Catholic Women's League News



At the General Meeting it was determined that the Christmas Dinner will remain on Wednesday, December 6th. Christmas Dinner tickets will be $25 on sale until December 3. Pick up at the Annual Christmas Bazaar, from Vicki Doucette or catch up with Annette Dutrisac—she will have them on her at all times. You can also call and leave her a message at 495-3584 and she will call you back. Catered by Diane Esch.

Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

Saturday, November 18

11 AM until 2 PM

Everyone is welcome to come out to our Ol' Country Christmas. Christmas Dinner tickets and membership renewals will also be available.

Co-conveners: Annette and Lisa

Treasurer: Vickie Doucette

Kitchen: Shirlene
Many hands make for light work. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen. Please contact Shirlene Condie, kitchen convener, at Shirlenecondie@gmail.com or at 493-0718.



Tea Room:
Gerri and Denise
Do you know of a teenager that still needs to fill their volunteer hours? Please contact either Gerri Reid at campdavid@cogeco.ca or at 490-0082, or contact Denise Hebert at 495-2030 to help serve our guests.

Penny Sale: Judy



Judy Montgomery is the new Penny Sale convener. Please contact her at 476-5638 to make a donation of new items.

Decorations:
Annette and Patricia
If you have some time to help decorate the hall please contact Annette at annette.d@live.ca or at 495-3584.



Spiritual: Sr. Shannon



Heritage & Hidden Treasures
Wilda and Donna

Contact Wilda Beaupré at 497-8124 or at lbeaupre4@cogeco.ca if you have treasures that need a new home such as jewellery and accessories. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept electronic devices.



Baking: Theresa and Dawn-Marie



Calling on you talented bakers, please contact Convener Teresa Duffy at 472 9036 to donate delicious goodies.

Knitting:
Mary-Lynn and Helen
If you have knitting to donate or would like to knit for the knitting table please contact Mary-Lynn Truchon at 474-3082 or mlrontruchon@sympatico.ca





Phone:
Lorraine and Connie

Advertising:
Leah Pierce



Memorial Service for Deceased Members



During the Memorial Service for Deceased Members held on Wednesday, November 1st we lit candles in honour of loved ones, as a symbol of life, love and hope. We lit the candles in memory of the times we shared, cared and loved:

Lidia Rossi	September 15, 2016
Gloria Bonutto	October 14, 2016
Rose Moher	October 29, 2016
Helen McIsaac	January 25, 2017
Carol Ann Mantha	March 19, 2017
Anne Renton	May 3, 2017
Sr. Antoinette Korpacka	May 11, 2017
Sister Anne Sartor	September 15, 2017
Leona Kervin	August 13, 2017
Frances-Clare Fraboni	August 23, 2017
Dorothy Bethune	August 28, 2017

The North Bay Region CWL Fall Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 6:00 PM in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Dinner will be catered by Diane Esch, cost is $25 per person. Nicole Millage, Executive Director of Hope Awaits Ministries, will be the guest speaker. She will be speaking on homelessness which will be the focus in the coming year as announced by Anne Madden, Ontario Provincial President. For tickets please contact Mary-Lynn Truchon at 474-3082 or at mlrontruchon@sympatico.ca



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



Confirmation Preparation will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation and who will be celebrating the Sacrament along with you.

A Confirmation Information Night will be held Thursday, November 16 at St. Peter the Apostle Church on Airport Road from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. <u>This meeting is mandatory</u> as you will receive an overview of the preparation program. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting.

Confirmation is a special time for a young person to commit to their faith and experience the Holy Spirit in their life. It is a sacrament that continues the welcoming and the belonging that began with Baptism and which continues with the celebration of Eucharist. We are hoping our Confirmation preparation will not only prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but will be a fun experience, that will help build new friendships, spark different interests and present personal challenges.

Please note that in requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, call your parish office as soon as possible.

To Register for Confirmation before November 13 visit our website at procathedral.ca Under SACRAMENTS click on CONFIRMATION then CONFIRMATION REGISTRTION

BOOK THESE PREPARATION DATES		
DATE	**TIME**	**LOCATION**
THU NOV 16	6:30-8:00 PM	ST. PETER'S
SAT NOV 25	9:00 AM—9:00 PM	ST. PETER'S **RETREAT**
FRI DEC 1	6:30-9:00 PM	S.J.S.H SCHOOL
FRI JAN 12	6:30-9:00 PM	S.J.S.H. SCHOOL
FRI FEB 2	6:30-9:00 PM	S.J.S.H. SCHOOL
FRI MAR 2	6:30-9:00 PM	S.J.S.H. SCHOOL
FRI APR 6	6:30-9:00 PM	S.J.S.H. SCHOOL
FRI MAY 4	6:30-9:00 PM	S.J.S.H. SCHOOL
WED MAY 9	6:30—8:00 PM	PRO-CATHEDRAL **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**
SAT MAY 12	10:00 AM	PRO-CATHEDRA **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**

India: Sr Rani Maria beatified November 4, 2017

Sr. Rani Maria Vattalil was beatified on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Indore. Cardinal Angelo Amato, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, presided over the Ceremony. All four Indian Cardinals, the Apostolic Nuncio to India, nearly 50 Bishops and hundreds of Priests, Sisters and lay faithful participated in the Solemn Ceremony.

Sister Rani Maria Vattalil, born Mariam in Kerala in 1954, a member of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, was slain on 25th February, 1995. According to the Police, she was stabbed 54 times in front of more than 50 bus passengers in a jungle area near Udainagar (Madhya Pradesh) at the behest of moneylenders affected by the nun's social work among village women, who were organizing self-help groups.

Samandar Singh, the man who served a prison term for the 1995 murder of Sr. Rani, had said, "I accept full responsibility for my heinous murder of Sr. Rani Maria. I cannot say that I was instigated, because my own hands stabbed her repeatedly and for this, I will regret my actions till the day I die." He went on to say "In my own small way, I try to follow her example, helping those who are less fortunate than me, like Tribal Christians and all those who are marginalized."

Rani Maria, who wanted to be a missionary was sent to north India to be a teacher and took a degree in sociology. Transferred to Udainagar in 1992 Sr Rani Maria was a teacher but took to social work which earned her enemies.

On 25 February as she was travelling to Indore in a bus she was stabbed. Uttering 'Jesus', 'Jesus' a number of times she died. She was declared a servant of God on May 29, 2005.

Forgiveness

Behind prison walls, he began plotting how he could take revenge against the man who pushed him to kill the nun. But he also received a visit from another nun, Sister Selmi Paul, who happened to be the murdered nun's own sister. She hugged him and called him brother. He was profoundly touched by it, so much so that from this embrace his journey of repentance began. He gave up plans for revenge and accepted the sorrow caused by the murder.

Eventually, Samandar war released because of a petition signed by Sister Rani's family, the provincial of the Clarist congregation and the bishop of Indore.

When his release was slow in coming, a delegation went to see the local governor to plead his case. "Only you Christians can truly forgive," the latter said. "You are a great example. Go, I shall do all I can to get him released."

Once he was free again, Samandar began to treat Sister Rani's family as his own. "I regularly visit her tomb," he said. "For me, it is like a sanctuary of peace and strength."

"I want everyone to know that Christians work to make India great. The missionaries give us hope through their service, which is to make us a strong and independent people."

He does realise though that India's right wing hate Christians. "Before they drove me to kill, I heard so many hate-filled lies about the missionaries and Christians. They used to tell me that Christians converted people through tricks and that their work with the poor was only for show. Now however I can say without a doubt that the missionaries do nothing but work and help the poor and the marginalised. ***They have no secret design, other than serve God."***