



Catholic Women's League of Canada PEI Provincial Newsletter Issue 20 May, 2011

Provincial President's Message Zita Cameron



To my Sisters in The League.

We hope all who attended the Provincial Convention were renewed in spirit and ready to accept the challenge of Sister Nuala that we be more open to discussion about the problems in our Church with love and compassion.

The Provincial Council has decided that our strategy for the coming year, in regards to our theme, "Centred in Faith & Justice", will be addiction and mental health issues as factors relating to poverty. This focus comes from ideas generated by the members during the Friday workshop at the convention. Our first priority will be to educate ourselves by having speakers on this topic at our Fall Conferences. Councils are encouraged to consider their response to these issues in their own communities.

The Provincial Council welcomes any suggestion that you may have. Did all councils who voted on the per capita fee increase send their pink copy to the National office? If there are any members who are planning to go the National Convention in Toronto, would please let me know as soon as possible (675-2297) as someone would like to share a room.

May you all enjoy a summer full of relaxation and return in September ready to fulfill the work for the League and Canada. Ask for strength from the Holy Spirit and the guidance of Our Lady of Good Counsel in this important work that God has entrusted to us. God bless all of you.

Why I am Proud to be a Member of the League

When I moved back to Morell in 1984 I joined the Catholic Women's League because my best friends were active members. The older I get the more I value the League. Besides all the spiritual benefits we realize, we make friends from all over P.E.I. and beyond. As far as I'm concerned when you can incorporate faith and friendship you have it made.

(Kindness of Laurena (Curly) MacAdam)

A Treasured Legacy



Members of St. Mary's Catholic Women's League in Montague have been compiling the history of their parish council as well as updating their *Book of Life*. The history will celebrate the exemplary good works the League members of St. Mary's have been involved in over the years. Much of their information has been gleaned from old letters as well as minutes of council meetings. From the smiles in the picture to the right this project has been a labor of love. Standing are: Mary Nicolle, Fel Donahoe and Betty Nicholson. Seated are: Persus Moyaert, Jeanne Hambly and Zita Boudreau.

Congratulations to all on the completion of this "treasured legacy".

(Kindness of Brenda Brothers)

The Book Corner

This year a friend sent me a Lenten booklet of Gospel Reflections entitled, "Season for the Soul". The impact this booklet had on me found me on a search for more books by this author, Fr. Joe Sica. I discovered another gem, "Forgiveness, One Step at a Time". In this book Fr. Joe offers ten valuable steps to help you take forgiveness seriously. Each step includes: something to learn (path), something to do (practice), and something to say (prayer). This is a book of stories and anecdotes with a powerful message for those struggling to move from feelings of anger and revenge to forgiveness.

(Kindness of Austina Garnhum)



Centered on Faith and Justice St. Felix, Tignish



St. Felix Catholic Women's League grew from the rich heritage of deep faith within the Tignish Parish Community. This deep faith ensures a generous response to the needs of our community and our Island as evidenced in the generous support offered to The Caring Cupboard. To the left we see Joanne Gaudet and Melvina DesRoches presenting a donation of food to the Cupboard. Members have supported the National Charities of the League including, Development and Peace, Pro Life, Coady Institute as well as Catholic Missions. Birthright, Hospice, Hospitals and many other local charities and fundraisers have been the beneficiaries of the St.

Felix Catholic Women's League. Gifts are provided to RCIA candidates, Graduates, Confirmation and First Communion candidates. St. Felix stands tall in caring for others.

President Lynn Hamill holds an executive meeting prior to the monthly meeting to discuss items of business and plan the agenda. This allows more time for faith development and fellowship. She also encourages members to sit in a circle during the meeting allowing all to see one another as peers, to foster better listening and to promote more dialogue. Very creative!

In keeping with the primary object of the League, "To achieve individual and collective spiritual development", Theresa Doucette begins each meeting with a prayer service that includes prayer, scripture reflection and song. Theresa also prepares an appropriate prayer setting for the service. The Rosary continues to be a large part of prayer life within the council.

To promote fellowship as well as to fund raise, members enjoy Bingo at each meeting. Lunch is also provided for the cost of \$1.00. Larger events such as Ham and Scallop suppers and Lottery of Summer Patio sets have been organized by League members. All a fun way to keep a healthy bank account!!

Over the years, St. Felix Council has offered solid support to the Provincial Executive by attending conventions, serving as board members and hosting Fall Conferences. Recently Julia LeClair and Theresa Doucette served as co chairs of the Regional Pilot Program. Membership is maintained by going door to door for collection. The personal invitation to join or renew always proves to be most successful. Currently, council members are involved in archiving their rich heritage of service to all whom they have touched.

Centered on Faith and Justice they will continue to go forward in the firm belief that Jesus and His Mother, Mary, will guide them in living the Gospel Values. To the right are Julia LeClair, Theresa Doucette, Emelda Pitre, Melvina DesRoches and Mary Ellsworth.

