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Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League

Ponderings

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019

The New Executive Answers God's Call to Serve

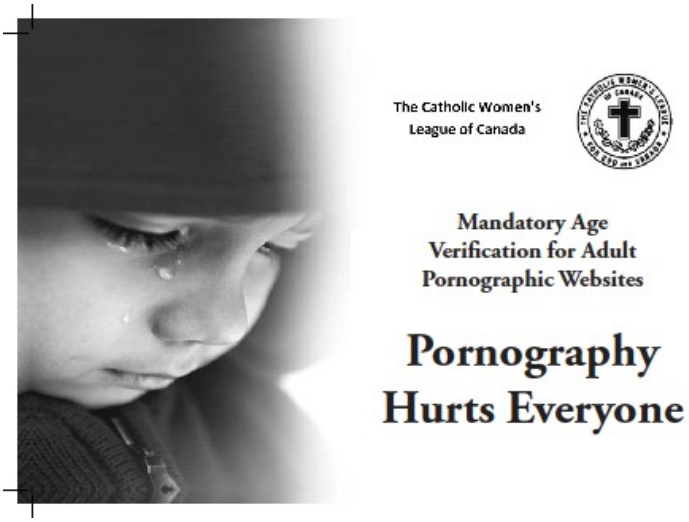


(Left to right) Leah Pierce, Vicki Doucette, Lorraine Atchison, Brenda Passmore, Andree Cornish, Lisa Henry, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, Ruth Godon, Wilda Beaupré, Louise Defonzo, Annette Dutrisac, Mary-Lynn Truchon and Monsignor Dave Tramontini

Absent: Elizabeth Delarosbel

Vacant: Communications Chairperson

Photo credit: Mike McVeigh



First launched in August 2013, the Pornography Hurts campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of pornography among members, the general public and members of parliament. Each year since the campaign was launched, members have "blitzed" elected officials and government officers with post-cards provided by the CWL. Last year, a new pornography postcard was developed by the BC & Yukon Provincial Council that incorporates information specific to Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites.

During the weekend of **February 9 and 10** members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards at the back of the church to fill out and send to elected officials. Here is how you fill it out for the biggest impact:

- Ensure your name and return address is on the card in order for the minister (s) to respond to you;

- Ask a question or ask for feedback from the minister (i.e. will you take a stand by helping to ensure that just punishment is given to the perpetrators of this heinous crime to children and women)?

- Mail to Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing — Timiskaming and David Lametti, MP Justice and Attorney General (Ottawa address provided on back and no postage required!)

Pornography fuels the global sex trade by driving demand into the mainstream of society. Studies show that pornography users often seek to act out what they have viewed in porn. Often their partners will not engage in such acts, so they seek it elsewhere – increasing the demand for trafficked women and children to be prostituted.
From www.pornharms.com

CWL Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

O' the weather outside may have been frightful, but that didn't stop hundreds of people from coming to the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall on Saturday, November 17th, 2018, in support of the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption's annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea. With this year's theme: 'Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow,' close to $9 500 was raised in support of numerous charities including: Right to Life, School Breakfast Programs, Meals on Wheels, North Bay Food Bank, Gathering Place, Catholic Charities, Development & Peace and the Bursary Program.

"Our volunteers have created a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and I am blessed to be surrounded by a team of experienced, dedicated and hard-working women whose efforts produced another successful Christmas Bazaar," stated Lisa Henry, Pro-Cathedral CWL Bazaar & Tea convener. "The support of the church community never fails to bring hope to those who need it the most in North Bay."



Sisters Shannon (left) and Shirley greeted bazaar attendees.



(Left) The festive and creative Penny Sale bags were decorated by the students of Mother St. Bride.



(Left to right) Mary-Lynn Truchon, Recording Secretary, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, President Elect, Dennis Chippa, Executive Director of the Gathering Place, and Elizabeth Delarosbel, Community Life Chairperson.

The Power of Good Food Benefits from the Charity of the CWL

On Friday, December 21st, 2018, a contingent of members from the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) visited the Gathering Place at 1181 Cassells Street to present a cheque in the amount of $1 500. Local charities including the Gathering Place, Right to Life, Breakfast Program, Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities, and the Bursary Program all benefited from the monies raised at the annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea.

