failed.

As people of the earth, we make promises, but do we keep them? We cannot just sit and wait. Let us do our utmost to preserve the earth for future generations. We are responsible to take care of the environment. May God give us wisdom, strength and courage to carry on Gods call for climate justice. We have been neglectful on so many levels.

This brings me to write about the current issues. Our Government seems to be banking on the fact

that we are slowly becoming as morally bankrupt as they seem to be. We need more than ever to keep our Christian values in the fore-front. I hope the Holy Spirit enlighten us and guides us to confront the people in power that we cannot comply with the latest coup re attestation for CSJ Applicants will be required to attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respects individual human rights. These include woman's rights to choose abortion. Employers and applicants need to sign a form to that effect. **I am confused.** Since when did any employer ask an employee if they are planning to have an abortion, Or an applicant would put into her resume I believe in abortion and euthanasia so you need to give me a job?

In one of his talks when Mr. Trudeau was challenged about this latest morally corrupted issue, he stated, “Employers can still apply for the grants”... What does that mean. Should the applicants lie? We have signed petitions, written emails and letters, but, we must not give up and continue our utmost, to bring changes about.

**Abuse, Neglect and Harassment**

Our moral obligation is to definitely report and interfere if we witness or suspect abuse and or bullying, & neglect, especially elderly abuse, and other vulnerable individuals. This often happens by relatives, and

caregivers. Make a point and ask questions if you suspect abuse. We as CWL sisters need to promote an attitude that reporting any suspicious changing in behavior or signs of physical injury that might indicate something is wrong. If delicately done, by taking action, it is the right thing to do, but we need to make sure no reprisal to the person will occur. The persons most at risk are infirm senior, children, and disabled. Be supportive and volunteer in nursing homes, visit lonely persons, and keep your eyes open for any signs of neglect. Abuse in any shape or form is a shameful action, and it is against the law.

**World Day of the Poor**

The first World Day of the Poor was observed on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> .2017. Our Pope Francis suggested in his apostolic letter at the close of the year of Mercy that the Catholic Church set aside a day each year when communities can reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel. He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor. This will be celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time each year.

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*Community Life Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Helga Stuermer (cont'd ...)*



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So many people are homeless. You can see them in Toronto in the parking garage, on the street laying against the wall of a store, on the grits from the metro. Often in Hotel garages in the corner. What happened to them? How can we help? How very cold this winter was. How did they survive this so very cold weather? There are more than 30,000 homeless looking for shelter in this extreme cold winter. 150,000 Canadians a year are using a homeless shelter. How can we help? By donating to various organisations:

1. Out of the Cold,
2. Salvation Army,
3. A Place Called Home and
4. St. Vincent de Paul

by donating monetary funds. Collecting food and essential hygiene products. Things they all need. Volunteering in Soup Kitchens at the Good Shepherd and other like organization. At the Habitat for Humanity Initiative

Program. Every city or town centres have info and lists on how we can help. Praying definitely helps, but there is action needed, Jesus called us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty. We need to learn about the causes of poverty. "There is room at the table for everyone."

**Development and Peace:**

A friend started a few years ago a small orphanage with a school in Tumaini. She has done so much to help the children in Tanzania. She had brought over the years some of the children and enrolled them in the Catholic High School. I saw them growing up and become fine young men. When they finished their education they went back to help teach in the orphanage. We did many fundraisers for her projects and collected clothing she would take back with her. I admire her so



much. She and her team really understand to jump in where it is needed the most.

Together we can help. The mission is to create a world where international solidarity, environmental rights, democratic rights, human dignity are universally respected. Women, men & children live in dignity, respect & equality. Share the



power, and the resources they need to live and thrive. The diversity of peoples & individuals is respected as their human civil economic, social and cultural right.

The Vatican II wants to create this universal church; entrusted with engaging the Catholic Community to promote progress in needy regions, and social justice among nations.

**“ When Jesus saw the crowds, His compassion for them led Him to multiply the bread for them”**

*Helga*



*Education & Health Standing Committee*  
*Chairperson—Denise Lalonde-Morris*



While all of us are preparing ourselves for the Easter season and living up to our promises to give up things and professing to rid ourselves of sin, please take this time to review what your councils have promised to do. This should not take up too much time as you have completed Annual Reports and presented this information to your members.

Hopefully our theme “Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God’s Call” has had you focus on many very serious issues that our current National and Provincial governments have been trying to make law. You can never contact them too often. They need to be constantly reminded that we do not approve of the actions they took on Euthanasia, Right of Conscience, the lack of Mental Health initiatives, not fulfilling the

commitments on climate change and don’t forget the constant threat to Catholic Schooling. With the varied size of councils throughout the diocese it is hard to commit action to every directive by every chairperson. Do feel inadequate if your council can not do everything. Please take some of them that are pertinent to your local needs and try to take one that would help our sisters in the province and one that would help our sisters nationally.

We have an upcoming provincial election, so ask your local candidates about their views on Canadians for Conscience, Ontario, the importance of Catholic Education and what actions they will be taking to help the Mental Health issues with all persons.

**Just a note of information; National has asked all councils to organize their own 12 Hours of Palliative Care Prayer for this year. Keeping May 4<sup>th</sup> as the day.**

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped me and supported me as I end my term as Education and Health Chairperson. This chair has been very eye opening, challenging and rewarding.

Have a Safe and Happy Easter and hope to see many of you at Convention April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in London.

May Our Lady of Good Council bless and keep you all!!

*Denise*



*League Lingo—Editor, Sandra Cabiddu*

What a beautiful spring day it is as I put this newsletter together. The sun is shining and it is warm and it makes me feel that spring is just around the corner. My backyard was under water for a couple of days, but luckily none came into the house.

Orders for this edition have been good and the articles coming in are more than usual.

I had no incorrect cheques made out to me or “League Lingo”, so far this year, so keep it up ladies.

I hope to see you again at the upcoming Convention in London. It looks like it will be a good one. Don’t forget this is an election year for a new diocesan executive.

If anyone has not ordered this 2018 edition yet, I will be at

convention taking orders as usual.

I wish you all a Blessed Easter.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over you all and bless you.

*Sandra*



*Regional News—Sarnia Lambton  
Chairperson—Patricia Sloan*

As I look back on my Region since our last League Lingo, it is very evident that the women in my Councils have been inspired by the Spirit and have responded to God's call. All 3 Regional Fall days were well represented by my 12 Councils. Several women went to Delhi and witnessed Shirley George receive the Papal Bene Merenti medal in her home parish with her family in attendance, including her son Father Matthew George. It was a very moving ceremony.

The fall was very busy with

Christmas bazaars, "Crafternoon" teas, bake sales and breakfast, and a fun night, reaching out in our communities with donations to various Charities.

The Immaculate Conception Mass for the Deanery was held in Forest at St. Christopher's. The attendance was exceptional and the reception afterwards (hosted by St. Christopher's Council) was great. The Mass is very special to honour Mary, with many priests and deacons of our deanery participating.

All of my Councils reached out at Christmas to help with Christmas hampers, St. Vincent de Paul, and the home bound. This year we focused on homelessness in our area. I am quite proud of all the good work that my Councils do, not only at Christmas, but all year round.

I look forward to being your Council Representative for another 2 years.

*Pat*

*Regional News—Huron Perth  
Chairperson—Lucy Hendrikx*



Sitting down to write this article I am wondering where the time has gone since the joy we shared with friends and family at Christmas. Unfortunately, too much of that time was spent shoveling snow in the Huron Perth Region. Now we are entering the season of Lent, a time of reflection and discernment. Let us all draw nearer to Christ as we once again travel with him on the road to Calvary. May we always be reminded of the Saving Grace of our Risen Lord. I pray that we may all feel the Love of God in our hearts.

We've been busy in Huron Perth in the last while. We held

Presidents' Meetings on September 3rd, November 25th and January 27th. These meetings are all well attended and a wonderful time to share with other presidents the things we are doing. This year we are moving the meetings around and visiting different parishes.

At our September meeting I gave a final accounting of our Diocesan Convention which was held in Stratford in April of 2017. We had been asked to put on the convention, sooner than originally planned and ran into a minor complication with our Convention planning monies tied up in a GIC, so we couldn't get at

them. Each council in our region, loaned us \$200 as a start up for planning the convention. This worked very well and by the end of June we were able to pay back all the money loaned to us and even had some left over.

It was exciting for us that the Bishop John Michael Sherlock Bursary offered by the CWL of London Diocese went to Andrew Roelands, of Sacred Heart Parish in Parkhill in 2017.

At our November meeting we held our annual Advent Tea. Denise Morris shared with our membership the plans in place so

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*Regional News—Windsor*  
*Chairperson—Mary Ann Horne-White*

Time certainly flies in Windsor Region.

It seems like yesterday that we had our November Regional Advent Tea. Fr. Greg Bonin our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor joined us in prayer and fellowship. We read “Elizabeth Remembers” inspired by the Gospel according to Luke. We played a few games for prizes.

When the Advent Meeting ended, Fr. Greg said a prayer for his close friend Fr. Dennis Wilhelm who passed away November 14<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Dennis’ faith filled presence will

be missed by the CWL and parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and all who knew him.

Shrove Tuesday saw some CWL councils and K of C’s together making pancakes at their churches. Missions and retreats have been planned by CWL’s and parishes; as we prepare for Easter through prayer and penance.

Our Diocesan Convention is in London April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting members from all over the diocese. We pray and play together.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Regional Chairperson comes to an end soon. It’s been a wonderful experience and a blessing to be part of the Catholic Women’s League working with the Windsor council presidents and the London diocesan executive. Looking forward to whatever God has planned for me in the future.

Wishing you all blessings and peace

*Mary Ann*

*Regional News—Essex*  
*Chairperson—Denise Mass*



As I gaze out my window, it is hard to tell what season we are in. There with a blanket of snow at the base, and melting slush on the leaves, are my daffodils that were about to bloom. A rise in temperature, followed by a drop again has been a consistent theme this winter. As the seasons battle it out due to climate change, each season is fighting to maintain its timelines and plants and animals their internal clocks. When to grow and bloom is the question for my daffodils? How will they thrive under change? The answer is through God's grace they will and eventually they will be in their full glory.

Thank you for the prayers for my son who has been healing. When he went to High Level, AB this Christmas to nurse for six weeks, I was worried until I found out the parish in the community was called, Our Lady of Good Counsel. I knew he was in good hands. He is now back in Jasper, AB snowboarding on his days off.