(Kindness of Lynn Hamill)



Bellelle Guerin Award



The League's roots began in 1920 with its first National President, Bellelle Guerin, who had a vision, faith and dream to see the League, "rooted in every major centre from Halifax to Victoria". At the first dominion convention, she challenged members to go forth with all the zeal and good will they could muster to both serve our country and spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Good women like Helen MacIsaac and Mary Malone have worked tirelessly to keep the spirit of the League alive. They have served in numerous executive positions at both the parish and provincial level. St. Mary's Council, Souris, has indeed been blessed by their great generosity, by their devotion to the League and by their wisdom. Their presence within the League continues to inspire and encourage their sister members. They are most worthy recipients of the Bellelle Guerin Award. To the left we find Helen McIsaac and Mary Malone proudly displaying their awards with Provincial Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul Batchilder.

(Kindness of Anna MacIntosh)



From the Hearth

“Your garden will reveal yourself.” Audrey Glover’s garden reveals a generous lady of many talents who finds the beauty of the Creator in the solitude of her flower garden. Those of us who attended Convention 2000 in Charlottetown enjoyed Audrey’s gift of gardening. Her fresh cut arrangements welcomed all with their rainbow of color and soft fragrance. Audrey’s generosity to her Parish Community can be well

documented. Despite her busy day working on the farm and raising three wonderful children Audrey always found the time to attend the CWL meetings before checking in to work for the night at Prince County Hospital as Nursing Supervisor. She has served her council as president, vice president and secretary as well as held numerous convenerships. Audrey enjoys the fellowship within her own council and the opportunity to meet old and new friends during workshops and conventions. Her positive presence contributes much to the League. She shares, “We are always learning new things as life goes on. It is so important to greet everyone with a smile and a cheery hello.” Her generous spirit has prompted her to share her gift of sewing, knitting and Swedish embroidery with her neighbours. She has taught these skills at her local Community School as well as in her own home throughout the winter evenings. Audrey enjoys the reputation of being an excellent cook. She specializes in meat pies for Christmas along with rolls, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, peanut butter balls and cookies. She has chosen to share her Soft Molasses Cookie with us. This recipe is used for Gingerbread cutouts which Audrey makes for family friends and neighboring children to decorate. What a great idea!! Thank you Audrey for sharing your recipe and for the garden of gifts you use to live and to spread the Gospel Values.

Soft Molasses Cookies

Cream:

¾ cup shortening
1 ½ cup molasses

Add :

1 egg and beat well
Fold in 2 cups flour and add ½ cup hot water

Sift and add to above:

3 cups flour
4 tsp soda
½ tsp nutmeg
½ tsp cloves

¼ cup brown sugar

1 tsp salt
2 tsp ginger
½ tsp cinnamon



Place in fridge overnight. Roll out cookies. Bake at 350-360 degrees for 10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.
The kids will love you!!

“Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort”



Madeline Stordy Roberts, gifted with deep faith, positive attitude and generous heart brings friendship and comfort into many homes each year with her gift of quilting. Madeline has donated hundreds of quilts to the Salvation Army and to the Canadian Northern Missions. This year five Middleton students will receive a quilt when they graduate from Kinkora Regional High School. A cozy, warm reminder of home as they enter University!! She has generously donated her quilts for local fund raisers, family reunions and other community events. Madeline learned the art of quilting from her Mom. The first winter of her marriage she made six quilts out of Robin Hood Flour bags. Madeline enjoys sharing her quilts and her cookie jar with her friends and her grandchildren. Her door and her hearty “Hello” always display the “Welcome” sign. Throughout the years, Madeline has been a strong supporter of the Catholic Women’s League in St. Malachy’s, Kinkora. We thank her for her skillful hands, her great baking skills and her kind heart. Her courage in the face of adversity as a cancer survivor of 42 years has served as inspiration to us all. Keep us smiling, Madeline!!

God Never Gives Up – Not Ever!

Rev. Paul Batchilder, in his message to Convention 2011, offered great hope and comfort to all members. Even as we fall, falter or fail, Jesus, **with great love** picks us up, shakes us off, dries our tears and sets us on the trail again. He will do this time and time again because He cannot stop loving us. He will just never give up on us! It can't get much better than that!! Wow!!

Good News from St. Joachim's

Members of St. Joachim's Catholic Women's League hosted a party for White Cross members at their parish hall in Vernon River. The ladies provided a delicious lunch to approximately 70 guests including parents. Bus service was provided. The White Cross folk provided their own music and a good time was had by all. St. Joachim's makes this a yearly event. Good News!!

Good News from St. Anthony's

Members of St. Anthony's Catholic Women's League gave a generous donation to the Japanese Relief Fund this spring. They sold tickets on a Christmas Hamper and sponsored a Yard Sale to raise funds. Members topped it up with personal donations. Another Good News story!!

Food for Thought



Sr. Nuala Kenny, addressed Convention 2011 on the topic of Women of Hope and the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis. She left us with much to ponder along with the will to do so. Her presentation challenged each parish council to address the issue by reading the following excerpt from Matthew and responding to the question.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.” (Matthew 18: 5-8)

Using the above scripture, contrast our response to the violation of children and adolescents with the response of Jesus Himself?

Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart

The Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart is a 32 page nugget full of informative, inspiring and reliable help for daily Christian living. Information is current, offering something for folks of all ages. I have just read an article by Dennis McCloskey called “*Hazing*”. Every parent should have access to this information. Subscriptions are \$17.50 per year at: Canadian Messenger 661 Greenwood Ave. Toronto Ontario, M4J 4B3 (website: sacredheartcanada.com)

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May you be blessed with warmth in your home, love in your heart, peace in your soul and joy in your life.
(Irish Blessing)