Catholic Women's League New Theme

Lord, season after season, You continue to renew the face of the earth, "For from the greatness and beauty of created things Comes a corresponding perception of their Creator."1 Teach us, Lord, As members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, To become attuned to our need to protect The beauty of our common home. May our efforts lead us to sustain its natural order, So that, in the words of Pope Francis, Our heritage is never "deprived of physical contact with nature."2

Mary Ryan, Past President, St. Dunstan Parish Council Fredericton, New Brunswick

1 The Wisdom of Solomon 13:5

2 Francis. "Declline In the Qualley of Human Life and the Breakdown of Soclecy." Laudato So', 24 May 2015:44.Web.



Care for our Common Home

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

President: Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
Organization Chair: Annette Dutrisac
Membership Chair: Brenda Passmore
First Vice-President & Spiritual Development Chair: Ruth Godon
Treasurer: Vicki Doucette
Recording Secretary: Mary-Lynn Truchon
Corresponding Secretary: Louise Defonzo
Past-President: Standing for Maudena Farnsworth is Lisa Henry
Committee Chairs:
Christian Family Life: Andree Cornish
Community Life: Elizabeth Delarosbel
Education & Health: Leah Pierce
Communications: Currently vacant
Resolutions/Legislation: Wilda Beaupré
Parish Activities: Lorraine Atchison
Spiritual Advisor: Monsignor Dave Tramontini

I am one of many. I belong to a sisterhood from which I can draw spiritual and temporal support, comfort and strength in times of need. I am reminded of my religious teachings and responsibilities. I am aware of my culture and my country.



Funeral Lunch Helpers
CWL Prayer Service
CWL Honour Guard
Please contact
Shirlene Condie-McVeigh
705-476-2748

Be an Early Bird! Membership 2019

Ladies! It's time to renew or become a new member with the CWL. Pay your $25 membership dues before February 3rd for a chance to win! The prize is your membership free for the year! Contact Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 705-474-0447 for details. The draw will be held at the first General meeting of the New Year on February 6th, 2019. For those who use parish envelopes – please note that you have a CWL membership envelope included in your box of envelopes which can be completed and dropped into the collection basket.

In Memory Of …

On Wednesday, November 7th, 2018, a memorial service was held in commemoration for our deceased members. The following sisters of the CWL will forever live in peace:



Maureen Pelletier	***May 25, 2017***
Betty Dennis	***June 24, 2017***
Susan Monaghan	***November 3, 2017***
Ida Bagno	***January 20, 2018***
Annette Johnston	***February 6, 2018***
Alice Cardinal	***February 8, 2018***
Patricia Murphy	***June 5, 2018***

Candles are lit in honour of our loved ones, as a symbol of life, love and hope; and in memory

CWL Warmth & Comfort Initiative SOCK IT TO THE CWL!

The CWL theme extending into 2019 remains focused on homelessness. A program called "Warmth and Comfort" was initiated, where CWL Councils across Ontario were asked to collect new socks for men, women and children. The goal of this initiative until January 2019, was to collect 2 019 pairs of socks! As of January 20th, 2019, the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay, collected a whopping 1 163pairs of socks! On December 21st, 2018, a group of council members distributed the donated socks to the Warming Centre and the Crisis Centre. Other local organizations that benefited from the initiative included: Hope Awaits Ministries, Cassellholme, Catholic Charities and residents living with mental illness.



(Left to right) Elizabeth Delarosbel, Community Life Chairperson, Ms. Tiffany Fournier, Warming Centre Manager, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, President Elect and Mary-Lynn Truchon, Recording Secretary.



(Left to right) Elizabeth Delarosbel, Community Life Chairperson, Mr. Doug Davidson, Crisis Centre Supervisor, Shirlene Condie-McVeigh, President Elect and Mary-Lynn Truchon, Recording Secretary.

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

The Ponderings newsletter is located on the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption webpage under “groups”. All questions and ideas can be forwarded to Leah Pierce, Communications Officer, at pn.thebay@gmail.com