I warmly welcome Pat Kozak who is the new president of Holy Name of Jesus in Essex. Her openness and enthusiasm are apparent and she is off to a wonderful start. Louise Boyde whom I have long admired as a good Christian woman for many

years is now president of Good Shepherd Parish, Tecumseh. She is a visionary who is eager to learn and has a gift of bringing people together. Lee Levergood is once again a co-president at St. Simon and St. Jude, Belle River, as Jeanne Lauzon becomes past president. Jeanne thank you for your gift of making everyone in your council and those who visited feel valued and welcomed. Let your love of the League you wear on your sleeve and you will be wonderful at the helm again.

I would also like to thank the outgoing presidents of the Essex Region, Claire Dupuis of Good

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*Regional News—Essex*  
*Chairperson—Denise Mass (cont'd ...)*



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Shepherd Parish, Tecumseh and Joanne White of Holy Name of Jesus, Essex for their time and service to their councils and the League.

The councils in our region once again came together with Windsor for the Memorial Mass my husband hosts each year. Mary Lappan attended on Angela's behalf. We remembered and honoured all of our sisters who had passed, including Barb Langpeter who was co-president of St. Anthony of Padua, Harrow. Barb always had a smile for everyone, ignited laughter in people, knew the value of good conversation and how to live in the moment. She genuinely cared about others and noticed the little things, while seeing you through the bigger things in life. We are currently making a memory book in her honour and she is missed. I will forever feel blessed to have known her.

The Fall Regional Days were enriching once again this year and fifty-one women from the Essex region were able to attend the event in Windsor, where our own Mary Lappan and Marie-Theresa Lamphier gave presentations that were informative and timely about the treasurer's reports and elections respectively. I was happy to be able to assist Mary Ann Horne-White with preparing the enriching Holy Spirit activity from Willi Kole. She is always fun to

work with. I would like to thank Angela Pellerin for the opportunity to work with Rebecca McCarrell on developing the skit for the Fall Regional days, which was inspired by Dara Hartman. There indeed is room at the table for everyone and no gift is too small. The Catholic Women's League continues to bless us all by bringing us together and inviting others to come to the table.

Once again this year the countless ways in which our councils were inspired by the spirit and responded to God's call overwhelmed me. I looked forward this year to working with the councils in my region again on their annual reports. We brainstormed, shared ideas, laughed, broke bread and shared tea, while we celebrated countless works and acts of love as we typed and submitted what was done. Plans were made for next year and new areas to discover and focus on were found. Thank you to all councils for your hard work, time and dedication and for sharing these with me. You touch the lives of so many and humbly do not realize just how much good you do until these reports are done. They are a celebration of your efforts and love of the Lord.

Celebrations are an important part of life, as are traditions. The communities of Essex have set dates on their calendars each year to attend breakfasts with inspiring speakers, bazaars you must get to early to get the coveted baked goods and do some early

Christmas shopping, turkey dinners, fashion shows and turkey bingos. My husband enjoys attending these events with me and admires the time and effort put into making them unique and successful. We love to hear the communities speak so fondly of the hosting councils and all of the work they do. Our sisters in the League strive to keep these traditions alive and support each other by attending the events of their neighbouring councils. Then the hard work is celebrated at the Christmas parties which are always a pleasure to attend.

I was blessed to be able to give back to the presidents in my region this year by hosting them for a dinner meeting in my home. My husband and I converted the grand room into a dinner room for 20 and cooked to honour them for their dedication to their councils, to the League and most importantly to thank them for enriching the lives of others and mine. I would like to thank them for their continued support, kindness and prayers, as well as for helping me through tough times.

I look forward to and hope to see many of you at Diocesan Convention in London, April 23rd-25th, 2018.

Blessings,

*Denise*

*Regional News—Ingersoll*  
*Chairperson—Fatima Cabral*



**10<sup>th</sup> Annual London Diocesan Lenten Retreat – hosted by Holy Trinity Catholic Women’s League, Woodstock**

On Saturday, February 17th, 2018 more than 90 CWL sisters gathered in Woodstock to reflect on our relationship with God. The retreat started with the Physician’s Way of the Cross for Palliative care. The beautiful musical verses that chronicled Jesus’ suffering during those last hours as we followed Him at the stations of the cross were very touching and moving. Deacon Don McCullough from Holy Trinity Church facilitated the retreat. He explained the history of our faith and our Father’s plan. He answered many questions from members including does hell exist

and the role of deacons in our church. The lunch was nourishing and plentiful. Ending the retreat was adoration and benediction which gave members time to reflect and prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. The



Deacon Don McCullough beginning his discussion on our Relationship with God



Diocesan executive and Holy Trinity CWL members that helped with the stations of the cross (l to r): Willi Kole, Pat Sloan, Carmen Velocci, Noella Cornelis-Litt, Denise Lalonde-Morris, Christine Gable and Fatima Cabral

weather cooperated which helped members travel safely to the east end of our diocese.

*Regional News—Huron Perth*  
*Chairperson—Lucy Hendrikx (cont'd...)*



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far for the 2018 Diocesan Convention at the Lamplighter in London.

Our members have been very busy in the past 6 months. Bazaars, funeral lunches, Advent Teas, gifts to shut-ins at Christmas, visiting nursing homes, Christmas dinners and actively involved in Parish Ministries. Now our members are gearing up for Lenten Lunches, World Day of Prayer, Spring fashion shows and Spring

Teas. The ladies from Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph’s have been invited to come into the JK/SK classrooms at school to help the children with crafts. It’s hard to say whether the children are enjoying this opportunity more than the adults.

Not everything is coming up roses, because we have a couple of councils that are struggling with their elections and finding a full slate of officers. We as a CWL have faced many struggles over the past 97 years and as the hymn

goes, “We shall overcome”.

I am pleased that Mary Barnes has accepted the possibility of representing us in Huron/Perth over the next 2 years, but that means we will need to find a new treasurer, which is the role she has so capably filled over the past years.

May the Blessings of the Lenten Season and the Joy of Easter be with you always!

*Lucy*



*Regional News—Chatham Kent  
Chairperson—Lucille Duquette*

*"I believe some people – lots of people – pray through the witness of their lives, through the work they do, the friendships they have, the love they offer people and receive from people."  
Dorothy Day*

The 13 councils of Chatham-Kent region have shown much dedication, creative ideas, dedication to causes and hard work to accomplish their goals. We lost one council last fall, which is a sad thing, but we will continue on with our projects and look forward.

In 2017, the five parishes of Chatham were grouped to form a Family of Parishes. They have experienced changes in the way they do things. The five CWL councils of these parishes are learning new ways of working and sharing.

Inspired by the Spirit, women respond to God's call. This is evident in the great efforts made

to help the homeless, the Chatham-Kent Hospice and the Right to Life Refuge Pregnancy Center.

At the end of each Regional meeting, I enjoyed listening to presidents talk about their council projects. I enjoyed chatting with them as we enjoyed the refreshments at the end of each meeting.

Chatham-Kent Region welcomed our newest presidents in January: Donna Bourdeau and Liz Trudell (co-presidents of St. Francis, Tilbury), JC Wright (St. Agnes, Chatham) and Lisa Camillo (St. Michael's, Dresden).

We are looking forward to the Diocesan Convention in London in April. It is exciting that our new Diocesan President will be Rebecca McCarrell, who is a member of St. Francis Xavier council in Chatham-Kent.

With the upcoming convention, I will be finishing my term as Chatham Kent Regional Chairperson. Mary Clare Latimer of St. Joseph's, Harwich, will be the new Chairperson.

I know the Chatham-Kent region will be in good hands. I want to thank Cam Cadotte (our regional's secretary and treasurer), Mary-Jean Horne (Life member) and Rebecca McCarrell (Diocesan President-Elect) for all their work, patience and support while I was learning the job. I enjoyed meeting all the presidents and getting to know them.

On a personal note, I am about to become a grandmother for the third time. The baby is due April 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you see me disappear during convention, you'll know why!

*Lucille*

*Ways to Keep your Members—for the President*

- 1. Start meetings on time*
- 2. Follow the agenda*
- 3. Plan meetings at a regular time*
- 4. Don't cancel a meeting—if you cannot be there, the president-elect chairs in your place.*
- 5. Communicate with your members, especially the executive*
- 6. Ask for volunteers. Do not try to do it all yourself*
- 7. Ask an experienced person to mentor a newer member*

*Regional News—London*  
*Representative—Joan Lobsinger*



I am blessed to have been the London Region Chairperson for the last four years and wish to thank the 19 Councils in the London Region for all they've done. This fall many held very successful bazaars, catered funeral luncheons, completed their membership drives, and continued the many other parish activities in which they are involved. Each council did a great job responding to the Catholic Women's League initiative to help the homeless. During Advent councils either donated financially or collected needed items for distribution to the homeless by our local agencies. This winter, some councils held elections. I extend a warm welcome to the new presidents

and thank the past presidents for their years of service and dedication.

I was glad the weather cooperated so we could attend the Diocesan Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity Church in Woodstock. The Physician's Way of the Cross was very moving and Deacon Don McCullough gave us lots to think about. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was a perfect way to end the day. Those from the London Region who were able to attend left feeling very enriched.

Congratulations to councils celebrating anniversaries this year: St. Michael's 90 years

March 20th; St. Anne's 50 years April 7th and St. Patrick's, London 75 years August 27th.

As I'm writing this article the weather is beginning to feel more like spring and spring brings Convention! I am very grateful to Irene Kennedy, my co-chair and to the councils in the London Region for all their hard work and dedication. Like spring, convention brings renewal, a time for growth and renewed commitment. We have some great activities planned and look forward to seeing you there!

*Joan*

*Yes, I am the CWL pin...  
I've travelled all over the world  
and I can recall thousands of  
incidents  
where sadness was changed to  
gladness  
Because of those who wear me  
made it so.  
I am a symbol of service to the world  
If I could really talk,  
I'd be so filled with emotion...  
Too full with pride... to say more  
than thank you  
Thank you for wearing me  
and may God bless...  
and protect you*

*and please don't just wear me  
to your CWL meetings.  
Wear me with pride,  
for I am proud of you  
Wear me every time you get  
a chance to!!!  
You see I am a CWL Pin.  
Can you imagine if all the CWL pins  
ever worn by a CWL member in this  
world could talk?  
What a story they could tell  
A story of love... of heartache...  
of joy... of success—*

*Submitted by Life Member,  
Mary Jean Horne*

# 98th Annual London Diocesan Convention London - April 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2018

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*A tour of Quai Du Vin Winery in St. Thomas with a lunch stop at the Sparta House Tea Room, followed by time for shopping in the village of Sparta—Monday April 23rd—Arrive by 9:40 a.m. Arrive sharp to pick up your Tour Ticket—Bus leaves at 10 a.m.*

*Monday 3:00 p.m.—Resolutions Dialogue  
Monday 5 p.m.—Opening Mass—Holy Family Church—  
followed by dinner at the church  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.—Eucharistic Celebration  
Tuesday 10:45 a.m.—Marion Blonde—Women Inviting Change  
Tuesday 1:15 p.m.—Crowning of Mary  
Tuesday 7 p.m.—Fun Night—Theme: "The British Are Coming"  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.—Memorial Service for deceased members  
Wednesday 8:45 a.m. Workshop—Colleen Randall  
Wednesday 2 p.m.—Elections & Parallel Programme  
Wednesday 5 p.m.—Closing & Affirmation Mass—St. Justin's  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.—Banquet—Best Western Lamplighter Inn*

*Looking forward to meeting with new/old friends & praying & learning together.  
See you soon.*



*Council News—Essex Region—St. Michael, Leamington—  
Co-Presidents, Mary Lapos & Sr. Elaine Cole*

- A new fund raiser for our church building fund, “Quarter Auction”, was held in September. Vendors offered items for auction, one quarter (25 cents) per \$10 value, as well as for sale at their booth. A wide variety of products was available and a small admission fee was charged. Attendants had a fun time.
- Our council helped prepare a welcome dinner in September for a newly arrived Muslim refugee family of 10 from North Sudan. The family is sponsored by the Leamington Area Ecumenical Refugee committee. We also donated an electric griddle for their cooking use. (see picture - Alal, lady in green on right, welcomed, translated and planned the dinner. She is a member of our parish who came to Canada 10 years ago from South Sudan)
- Our annual apple pie making blitz in October brought about 30 ladies out for a fun day peeling, dough-making and baking. Pies and lots of other home-made goodies were sold after masses providing money for our CWL activities.
- A parish-wide letter writing campaign was held in October - “Pornography Hurts” postcards as well as letters for conscience protection, mandatory age protection on pornography websites.
- Electronic annual reports were done in a timely fashion.
- Our spiritual development chairperson led a lovely Saturday morning Advent retreat for 20 ladies from 3 CWL councils - theme was “Led by the Light” focusing on the Virgin Mary.
- December was time for our potluck and white elephant sale, which raised \$1,400 for St. Vincent de Paul for needy families at Christmas. We also provide Christmas gift bags for 30 parishioners who are “shut-in” and unable to attend mass. Each bag contained a religious calendar, package of cookies, Kleenex, toothbrush, toothpaste, small cereal, bag of mints, gum, pump bottle of hand soap and handmade Christmas card.
- A Lenten retreat was held on Saturday, February 24th in our church hall, was again led by our Spiritual Development chair person, Claudia Zioutis.
- Membership campaign began October 1st, selling memberships after masses and at the parish office. Organization chairperson personally contacts those not renewed by December 31st. Members who reside in nursing homes have their membership paid by our council.
- We plan to participate in the Ontario Call for Conscience Protection campaign at our parish in February
- Our parish will welcome and support a Christian family from Pakistan at the end of January

*Mary & Sr. Elaine*



*Council News—Essex Region—Holy Name of Jesus,  
Essex—Submitted by: Pat Kozak & Janice Rounding*



We would like to thank Joanne White, Past President, for her dedication over the past two years to the CWL and to all the ladies who served on her executive team.

Our Executive team for 2018 & 2019—President, Pat Kozak, President Elect, Barb Watts, Treasure, Pat Belanger, Recording Secretary, Kathy Argent, Membership, Laurie Lapain, Spiritual Development, Elaine Laird, Past President, Joanne White, Wendy Cunningham, Correspondence Secretary and Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Dave Boutette.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, our Annual Turkey dinner and Bazaar turned out to be very

successful. We sold out! This is our major fundraiser for the year. A wonderful team of dedicated volunteers from our CWL membership, their spouses, members from our Parish Youth group and other parishioners came together to make this success possible.

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the CWL had a Christmas Social. Lorraine Moone led our membership in a C a n v a s P a i n t Night. Approximately 40 ladies and youth attended with beautiful “Snowman” prints being created.

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was the Installation of the new Executive for 2018-2019.

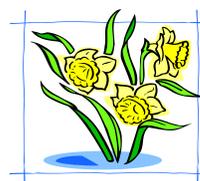
For the month of February, our CWL is sponsoring “Roll up the Rim for Lent”. Parishioners are asked to donate their winning tabs of free coffee, muffins and donuts into our special “Tim Hortons Box”. These tabs will be given to Street Help and The Downtown Mission for the homeless.

The weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our CWL coordinated Holy Name of Jesus’s Conscience Campaign initiative as requested by the Diocese. Thanks to all who gave of their time to help with this campaign.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you and your families.

*Pat & Janice*

*Council News—Essex Region—St. John de Brebeuf,  
Kingsville—Submitted by: MaryAnn Kobelsky*



Our council started the year with Pope Francis—10 years resolutions

We give yearly financial support to Guatemala Hope, Our Lady of Guadalupe Home, bursary for a uniform and a bursary to attend London Diocesan Leadership Camp to a Grade Eight student at St. John de Brebeuf. This year we donated Payless Gift Cards of \$25.00 (total of \$200.00) for needy children at St. John de Brebeuf Elementary School, and \$500.00 to Parish Christmas

Giving Tree and a monetary donation to newly ordained Deacon toward the cost of his vestments.

We prepare monthly senior lunches with all proceeds donated to St. Vincent de Paul, prepare funeral lunches.

Our council was busy hosting receptions for the children making their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation, and for our second refugee family. We also volunteer as catechists for

all the sacraments. We hosted lunch for 55 people from St. George parish—Highway Camino, Essex County Deanery and a reception for the newly ordained Deacon.

We volunteered at the Parish Picnic and donated \$500.00 to cover expenses. In partnership with the K of C council we held a bake sale during their Coats for Kids pasta dinner fundraiser and prepared dinner for their “Movember” fundraiser for

*Council News—Essex Region—St. John the Baptist,  
Amherstburg—President, Sharon Barron*



Our new executive had a busy schedule once we stepped into our positions in January. Our Past President, Rose Beneteau, has been a mentor to me especially.

Attending Convention was a wonderful experience for me. My Mother, Edna Bingham, served as Diocesan President from 1978-1980. It was nice to see her name and photos at the “Life Members” table and that so many remembered her. The quilt made by June McManemy and blessed by Father Gregg at Convention was donated to the new Hospice in Leamington. June, Organization, Doris Kitka, our Community Life Chair, Mary Verstick, our Education and Health Chair, and myself were given a tour of this beautiful new facility.

A donation of \$500+ was given to “North of 60”, a project of The Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

It was a privilege to act as “Honour Guard” when the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was in our parish for a day.

We held a prayer service and collected signatures on a petition in support of Palliative care, as well as presenting the Stations of

the Cross one Friday during Lent. June was a busy month. We helped with the dessert table at our Parish Picnic.

We held our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ‘Olde English Tea’, preparing lovely sandwiches and desserts for 125 women. A local dance group entertained us. This is our main fundraiser as well as a Fish Fry in the Fall. We also hosted a reception for Deacon Robert Weaver. I think every seminarian attended and enjoyed the event, especially the goodies.

One of our members, Kim Bornais, spearheaded an Alpha programme, with the encouragement of our Pastor, Father Brian Jane. The eleven week programme was attended by 120 people from start to finish. Another session, with as many participants, will begin in mid-September.

At our last meeting in June, we enjoyed a lovely pot luck supper, welcomed 10 new members, and celebrated Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

After our summer break, we settled in. We had a very successful membership Campaign with 12 new members joining.

In November, we had a guest speaker from the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women. We made a cash donation and then collected a car load of personal necessities for the residents of the Shelter.

We hosted a second fundraiser “a Fish Fry” at our local Knights of Columbus Hall.

At our Christmas meeting, we gave out 15–5 year pins. These were to the first members of our re-established Council. We also presented a 25 year pin and a 50 year pin to long time members.

I am very proud of our members who participate in every aspect of our Faith Community.

In January twenty two of our members attended a retreat in our parish, Life in The Spirit. It was presented by the Seminarians of The Companions of the Cross.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting a reception after a Mass offered for the Unborn.

*Sharon*



*Council News—Essex Region—St. Simon & St. Jude  
Belle River—Co-President, Lee Levergood*



Our council has been extremely busy this fall. The annual bazaar on November 11<sup>th</sup>, was again a great success, thanks to all, for the endless hours of work and support. Our meat pies continue to be a big seller with four days of baking to fill the orders. An amazing group of women who come together to work, laugh and experience sisterhood. We held our Christmas party for members, spouses and friends with entertainment from a local young parishioner Emily and her friends. They provided Christmas tunes and laughter for all present.

The theme this year for our 6<sup>th</sup> Advent Tea was "Do you see what I see?" The 30 ladies present reflected on the words of the song and how we could see and respond differently this Holy season. A hot luncheon and desserts were provided for

members.

We continue to support the Rochester/Belle River Goodfellows with our pajama project. In our seventh year, we continue to provide new pajamas for every child whose family receives assistance. This year, we provided 135 new pajamas or sleep pants. Members also knit hats and scarves for the Goodfellows, Coats for Kids, Street Help Unit 7 and Windsor Youth Centre. Food and warm clothing was also donated to Street Help and Windsor Youth Centre.

The Installation of the New Executive was celebrated at the 4:30 pm mass on January 6<sup>th</sup> by Father Antony Kolanchery. Wonderful opportunity to celebrate and promote the League with the parish.

We continue to hold our February meeting as a luncheon where members make valentines to be distributed to seniors in our local nursing home. It is always a pleasure to spend time with our senior members.

Each year the parish holds the Soup and Stations of the Cross during Lent. The council hosted the first night on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. The evening began with meatless soup made and served by members. The Stations of the Cross, through Mary's eyes, was led by council in the church for the entire parish.

Looking forward to the 98<sup>th</sup> London Diocesan Convention in April. Catching up with old friends and meeting new friends.

*Lee*

*Council News—Essex Region—St. John de Brebeuf,  
Kingsville—Submitted by: MaryAnn Kobelsky (cont'd ...)*

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prostrate cancer. All proceeds were donated to both causes.

We prepared and served pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to 450 children from St. John de Brebeuf Elementary School. Every Tuesday during Lent members lead Divine Mercy stations of the Cross, Chaplet and the Rosary.

Our Palliative Care Day of Prayer from 9 am to 9 pm was well

attended.

A member hosted our annual Retreat with facilitators, Fr. Joe and Sister Janine, 32 members attended.

Our council sent members to Diocesan Convention, Fall Regional Day, Shrine Day in Merlin, Right to Life dinner, anniversary celebrations, memorial mass for deceased members at Good Shepherd and ordination of Deacon Anthony.

At Christmas members visited 67 residents in Long Term Care nursing homes and the home bound, and each resident received a carnation in a vase and a Christmas Card.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

*MaryAnn*

*Council News—Essex Region—St. John the Evangelist,  
Woodslee—President, Janice Hebert*



Our council was so honoured to be able to respond to God's call, to help support the needs of others. We are blessed with Our Lady of Good Counsel to direct our hearts and hands to work for the good of others. We too have been blessed with the friendships developed through our journey of service.

Through physically and financially supporting many organizations, we were able to grow in Christ, while responding to His call. Street Help, Second Chance Ministry, Hiatus House and Home Missions in Scarborough allowed us to help the homeless and those looking for a second chance in life. We offered hope in fighting for the unborn through supporting Right to Life, we nourished children and families with positive programming by supporting Faithville Gospel Productions. Through Save-a Family, we were able to sponsor two families, and provided an education bursary; we did the same through Guatemala Hope.

Our council has continued to fight for Catholic Education in our own town, fighting to keep the elementary school open, paying for those who cannot afford their Muskoka Woods trip, assist our local Squires and donated purposeful items that are used for so many functions to support and raise funds for our community. We celebrated the residents in our local nursing

home at Christmas with gifts and the gift of visiting and being present and look forward to our May Birthday Party for them. Truly all of these things are a celebration of being called to service by God and answering, together.

We as a council share our faith by supporting those in our parish and through these experiences we ourselves grow and are renewed, responding to God's call. We make with the love of God and our faith, bibs for those who are baptized, teach First Communion in our school classrooms, holding a question and answer session, then give each child a treasure box, that holds a candle, a symbol of Christ's light and hope, with a rosary and card for prayer. After they make the sacrament, we celebrate together that new members have come to the table and hold the reception for families following mass. Those journeying on to be Confirmed, are given a pin so they know our council continues to pray for them and once again we celebrate as we host their reception.

As a council we support the sacrament of marriage at an anniversary celebration each February. We set up for mass at the nursing home, serve at mass and offer prayers, stand in honour guards, sing, cry, remember, sit with the dying and assist Hospice. We attend our Regional memorial mass and parish mass to

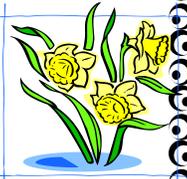
remember those who once served beside us and now enjoy the presence of their Lord. We are blessed to journey along with so many brought into our lives as together we respond to God's call.

I am so blessed to have the ladies of my council who come together, answering the call to help in so many other countless activities. Together we attend retreats, anniversaries, fundraisers, World Day of Prayer, Shrine Days in Merlin and are renewed. We share our story when we wear our pins and scarfs, display our banner, use our logo and display our sign as people come into town. We celebrate new members, three this year from attending our Christmas Social, and large victories, such as the arrival finally of our Refugee family who arrived a few days before Christmas; a project that took over two years to happen.

God is alive and well in St. John the Evangelist, Woodslee, as our sisters in the Catholic Women's League heard God's call and worked together to answer.

*Janice*

*Council News—Essex Region—St. Anthony of Padua,  
Harrow—President, Marg Noel*



We remember our sister Barb Langpeter, who passed away in October and was Co-president with me for many years. She was a great sister in the League and in life. As I journey on leading our council, she is indeed missed and I thank the ladies of our council who continue on, working for the good of the League, our parish and community.

Our council responded to the call sent out to support Palliative Care. We wrote letters of support to both the Provincial and National levels of government. We arranged a prayer space in the parish to host "12 Hours of Pray for Palliative Care" and offered refreshments and time for fellowship. We also let those who

could not come out and attend at the church, be present with us in prayer by letting them know who to arrange a prayer space in their home. We continue to support Hospice and participated in the National Lap Quilt Challenge.

We heard the call of the homeless and donated time, items and money to food hampers and soup kitchens. We supported Hiatus House, a shelter for abused women and their children with feminine hygiene products, and most importantly with prayer. We also prayed for affordable housing, as so many are searching for homes they are unable to find and safe places to rent that are affordable.

Harrowood has become the heart of our Catholic Women's League in more ways than one. We have always had a close relationship with this senior community living home and when we had to look for a place to hold our meetings, as our parish hall closed, Harrowood opened its doors to us. We continue to host parties and theme days for those in residence there. We bring communion, send cards, visit, pray with, provide transportation to, put on shows, sing for, have birthday parties and decorate the home to celebrate life.

As we are inspired by the Spirit we work together to respond to God's call.

*Marg*

*Council News—Essex Region—St. Anne's Parish,  
Tecumseh—President, Linda Proctor*



Our council has been very busy the past few months. We celebrated our 95th anniversary in September .

Christmas season brought us together to host our annual Christmas dinner and fashion show. We had a wonderful Advent Tea & Luncheon. We continue to actively participate in sponsoring our charities, Hiatus

House, Unit 7 :Street Help, and 2nd Chance Ministry. We organized a parish wide winter clothing appeal for migrant workers in Essex County. We will have 5 members attend the London Diocesan Convention in April. Sadly, we lost our member, Lena Demarse, who was 102 years old and a 72 year member to our council . She had a wonderful life, but we will miss her dearly.

We continue to increase our membership, gift our Prayer Shawls, and support our members

Peace,

*Linda*

*Council News—London Region—All Saints, Strathroy  
President—Willie Hoefnagles*

Membership: 195  
Spiritual Adv. Fr. Tom Blondin

All Saints Catholic Women's League is a very vibrant group of ladies called to serve the people of God. We have our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month with about 24/30 ladies that come out and are willing to help where help is needed. Whether it be at funeral lunches, Rosary at the two schools, helping with RCIA, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Baptism, or Marriage preparation. We also volunteer at "Helping Hands" and Thursday night Euchre. We take Communion to our Shut-ins and to those in hospital. We lead prayers at the funeral home for our deceased members.

Many of our members belong to our Pastoral Care Team. We go

to Sprucedale Care Centre every Tuesday morning and to the Strathmere Long Term Care Lodge every Wednesday morning to bring the residents to the chapel for mass once a month and a Communal Service the other weeks.

Our council supports and donates to lots of different organizations—our local food bank, Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Missions of Northern Canada, Save-A-Family-Plan (2 families), Fresh Start Maternity, Strathroy Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital and The VON Teen Challenge.

For the past two years, our council provides a meatless soup lunch on Good Friday. Our whole parish is invited and the

proceeds go to L'Arche and St. Joseph's Hospice in London.

We support our youth. We give awards to our two elementary schools and our Secondary School. We provide busing for St. Vincent de Paul students to attend mass, and we provided financial support for students to attend the March for Life in Ottawa.

This is how our members work for God and Canada, our community, our parish, our schools and our families.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel watch over us.

God Bless

*Willie*

*Council News—London Region—St. John the Divine, London  
President—Jane Williams*



Sock it to the Homelessness

In December the St. John the Divine Council in London hosted a campaign in which we collected warm socks for the homeless. It was a great success. We collected 450 pairs of socks that were donated to "My Sisters Place and St. Vincent de Paul. Spurred on by the success of this endeavour we held an Undie Sunday in January. Over 200 pairs of underwear were collected to be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul in their "Cover Me with Love Campaign" in February. We are hoping to add another event in March so stay tuned .

*Jane*

*Council News—London Region—St. Michael, London — submitted by:  
Joan Lobsinger, London Regional Chairperson*

"Members from St Michael's London volunteered at The London Food Bank on January 10th."

*Joan*



*Council News—London Region—Holy Cross, London  
President—Maria Di Cicco*

Holy Cross parish CWL members were busy in the past months with various activities. In the fall, members of our council participated in the 40 Days of Prayer at London Health Sciences Center. In November we celebrated our 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our annual dinner and Silent Auction. Our guest speaker was Alison Kampman from Habitat for Humanity. It was really interesting to hear that 100% of the money donated is used directly for the families that are helped. We remind our members to donate to "Restore" in their communities as the funds made from the sale of these items is an important part of supporting Habitat for Humanity financially. The deals for those looking for furniture and household goods are fabulous too!

We helped with a church bazaar by coordinating the "White Elephant" table. At the end of the bazaar, we made arrangements for the Mission Store to come collect the items. The Mission Store raises funds to help Mission Services, London. Another great way to help the homeless of our community. The students and staff of Holy Cross school had a moment of silence to remember a former teacher, Mary McLaughlin. Mary had been a teacher for 18 years at Holy Cross Elementary school and a 56 year member of Holy Cross CWL. She had started the annual Christmas Turkey Lunch for the school which continues to be held at the parish hall. In the years after her retirement Mary was always invited back to the lunch. Unfortunately, Mary passed away in the fall of 2017,

and Holy Cross school will be closing in June of 2018. In 2017, Holy Cross had three members pass away. Along with Mary McLaughlin, we also lost Teresa VanWiechan, and Margarida Corderio. Our council once again supported various charities, including the Holy Cross St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and Save a Family Plan.

As I write this, members of our council are preparing for World Day of Prayer on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Maria*



*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—Our Lady of Mercy,  
Sarnia—President—Phyllis Vanoverbeke*

- CWL helped with St. Rocco festival this year
- It was requested for greeters on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:10 am mass which was for sexually abused victims
- We attended the fall Regional day in Exeter
- A spiritual bouquet sent for Bishop Coli and Pauline Krupa
- With the Memorial donations from the death of CWL member Bridie McKeon a mural painting(s) has been started in the confessional at OLM—the artist is still completing it—its very nice
- We did a membership drive before masses first week in November
- Late November we held a “Crafternoon” tea with the help of the K of C - all profits go to the Canadian Catholic Missions
- We attended the Least coin pot luck, plus made a donation
- We struggled through the annual reports
- December, we hosted the Pot Luck cluster Christmas party - it was enjoyed by everyone plus food was super
- January, we attended a cluster meeting to try to join some committees
- Februar, we attended a Valentine tea at Redeemer Lutheran church in honour of the rose we planted for their Reformation 500 years ago
- Lead the Stations of the Cross during Lenten season on Thursdays
- We delivered flowers for Valentines to our Shut Ins

*Phyllis*

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Philips, Petrolia  
President—Ann Selman*

Our Annual Ladies of the Parish breakfast in January at St. Philip's in Petrolia. Our Knight's of Columbus caters and this year's speaker was Kristen Carter from Lambton County Victims Services.



This is our attempt at gathering all the women, all ages, in our Parish and open an invitation to join either Holy Rosary or St. Philip's Leagues.

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—Holy Rosary, Wyoming*  
*Submitted by: Kathy Foisy*

Holy One, Awaken my heart.....Quiet my mind...Come take us to the place where you are moving us... a place toward change and a deeper relationship with you.”

Holy Rosary CWL has had an unusual year. Several of our executive have had serious health issues/surgeries this past few months and have discovered our sisters in faith and friendship have been a great support for each other as well as supporting our spouses through their illnesses and surgeries.

God has truly been our strength this past year and we thank Him for healing.

WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED.... “God gives us so much - what are we going to give this year”

Our ladies have still been able to accomplish much. We had draws on a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket and designated the money to a needy cause. Members attended the Legion Remembrance Day service and placed a wreath at the Cenotaph. We have prepared and served meals at the Inn of the Good Shepherd.

Holy Rosary ladies enjoy going into our school and praying the Rosary with all the classes in our school. They are amazed at how lovingly the children respond. One of our members is facilitating the teaching of the Sacraments of First Communion, First

Confession using a new book entitled “Blessed”.

Our CWL provide a reception and gifts to the children on completion of their sacraments. We provided a Bursary to grade 8 graduate from our local school. We thoroughly enjoyed preparing and serving lunch for 60 of the grade 7/8 students of our schools for the “Net Teen Retreat” while enjoying fellowship with each other.

Our spiritual convenor thrives on sending out cards of encouragement, sympathy, anniversary, and birthday's to our members. Flowers were delivered to a member on the occasion of her 95th birthday and cards sent to Sr. Bernice Anstett on her 97th birthday. Lorraine has had masses said for members as well as for Father's 30th anniversary and Sr Bernice's 75th anniversary as a “Sister of Service.” We participated in the spiritual bouquet for Bishop O'Brien. Our ladies help facilitate in bringing patients from their rooms of the two nursing homes in our area to the chapel to attend monthly mass together.

We led the Physician's Stations of The Cross this past Lent.

One of our ladies has been fervently working with our secretary on a Photo Parish Directory Book. Our membership convener did an amazing job and was happy to report we have 52

members with 3 honorary members.



Rose Chalmers was surprised when presented with the Bellelle Guerin Award. Her husband, children, grandchildren and some of her siblings were present to see her recognized for her years of dedication and service to the CWL. Also present were Pat Sloan, the Regional Rep of Sarnia-Lambton Deanery, and Willie Kole, Spiritual life Convenor for London Diocese. A reception was held in the parish hall afterwards, and Rose's family continued the celebration with Sunday Brunch at her son's home.



“CONGRATULATIONS ROSE”

Holy Rosary CWL presented a 60 year service pin to Frances Verhoeven at Fiddick's nursing home, Petrolia. At St. Philip's Church, Petrolia Ann Donkers was presented with her 50 year

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*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Joseph, Sarnia*  
*Submitted by: Laura Hardy, Treasurer*

- Members of the St. Joseph's CWL had a wonderful and busy year both spiritually and socially. All three councils of St. Joseph, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Benedict continued to join together for social events. Members of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Benedict's CWL joined our council for a potluck dinner in June. Also, in December, Our Lady of Mercy CWL hosted St. Joseph and St. Benedict for our annual Christmas gathering.
- Our kitchen, at St. Joseph, underwent a major renovation this past year. Special thanks goes to Father Savel and John Ramsey for their moral and financial support.
- Ladies from our league organized and served several funeral luncheons at St. Joseph this past year.
- We also hosted the February Birthday Party celebration at Vision Nursing Home, organized by Nan Docherty.
- Following a memorial Mass, our ladies hosted a luncheon for our beloved Father Eugene Bugala who died this past fall.
- Valerie Barcroft was once again our membership convener.
- Our major fundraiser this year was our Annual Fall Bazaar, convened by Meghann Hardy.
- The Bazaar was well received and attended. It was one of our best and most successful bazaars! Special thanks goes to Deacon Lyle for donating his delicious spring rolls.
- With the money raised from the Fall Bazaar our league was able to:
  - Give gifts to Fr. Savel, Fr. Matthew, Deacon Chuck, Deacon Lyle and the entire staff of our clustered parishes.
  - Give gifts to choir director, Carrie Beauchamp and St. Joseph supporter John Ramsey.
- Give gifts to the men of the Wallace Men's Home on Vidal Street, which is located in our Parish community
- Give a donation to the St. Joseph Hospice
- Financial support to the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Donation to Save a Family
- Donation to Least Coin
- Donation to St. Joseph's Capital Campaign
- Financial support to league members to attend annual meetings
- Pay for Masses for deceased members of our parish
- Donations to St. Joseph's Children's Liturgy
- Purchase an exterior Nativity Scene for the Church
- Purchase a new freezer
- The hands of the few are happily doing the work of the many at St. Joseph Sarnia!

*Laurie*

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—Holy Rosary, Wyoming*  
*Submitted by: Kathy Foisy (cont'd ...)*

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pin, Mary Huybers received her 25 year pin and Kelly Smith was recognized as a new member and presented with a CWL pin. At a later time Cathy Brinston was presented with a 50 yr. pin and Fran Fraser received her 40 year pin. Congratulations ladies.

We have provided donations to the Pregnancy Crisis Centre, Northern Missions of Canada, Right to Life, Christmas for Everyone, Mother Teresa's Poor, and to the Hospice for a sleeping chair. We received a thank you letter from our family in India for financially supporting them.

*We are looking forward to attending World Day of Prayer and participating in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care and attending the London Diocese Convention.*

***“WHEN WOMEN SUPPORT EACH OTHER INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN”***

*Kathy*

*Council News—Sarnia Lambton Region—St. Michael, Bright's Grove  
President & Communications—Nelly Kelders*



**30th Anniversary Celebration**

On September 13, 2017, St. Michael Council celebrated its 30 year anniversary. The evening began with a beautiful mass celebrated by Parochial Vicar Fr. David Johnston. It was a warm evening, so we invited all the participates to join us for a reception outside. Tables were set up with beverages and appetizers. Our servers were members of St. Michael Knights of Columbus. What a treat it was to have these gentlemen looking after us for the evening. Having had an opportunity to mingle, the ladies were asked to move indoors to the meeting room, where a catered feast awaited them.



Before dinner commenced, we heard from two of our guests, Willi Kole brought greetings on behalf of the London Diocesan Executive, and presented President Nelly Kelders with certificates from the Diocesan, Provincial and National Councils.



Our pastor, Fr. Vince Gulikers brought greetings from the parish and spoke of the importance of the work we do. Following dinner, the general meeting took place. Since this was a celebration, we kept the business to a minimum and ended the evening with a slide show of many of the activities members have engaged in over the past 30 years. It reflected the fact that we are fortunate to have some many skilled and talented ladies, who willingly give of their time to the Council.



There was ample time to socialize as the Knights were kind enough to do all the cleanup for us. We are truly blessed and look forward to many more years of service to the parish, community and to our country.

**Concert**

St. Michael CWL is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a concert by the St. Michael Choir

School, Toronto, on Thursday, April 26 at 7pm in St. Michael Church, Bright's Grove. The choir will be made up of approximately one hundred male voices in grades seven to 12. A choir, made up of members of St. Michael/Sacred Heart parishes will join the Choir for a few songs at the end of their performance. Tickets for the event will be available in mid-March. They can be purchased at St. Michael Parish or Sacred Heart Parish offices as well as several other locations in Sarnia/Bright's Grove. We also hope to visit parishes in the deanery to sell tickets after masses. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket call 519-869-2845. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. We look forward to filling the church for this wonderful opportunity to hear the talented voices of Canada's premier choir school.

*Nelly*

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**Look for our Poster for the Concert by The St. Michael Choir School, Toronto. Tickets available from our St. Michael Parish Office or Sacred Heart, Sarnia. Found on Page 5**

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*Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Joseph,  
Listowel. Co-Presidents: Paula Smith & Marie Elliott*

The summer flew by as the Co-Presidents were busy planning for the upcoming events. Our Fall meetings entertainment included a Pharmacist speaking on medications and drug interactions, a nurse speaking on a Mission trip to Ecuador and an evening out at a local florist shop with a fall wreath demonstration. Our ladies worked very hard and had a lot of fun getting ready for our Annual Roast Beef Dinner for 250 people in September.

We were invited to St. Mary's School Kindergarten class in October to celebrate Thanksgiving with them and again in December for Christmas. Their class was learning about the important people in the community that help the students throughout their life e.g. police, firefighters, etc. and the teacher felt that it was important to learn about the CWL as well. 'It takes a community to raise a child.' It was a special opportunity to be part of their Eat, Pray & Love Ceremony where we met

individual students, worked with them to make Christmas Cards for their parents and took part in their prayer service.

With the help of our parish priest, Father Morrison, we had a CWL membership drive and every lady of the parish received an invitation to join the CWL. As well, they were given a survey that will help us as to how we can make our meetings and events better meet the needs of the ladies. We had a "Meet 'n Greet" evening so they could come and ask questions and learn about the CWL. It was a wonderful opportunity for some new members to spend some time with the Executive and for all of us to learn about each other.

November was a busy month as we had a successful Christmas Bazaar, Presentation of Gifts to the Confirmation Students & the Membership Drive. Christmas Gifts were taken to the shut-ins & nursing homes, a Scholarshipsto L.D.S. School,

Coffee Sundays, and prepared for 4 funeral luncheons. We ended our year with a Delicious Christmas Dinner at which we presented ladies with Service Pins and enjoyed the musical talents of students from St. Mary's Separate School and St. Michael's Catholic High School.

2017 was an eventful year for our ladies and we thank them for all their hard work which allow the CWL to donate \$2,000 to the Benevolent Fund, \$2,000 for the church keyboard, and \$6,000 towards the Parish Building Fund. Thank you ladies for your time, talents and you are the CWL's treasure.

*Paula &  
Marie*



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Joseph,  
Stratford. President, Neves Pereira*

President: Neves Pereira  
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dick Bester  
Spiritual Convenor: Madeleine Visser  
Membership 2017: 202

St. Joseph's CWL Council (2017) president Edna Brake asked for a leave of absence due to personal reasons, I took over the role of president for our council and together we were able to continue with our regular meetings and community commitments. Together with the help of the Holy Spirit we were able to overcome obstacles and achieve many goals.

We participated in the World Day of Prayer held the first week of March. Our sisters in Christ from Immaculate Conception of Stratford, accommodated our council to hold our monthly meeting during St. Joseph's Renovations that were finally completed by Easter 2017. This venture has brought us members closer and working together in a harmonious way.

In April we held our annual Spring Raffle Bazaar, in which \$4,000.00 was raised through ticket sales. Our Council was able

to donate to the Restoration fund for our church \$3,000.00 from the bazaar and the remaining funds were donated to various charities. We also held a bake sale at the same time and proceeds from the bake sale went towards the Restoration fund as well. Altogether with God's help we were able to donate to this project \$4,500.00.

We were pleased to attend the reception for Fr. Ross Campbell at Immaculate Conception church. He was ordained on May 06th, 2017 and said his first mass at his home parish on May 13th, 2017.

June we held our annual "Sprint Tea Social",. This event gives the council a chance to socialize and thanks all our members and parishioners for all they do for our community. We also presented our Bursary award to St. Michael's Secondary School.

In October we had our PIN presentation and our council awarded 43 PINS for different years of service from one to sixty years of service.

November was election time for our Council, and in January 2018, our new executive was installed. I'm now the elected President for our council.

December we held our annual Christmas Pot Luck supper with Immaculate Conception CWL council. This is our second year sharing this meal with our sisters in Christ, and its very inspiring and brings our two councils working together and sharing great ideas for the future.

We also held our first Christmas Dinner at our parish, and served over 100 people from both parishes and community. This event was a good will offering, we raised about \$1,600.00. These funds were distributed to the St. Joseph's Restoration Fund.

May our Lady of Good Counsel bless us all, and all our loved ones

*Neves*



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—Immaculate Conception,  
Stratford. Co-President, Lorraine Hertel*

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dick Bester  
Number of members 106

Immaculate Conception does not have a regular meeting in July and August. In September we asked Janet Albert to fill the Spiritual Development Chair. She accepted our invitation. She has been a great asset to us and brings a wealth of knowledge about the CWL with her. She has been a CWL member for forty eight years and was president for the years 1981 and 1982.

In September we had a delicious pot luck supper followed by our pin presentation to twenty nine of our members. Donna Campbell entertained us with her upbeat music. We also presented Pat Brewer with the Maple Leaf Pin. Pat is a hard worker behind the scenes and is always willing to help us where needed. She has been a CWL member for thirty-two years.

Marjorie Skinner and Barb Mitchell visited our sick and shut ins and were well received.

We had another very successful

bazaar convened by Donna MacArthur. It is always a lot of fun, good food, good prizes and good fellowship. A lot of our young people come out and help in the different departments. We were able to donate to eleven local charities plus a sizeable cheque for the ongoing expenses of our church. Barbara Mitchell will be convening the 2018 bazaar.

In November we had Monica Crowley a speaker from Perth Shelter Link come to our CWL meeting who gave us a very informative report on the young people who are homeless and what they are enduring. They are often in these shelters thru no fault of their own. (job loss, family breakups etc.) We took on the project of collecting clothing, outer wear, toiletries etc. for Perth Shelter Link. Our parishioners were very generous We were able to take over three loads.

In November we participated in a Bereavement Service with St. Josephs CWL and the Knights of Columbus for our annual

bereavement service to remember those who have gone to their Eternal Home.

In December we had a Joint Pot Luck dinner with St. Joseph's CWL. Our Men's Choir entertained us. Spouses were invited, plus we had a very interesting speaker, John Wheately from Fergus who was a teacher in the Roman Catholic School Board. John was diagnosed with Mutiple Myeloma in 2009 and given a prognosis of 2-3 years. He shared with us the experience of the rigours of treatment, serious side effects etc. Why me, Finding The Silver Lining, and Finding Hope and Strength and the personal realization that God is intimately involved in seeing John's service is still required. John's objective was to provide an uplifting message to anyone facing serious challenges in life, as well as to those who love and support those in need.

*Lorraine*



*Council News—Huron Perth Region—Sacred Heart, Wingham  
President, Marilyn van Heesch*

Our Sacred Heart ladies have put in a lot of hard work this past fall.

We sold tickets for our annual quilt raffle with the winners being picked at our bazaar. Our annual bazaar is a very busy affair with much planning and organizing and many helpers. Our ladies donate many new items for the large penny auction. There is a large craft area and another large white elephant area. We also have much donated baking (and sushi) for the bake tables. 2 donated hand made beautiful wooden charcuterie were sold and a plant, produce and home canned table. Plus large pots of homemade soups and sandwiches to buy for lunch. It is always a well attended community activity.

We joined with the Listowel CWL to look after refreshments for confirmation. We joined with the Knights to serve a benevolent breakfast after mass.

Joined with other area churches to host a community breakfast to raise money and awareness for “Wes for Youth”, a local suicide prevention hotline.

Members helped and supported the Life Chain.

Members organized a Christmas cookie decorating and gift wrapping evening with parish school children for donating to lonely persons of their choice. Christmas carols and stories were included in this.

We served refreshments at the Messiah concert and hosted a wine and cheese evening for all the ladies of the church.

We organized a potluck with Knights and all spouses for Christmas, and weekly cards during the winter.

A dedicated group of ladies take turns catering lunches for funerals, a baptism, and other functions plus coffee and cookies after mass several times.

Luckily we all take a bit of a break through January and February as our weather is so unpredictable at this time. But more planned for the next few months.

Happy Spring! *Marilyn*

*Memorium Corner for our Sisters of the London Diocese of the C.W.L.*

*St. Joseph, Listowel—Huron Perth—Margaret Haid, Eileen Hickson,  
Ann O’Grady, and Kathleen Hamilton—2017*

*Ste. Anne’s, Tecumseh—Essex—Lena Demarse, 102 years young—72 year member*

*Good Shepherd, Tecumseh—Essex—Shirley Raymond, died June 14th, 2017*

*St. Michael, Leamington—Essex—Rosemary Badz., Anne Spaunberg, Ann Horvath*

*St. Anthony of Padua, Harrow—Essex—Barb Langpeter (funeral at St. Michael’s)*

*Holy Name of Jesus, Essex—Essex—Marie Rawlins, died January 23rd, 2017*

*Holy Name of Jesus, Essex—Essex—Theresa Malenfant, May 7th, 2017*

*Holy Name of Jesus, Essex—Essex—Leona Market, July 14th, 2017*

*Holy Name of Jesus, Essex—Essex—June Donovan, October 26th, 2017*

*Council News—Huron Perth Region—St. Peter, Goderich  
President—Crystal Crowley*



St. Peter's Goderich has a very active and vibrant group. We are always happy to gather in prayer, fun activities and when needed put our hands to good work in many Ministries such as Bereavement Lunches, Parish Breakfasts, World Day of Prayer, 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative care and striving to build a strong Parish community. We help

where and when needed. We have 4 new members and 6 transfers. We are so happy with this as our membership gives strength to C.W.L. resolutions that are brought before Government.

Recently we enjoyed a wonderful day starting with lunch at a local restaurant followed by a tour of our soon to be opened Huron

Residential Hospice. We donated \$1,000.00 which will go to their fundraiser to operate the Hospice for one day. We chose April 26th as our day, Our Lady of Good Counsel's Feast Day.

*Crystal*



*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—Holy Family,  
Wallaceburg—President, Judy Roy*



After a restful summer, our council held a Seniors/Shut-in's Mass in September. Seniors from our local residences and nursing home were invited to attend. Members also picked up seniors who needed a ride to church. During Mass, Father Chris anointed all of our seniors as well as any other parishioners attending, who wished it. All liturgical roles were looked after by our members. Afterwards, everyone in the church was invited into the annex for a soup and sandwich luncheon.

We began our membership drive in earnest, with a talk before Mass as well as bulletin and newsletter inserts. There is also a special CWL membership envelope included in our boxes of offertory envelopes. We took memberships after all Masses for 2 weeks.

Our Pornography Hurts Campaign began with a short talk before Mass. White ribbons were handed out after Mass and everyone was asked to wear it for the week and to tell anyone who asked, what it stood for. A large wooden white cross was also

displayed in the front yard of the church for passersby to take notice. We wrote about pornography in the bulletin and in our monthly newsletter, as well as asking our parishioners to write letters to our MP about this ever growing problem.

We hosted another very successful Penny Sale at the U.A.W. Hall in October, with the help of many of our members. We canvassed the local merchants and businesses for prizes, as well as selling 3,500 raffle tickets during the summer.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were handed out and we were able to collect almost 100 boxes for third world countries.

Every year, the presidents of our three councils hold two meetings with Father Chris to discuss all of our upcoming plans.

In December we hosted our annual Advent Tea. Our past president, Aggie Moynihan, presided over this function. We began with the day's scripture readings, then a wonderful Christmas story, followed by a social with Christmas teas and

coffee to go with all of our tasty Christmas baking. Gifts were given to members of our clergy and office staff. We hosted a bake sale as well in early December, with our proceeds going to our St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. A Dove of Peace celebration was held to help families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Each family received a dove with their loved one's name to be put on their Christmas tree. A time of fellowship followed in Our Lady Help of Christians parish centre with fruit trays, veggies trays and Christmas baking supplied by all of our clustered CWL councils. Just before Christmas, we welcomed our new refugee family, the Maqdo family.

We have had another busy year. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us.

*Judy*



*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Francis Xavier, Tilbury  
Past-president—Theresa Gadala.*

On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, members representing the churches in our local area participated in the one hour silent anti-abortion gathering. Many horns tooted in support and others offered positive remarks.

Our Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Meeting was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our guest speakers represented the Chatham-Kent Hospice. What a marvellous facility we have in our community. Thanks to volunteers, community support and provincial funding, special family events held at the Hospice help families develop warm memories to help sustain them through their grief.

Our Lady of Fatima's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Final Appearance was held at Our Lady of the Rosary Diocesan Shrine in Merlin on October 13th. Fr. Chris, our Spiritual Advisor, the Rosarian Priests and Deacon Raymond celebrated the Eucharist. Fr. Chris' homily reflected on Mary's role in Jesus' Life as expressed in the Wedding Feast in Cana. Mary always points the way to Jesus "To Jesus Through Mary".

Our council invited parish families to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign by filling the distributed shoeboxes with items such as toys,

school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, socks, puzzles etc. to children living in war, poverty and disaster.

At the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the cenotaph in town on November 11<sup>th</sup>, members representing our council laid a wreath to remember those who served and gave their lives for our country.

At our General Meeting in November Fr. Chris was presented with a lovely Marian stole that he will proudly wear at various Eucharistic Celebrations. Our guest speaker gave an amazing account of her volunteer services at Bible Camp, an Orphanage, and a Facility for Disabled Adults in the Ukraine.

In December at our Potluck/ Dinner Meeting we held an Advent Prayer Service dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. We gave a monetary donation to Guadalupe House in Windsor. In lieu of gift exchange, we asked members to bring along a birthday bag containing such items as a cake mix, icing, candles, party favours etc. which were then presented to the Tilbury Information & H.E.L.P. Centre. (see photo to the right)

The annual birthday parties were celebrated at the Long Term Care facility and the Retirement Residence in town. They were treated to cake and presented with a small gift. It warms the heart to see the smiles upon their faces.



Our Council helped to support the Canadian Council Of Bishop's "Call for Conscience Campaign". We encouraged the parish families to let their voices be heard.

*Theresa*



*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—Blessed Sacrament,  
Chatham—submitted by: Lorelei Arnold, Communications*

Our CWL has had a wonderful fall and winter season.



Actual photo taken by Mary Theresa of St Teresa

It began right away with our September meeting when one of our own members, Mary Theresa Hiltz spoke with us. “To whom much is given, much is expected.” This is just one of the many pearls of wisdom that Mary Theresa Hiltz learned from St Teresa of Calcutta while working with the Sisters of Charity in 1991. Mary Theresa even had the tremendous grace of receiving communion from St Teresa. Mary Theresa Hiltz hadn’t planned on working at Kalighat, home of the destitute and dying. She had



Mary Theresa, CWL member

into 2 Irish ladies who took Mary Theresa to see where they worked with the Sisters of Charity. Mary Theresa stayed until her visa ran out. While the work was difficult, Mary Theresa learned through St Teresa to “Never forget that you are washing the body of Christ, feeding the body of Christ by serving Him in His distressed disguise”. It was a truly inspiring talk enjoyed by all present.

4th, 1981

Our October meeting focused on preparing for the upcoming November election. The outgoing CWL Executive shared information on their positions and their thoughts of the duties over the past 2 years. The most common theme of each reflection was how the Executive all support and care about each other. It has been a great honour for them to serve their fellow sisters in this way.

Following the reflections, everyone participated in a “Fruits of the Spirit” activity led by our



begun her journey by teaching for 2 years in Africa and then went on to backpack for 6 months through Africa. She flew to India, to the Himalayans and had planned to go on to Taiwan and then to home. While staying at a Salvation Army hostel, she ran

Our CWL sister, Sandra VanRaay also brought her copies of letters from Mother Teresa to Dr. Simone, founder of Canadian Food For Children. They include the quote “God love you for what you do for Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor.” September

Spiritual Development co-chairs, Gina and Jackie. It reminded us all of our Confirmation promises as we connected the treats to their matching gift from the Holy Spirit.

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*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—Blessed Sacrament,  
Chatham—submitted by: Lorelei Arnold, Communications (cont'd ...)*

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November, of course, brought on our elections.. Thank you to the Election Committee Mary Pavlinak, Liz Dorner and Priscilla Yellowage for all their work and efforts in completing this.

Our President, Pennie Vandebroek has graciously agreed to continue in her current role for another 2 years while our President Elect, Patti Johnson learns the role. We are very thankful to both these ladies for agreeing to do this. This also leaves our Past President Liz Dorner to continue in her position. As Liz tells us, she enjoys it so much, she's happy to do it twice. Our new Executive is a great mix of new members and old and this should lead to lots of new and exciting ideas. Our special committees do not require an election and we are so grateful that these three ladies will continue to do the important work that they do. We will all pray for all the Executive members as they begin this new journey.

The CWL city wide Christmas dinner was a wonderful event. Our ladies helped with the decorating of the hall and it was a very festive atmosphere. Chatham's own "Choprah", who has been known to visit our meetings from time to time, stopped in to spread some cheer.

She challenged us all to think of something good that happened recently and share it with the table. What an awesome idea. To think back over the past year and count our blessings. It started great conversations and served as an ice breaker while keeping everyone busy as they waited for their turn at the buffet line. Roesch Meats catered a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Following dinner, our own CWL sister, Carol Robert was presented with the Maple Leaf Service pin for all her CWL volunteer work the past 45 years.



President Pennie, President-Elect Patti and Pastor Fr Jim present Carol Robert with the Maple Leaf Service

Our youngest active member, Elizabeth Gander, made 200 tea bag gifts for all attendees. It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by the 200 ladies who attended. Hopefully this will become a new tradition.

The new year began with the Annual General Meeting that was successful as ever. President

Pennie went over our expenses for the last year and all the wonderful donations we gave. Money put to good use.

President Pennie gave a talk on MAID, Medical Assistance In Dying. We watched the first half of the documentary "Euthanasia Deception". It was an informative video on how we are all vulnerable to euthanasia. Not only is it against our faith, but by taking matters into our own hands at the end, we might miss out on God's surprises and final blessings. It is in those last precious moments that we could receive the gift of healing a troubled relationship, finding peace, or giving peace to those we leave behind. The documentary was continued during the February meeting. "The world needs to see the *documentary*, which exposes the truth about assisted suicide, says Alex Schadenberg of the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*."

The documentary features testimonies from Canada and from Belgium, who has had a euthanasia law for 15 years.

The Blessed Sacrament CWL also recommends this documentary.

*Lorelei*

*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Ursula, Chatham—  
Submitted by: Cathie Luxton, Communications Chairperson*

Starting off 2018 at our General Meeting of St. Ursula CWL, paid membership was noted as being 176 strong! This meeting noted that we are setting goals and fundraising for this coming year.

We ended 2017 with 41 of St. Ursula's CWL members attending the December 7<sup>th</sup> CWL Christmas Party. This was celebrated with 5 other CWL's attending their first combined Christmas gathering as the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes. This joyous event was held at the beautifully decorated Spirit and Life Center, with entertainment and a delicious turkey dinner being served, topped off with Santa arriving. During the evening St. Ursula CWL presented our pins and awards for our members:

- 60 years:** Jean Waddick  
**40 Years:** Faye DeJonge  
Martha Morrison  
Margaret Renders  
Esther Viknanek  
**25 Years:** Edith Lane  
Gail Stuart  
Margaret VanBemmel  
Yvette Waddick

Continuing on with events of the fall for 2017, at the CWL general meeting at St. Ursula's, Mary Theresa Hiltz gave a wonderful and inspiring presentation on her travels with the poor and dying in India under the direction of Mother Theresa. Sandra Hanley also spoke about her experience of receiving a return letter from Mother Theresa. This letter was sent to Sandra just before Mother Theresa died.

Continuing with keeping our members informed on health and wellness, Marg Renders attended the Canadian Cancer Society Seminar that was held in Windsor; Marg reported to the membership on the extensive research that is being done.

Tamara Dick from Chatham Kent Police Service came and talked to the membership this fall on frauds and scams. Another enlightening night for all. Continuing in Education, Doreen Edwards reported on "All Christians are being called upon to have a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ. We are dealing with world-wide climate change. To take a part in relief projects. Be welcoming to all. Eliminate judgements. Welcome immigrants and refugees." With this in mind, our council made a donation to the Red Cross for those in need in the Caribbean Islands, after their devastating hurricanes this past summer.

Mary Johnston also came this past year and spoke to us on their trips to the village in Uganda, and the valuable work they are doing in this area of Uganda, with education and building homes and schools.

This year we also had Patty Miller speak at a general meeting. She is a pharmacist with Rexall Drug. She spoke on the importance of reviewing your medications yearly, on when to take them, combining drugs and vitamins and the side effects. Members asked many questions. A worthwhile event!

A few highlights from this year's major fundraising events:

The Annual December bake sale was held on the weekend of December 2nd/3rd. Joanne Bennett's group made over 70 dozen butter tarts from scratch for this event. This is as always so well supported by the parishioners; many seniors in our parish look forward to this event after mass to get their Christmas goodies for family and friends. There is always such a large selection of different baked goods donated for this event, making the weekend a worthwhile fundraiser for the council.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> our CWL held their annual Pasta Dinner. This was another successful fundraiser for us with the parish and surrounding community supporting this sold out event.

Our annual Garage sale was another one of our hugely successful fundraising events for our council. We received many wonderful donations from parishioners. Many CWL members turning out for the 2 days in preparation, making the Saturday morning well worth doing.

With all the hard work of our members on our fundraising events, these events this past year were financially successful and enjoyable by members who worked on the events and by the patrons who supported our Councils events.

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*Council News—Chatham Kent Region—St. Ursula, Chatham—  
Submitted by: Cathie Luxton, Communications Chairperson (cont'd...)*

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2017 was a very positive year for St. Ursula Council, we are truly blessed with many hard working and dedicated women! In preparation for the 2018 year, we prepare ourselves for the holy season of Lent and the Easter

season. The council is also focusing on the CWL events (to only mention a few) such as the London Diocesan Convention to be held in London, Ontario and “The Call for Conscience Campaign”. We thank our members for a successful 2017 year and we know 2018 will be

another rewarding year for the Council at St. Ursula’s.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide and bless us thru this coming year!

*Cathie*

*Council News—Windsor Region—Most Precious Blood,  
Windsor—President—Joan Jakubo*

This is a picture of Father Greg at the Windsor Regional Advent tea. After wearing Mary Ann Horne-White's hat for 5 minutes, his only comment was how hot it was. Luckily he has no plans to be a bishop, but he does look good in Green.



*Joan*

*Council News—Windsor Region—Holy Trinity, Windsor—  
Submitted by—Bertha Onuch*

Thank you for your generous donation of beautiful hats, mitts & socks to Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten students at Immaculate Conception School. The children greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness & they are happy to experience your love & concern for them. This winter the children will not be cold because of your support. May the blessing of Our Lord be always with all your work for others.

God Bless—Sr. Teresa Sroka with the JK/SK students.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!!



*Council News—Windsor Region—St. John Vianney, Windsor*  
*Past-President—Yvette Henkel*

September

- After summer break we begin with our Executives & Chairpersons enjoying each others company with a dinner/meeting at a local restaurant (only 6 were able to attend). We accomplished quite a bit of organizing our agenda for the next few months & welcoming a new secretary, Lucille.
- Our refugee family arrived September 21st, 2017. Father, Mother & 2 children a Christian family from Iraq.
- We offered a Mass for intentions of Archbishop O'Brien as per Provincial request.

October

- Invited a speaker from one of the charities we support - Mike Rovers from Second Chance Ministries to give a presentation at our meeting & presented him with a donation in thanks, all were welcome to joins us.
- Gloria purchased prayer cards on the value of life and distributed them to members at this meeting
- prayers for our president for a full and speedy recovery following surgery. While she is regaining her strength Helen will be acting president with Yvette as back up - It takes 2 to fill in for our president, she is doing such a great job—we love you, get well soon AnneMarie!
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- a former long time member, Jeanette Lefaive, celebrated her 100th birthday
- we participated in the 40 days of Life Vigil & purchased 2 tickets for the Right to Life annual dinner & always give one to our chairperson, Shirley and have a draw for the other ticket.
- we have a new St. John Vianney CWL web page
- the fundraising ideas group met again & decided on moving forward with several ideas starting in the spring of 2018 with a bus trip to Victoria Play House - more info to follow

November

- we began our membership drive with a page insert in our parish bulletin the week prior to the actual "drive". The following weekend we had volunteers direct ladies to the hall where we had a nice display with our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our "Book of Life" along with general information and promotional pamphlets. We answered questions & received 3 new memberships over the weekend and also had many ladies renew for 2018.
- we had our Advent Wreath workshop the week before the beginning of Advent season so Father Daniel blessed the wreaths & the families took them home along with some readings &

activities throughout the season.

December

- we started with a beautiful Mass with our members being active participants, prior to our Christmas dinner social, catered event with music provided by a parishioner, Ron Arkell. Ron makes an annual pilgrimage to Ghana, Africa with a group building a church & doing other repairs & work needed in that area, we continue to support this with a donation given at this time.
- we continue with "prayer partners" - the membership likes the idea of praying for their CWL sisters. sent Christmas cards to our members in retirement or nursing homes, just to let them know we are thinking of them. We also send them a card at Easter & prior to summer to keep in touch.
- our president is still recovering from surgery, we continue to pray for her and all CWL members

January 2018

- London Diocesan CWL convention information was made known to our members to start thinking about attending this years event being held in London, also, mention that 2019 convention will be in

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*Council News—Windsor Region—St. John Vianney, Windsor  
Past-President—Yvette Henkel*

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Windsor, so we will be called upon to take part in the planning.

- sadly we lost a long time CWL member, Mary Bouchat with 65 years service, she was very supportive when our CWL charter reactivated in 2006 and gifted us our beautiful statue of our

Blessed Mother Mary. May she rest in peace.

February

- fundraiser bus trip to Victoria Playhouse July 26th to see "The Andrews Brothers" musical comedy, should be a great time.
- CWL council will be praying the Stations of the Cross-Prior to the stations we are having "soup & a roll" in the

parish hall. Members have volunteered to prepare the soup .

- we are sponsoring a palm braiding session on March 22nd in our parish hall
- our president is gradually easing herself back into her position as president following her surgery.

*Yvette*

*Council News—Windsor Region—Immaculate Heart, Windsor—  
President—Rose Haeussler*

One of our ladies turned 100 years old. Pearl Marshall received her 55 year Pin and a lap blanket crocheted especially for her 100 year old birthday.



She was born October 2nd, 1917, in Sandwich East Township. She has 6 children, 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.



“Saludas te envoi fotos un almuerzo se hizo hoy”



*Rose*

Fr. Bill Kornacker sent us an e-mail to thank Immaculate Heart for helping the children of Peru, (Cayalti)



*Service Pin Awards for 2017/2018*  
*"Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated"*



**Huron Perth Region:**

**St. Joseph, Stratford**

**65 years**  
Clara Black

**60 year pin**  
Rose Whaling

**55 year pin**  
Rosemary Lorentz  
Elaine Mohr

**50 year pin**  
Diane Uniac  
Lenora Willis

**45 year pin**  
Mary Dingman  
Ottie Schnuerer

**40 year pin**  
Marilyn Grogan  
Barb Krauskopf

**35 year pin**  
Peggie Montgomery  
Phyllis Schooley

**30 year pin**  
Betty Gaffney  
Claudia Morris  
Gerda Wood

**25 year pin**  
Barb Flood  
Maria Hartney

**20 year pin**  
Irene Merkel  
Marg O'Reilly  
Edeltraud Portz  
Bonnie Schaefer

**15 year pin**  
Viola Boersen  
Veronica Flood  
Elizabeth Gaffney  
Louise Gould  
Mary Horenberg  
Dianne Parr

**10 year pin**  
Michele Ablas  
Bernadette McPherson  
Patti Rothwell

**5 year pin**  
Patty Anderson  
Laurie Ash  
Gisella Bennett  
Sophie Kokot  
Rita Mc Laughlin  
Dr. Cheryl Pachoco  
Jessica Van Bakel  
Filomena Vito  
Sharon Vollett

**New Members**  
Raymonde Abboud  
Mary Cobb  
Christina Mc Laughlin  
Brittany Meadows  
Trish Nickel  
Mae Smith  
Jessica Wynne  
Michelle Dzijacky

**Immaculate Conception,  
Stratford**

**Maple Leaf Pin**  
Pat Brewer

**60 year pin**  
Leona Fleming  
Marguerite Hilcox

**50 year pin**

Jean Brodhagen  
**45 year pin**  
Lorraine Hertel

**40 year pin**  
Marianne Huitema  
Sharon Twamley

**30 Year Pin**  
Ria Kruttschutter  
Mary Kay Lobsinger

**25 year pin**  
Paula Bently  
Linda Crowley  
Nellie Marquez  
Anne McDowell  
Eileen Ohrling  
Trudy Patterson

**20 year pin**  
Nora Campbell  
Hilde Gulickers

**15 year pin**  
Joanne Carr  
Wally Ebner  
Barbara Mitchell  
Linda Nicholson

**10 year pin**  
Sandy McCann

**5 year Pin**  
Joyce Eusebi  
Barbara Feeney  
Mary Feeney  
Pauline Frank  
Ellen Hopper  
Zoe Y Kaszas  
Wendy Marsh  
Teresa Mathieson  
Sheila Salta



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*Service Pin Awards for 2016/2017*  
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**Huron Perth Region: (cont'd)**

**St. Joseph, Listowel**

**50 year pin**  
Pat Graham  
Lenore Moser

**40 year pin**  
Mary-Lou Bross  
Judy Charles

**10 year pin**  
Mary Binning  
Emmie Bowers  
Rosemary Terpstra

**New Members**  
Nadia Goubault

**Transfer from Hamilton Diocese**  
Rose Funston  
Joan Gunn  
Rebecca Farwell

**100th Birthday**  
Stella Makohonik—February 27,  
1918

**Chatham Kent Region**

**Holy Family, Wallaceburg**

**65 year pin**  
Joanne McGrail  
Mary VanCampen  
Helen Vynckier

**55 year pin**  
Alfia Biscaro

**40 year pin**

Sue Denys  
**10 year pin**  
Lisa Moynihan

**New Members**  
Beth Burrell  
Grace Cunha  
Mya Rosettani

**St. Ursula, Chatham**

**60 Year pin**  
Jean Waddick

**40 Year pin**  
Faye DeJonge  
Martha Morrison  
Margaret Renders  
Esther Viknanek

**25 Year pin**  
Edith Lane  
Gail Stuart  
Margaret VanBemmel  
Yvette Waddick

**Essex Region**

**St. John the Baptist,  
Amherstburg**

**50 year pin**  
Dorothy Lucier

**25 year pin**  
Judith Rocheleau

**5 year pin**  
Janet Annison  
Sharon Barron  
Rose Beneteau  
Virginia Bondy  
Kim Bornais  
Lynda Cote  
Anna Donatucci

Jean Duffy  
Anita Gibb  
Marilyn Goggin  
Doris Kitka  
Patricia Mayville  
Dorothy McCaffery  
Karen McGuire  
June McManemy  
Penny Morse  
Denise Orsi  
Renee St. Pierre

**Good Shepherd Parish,  
Emeryville**

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**  
Marcella Hales

**25 Year pin**  
Jeannine Bourgard  
Ivana Campagna  
Louise Daniel  
Maureen Greff  
Dr. Andrea Greff-Keller  
Marcella Hales  
Marilyn Helmer  
Nicole Lamphier  
Jan Lesperance  
Dorothy Marentette  
Mary Mason  
Rita Ossington  
Audrey Rychel  
Mary-Lou Laliberte  
Bernice Campeau  
Madeleine Renaud  
Elaine Tomajko  
Yvonne Reaume



**Ingersoll Region**

**Sacred Heart, Ingersoll**

**60 Year pin**  
Jean Van Boekel

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*Service Pin Awards for 2016/2017*  
*"Congratulations to our faithful & dedicated"*



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**Sacred Heart, Ingersoll (cont'd...)**

**50 Year Pin**

Johanna Knoop  
 Liz Lucassen  
 Ine Michiels  
 Joanne Sonder

**40 Year Pin**

Theresa Bushell  
 Janet Knapp  
 Mary Stephenson  
 Anne Todd  
 Joanne Vanos  
 Mary Verhoeven  
 Lucy Wiese

**10 Year pin**

Martha Arts  
 Laura Langford

**St. Cecilia's, Port Dover**

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**

Maureen Rossitter

**50 Year pin**

Lillian VanDam McCarthy  
 Joanne Schertzing

**40 Year pin**

Joan Dancho  
 Helga Stuermer

**25 Year pin**

Jane Clermont  
 Rose Ann McSloy  
 Margaret Parkes

**10 Year pin**

Ella Brockbank  
 Elsa Czerlau  
 Ellen Ferris  
 Georgette Lavoie  
 Andree O'Mara

Liana Thompson

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,  
 Delhi**

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**

Vicki Braun

**Holy Trinity, Woodstock**

**Maple Leaf Service Pin**

Sadie Berzins

**60 Year pin**

Joan Dager

**55 Year pin**

Patricial McGillis  
 Sue Ogden  
 Theresa Sabourin  
 Mary Van Veen

**50 Year pin**

Charmaine Dykstra

**45 Year pin**

Regina Dyt

**40 Year pin**

Flora Fagan  
 Erna Hatzenbuhler  
 Carmen Velocci

**35 Year pin**

Helen Hollis

**30 Year pin**

Linda Ferraro

**25 Year pin**

Patricia Coad  
 Christine Gable

**20 Year pin**

Berry Marion  
 Lucia Sauve  
 Jesuina Peixoto

**15 Year pin**

Caridad Aragon  
 Rosemary Rose-Bruyns  
 Barbara Letniowski  
 Rosanna Raymond  
 Shirley Drew  
 Fran Moxon  
 Jadwiga Sielicka  
 Debby Wojcik

**10 Year pin**

Fatima Cabral  
 Agnes Leger  
 Tara Myers  
 Natalina Redigonda  
 Julie Tyers

**5 Year pin**

Julia Cabral  
 Anita Clark  
 Marianne Gallant  
 Sandra Standish

**Sarnia Lambton Region**

**Holy Rosary, Wyoming**

**60 Year pin**

Frances Verhoeven

**50 Year pin**

Ann Donkers  
 Cathy Brinston

**40 Year pin**

Fran Fraser

**25 Year pin**

Mary Huybers

**New Member**

Kelly Smith



# FORM FOR REPORTING DECEASED MEMBERS

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY AND CORRECTLY  
AS RECORDED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP LIST

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
(as shown on membership list)

Spouse's name (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Full address \_\_\_\_\_  
(as shown on membership list)

Date deceased \_\_\_\_\_

CWL Parish Council \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Parish councils are asked to forward a copy of this completed form to National office to ensure that the deceased member's League magazine is discontinued. Copies must also be sent to provincial and diocesan chairpersons of Spiritual Development to ensure that their respective Books of Life can be updated.

Provincial chairpersons of Spiritual Development are reminded to submit a complete list of their province's deceased members, for the current year, to National Office by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year for inclusion in the National Book of Life.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of council president and/or chairperson of  
spiritual development

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March 2018

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