THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA SAULT STE. MARIE DIOCESAN COUNCIL



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Is a national organization

Rooted in gospel values

Calling its members to holiness

Through service to the

people of God

LEAGUE PRAYER

We humbly pray you, O God our Father to bless

The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds

And strength to our wills that we may know

and fulfill your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others at home and abroad,

The good things you have given us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ

And the intercession of our patroness

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Amen





We are phasing in an update to the format of the diocesan newsletter.

Great things are happening in our councils and we have much to celebrate and share!





Parish council presidents are valued members of the diocesan council and we want to hear from you! We welcome your input and submissions to the next revision scheduled for Fall 2018.

All suggestions and input is welcome!

To share your feedback or to submit an article for the next newsletter, please email Patricia Clizia
Diocesan Communications Chairperson
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God's chosen people, blest and holy.



What have we done for the poor ones, the hungry, the stranger, the broken, the children, the old ones...

What have we done for the poor ones, the cold ones. The ones who seek shelter among us, beside us?

What have we done for the hungry, the homeless.

The lonely ones longing for loving, affection?

What have we done for the stranger, outsider.

The ones who are aching for welcome, acceptance?





What have we done for the children, the unborn. Who dream of a future with promise, with goodness?

What have we done for the old ones, the dying. The weary ones praying for solace, surrender?



*Taken in part from a song written by Lori True What Have We Done for the Poor Ones"





Additional Resources to stay informed

A report on **Income Security: A Roadmap for Change** that was referred to in the presentations in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie is https://www.ontario.ca/page/income-security-reform?_ga=2.102844096.116777174.1509628103-2023688940.1504455684

A Place to Call Home: Report of the Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness is available at http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=11038

The report on **Homelessness in Sudbury** is found at http://www3.laurentian.ca/homelessness/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/PPC-2015-Sudbury-REPORT-CGS-July-2015.pdf

The report on **Homelessness in SSM** is available.

The video of the **Winnipeg homeless young woman** can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9E5OFdl8wNI

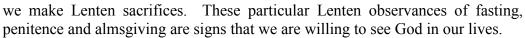


The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

"Rooted in Gospel Values"

My dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League,

It is this time of year we love and do not like. Like the first of January, when we make those New Year's resolutions, Lent is also seen as a time when



For forty days, Moses and the Israelites were in the desert where they longed to see their God. During their desert experience, they encountered the hardships and the depths of despair. But, they found comfort in each other and learned how to cope with the problems they were facing by being there for each other, believing not only in themselves, but in others and ultimately in their God.

For us living today, Lent can be the same; a time in which we can grow closer to each other and God. We learn more about ourselves. We come to a deeper realization of how Jesus is present in our lives. We encounter Jesus in a greater way and live out that faith as He did in those acts of charity and penance.

For us, the season of Lent is a time of faith, belief and journeying. The forty days of Lent are portrayed as Jesus' own experience in the desert. Here, as we read in sacred scripture, he was tempted by the devil. But Jesus came out on top. He did not give into Satan's demands.

Lent is also seen as a journey especially for those involved in the RCIA process. For months, these people have been preparing to become fully initiated into the Church. By way of scrutiny, they continue to see how Jesus is present in their lives in a new light.

As we journey as Moses and the Israelites did, discovering God, we call upon the Holy Spirit this Lenten season to give us strength to see us through our troubled times. As we recognize the evils of the world today and return to the Gospel, we grow as better people.

As women of the Catholic Women's League this is our call, our mission. Let our experience of Lent, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit be lived out in what we profess, as we continue to build the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Trevor

The Catholic Women's League of Canada Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Council

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"Rooted in Gospel Values"



Dear Sisters in the League,

Happy New Year to all League members across the diocese. I pray this year will be one of joy, faith and fulfillment in your personal lives and success in all initiatives we adopt as a League.

Several councils have held, or will hold elections soon. Thank you to all who are leaving positions for all of your service. Please continue to be a "light" for the members in your council and mentor the new executive. Welcome to new executive members. The diocesan council looks forward to working with you and is willing to offer you support in any way we can. We are just a quick email or phone call away.

Homelessness

As you are aware, our provincial president Anne Madden chose "Homelessness" as the theme for her term. I know that councils have embraced this and many have tackled this issue in a variety of very creative ways.

Thank you to our regional chairpersons for conducting informative Fall meetings. In all three regions we had wonderful guest speakers who spoke about the issue of homelessness and risk for homelessness and opened our eyes to the reality of the problem.

Our diocesan initiative to address just one consequence of the issue-hunger, will be a diocesewide Food Drive to be held on April 14, 2018. You will be hearing more about the details at a later date.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

Although this is not a national project this year, we are encouraged to find some way to support 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on Friday, May 4, 2018. The prayer can take place within a parish church, a house of worship, a home or elsewhere. Participation may include a large congregation, a few friends or solitary prayer at home. It is recommended that parishioners, members of neighbouring churches and other faith groups be invited to participate. Where possible, it would be ideal to include the Knights of Columbus and any ecclesial movements or associations in your parish or diocese. The twelve hours can be designed around local schedules.

Suggestions for planning parish council events:

Extend your invitation to neighbouring faith communities, family and friends. Plan your event in concert with National Hospice and Palliative Care Week events where possible. Supply brochures on palliative care facilities and services.

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President

Encourage participation in the 12 Hours of Prayer petition.

Offer refreshments and a time for fellowship and information sharing.

Welcome and support those who wish to share their own experiences of giving and receiving care.

Take a free will offering for a local palliative care facility.

Discuss ways that your council can assist in this important work.

National did provide resource material last year which you can use again this year. Some of it can be found at the following sites:

https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Information-and-Resources-final-forwebsite-45.pdf

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*****If you are undertaking the petition, anyone who signed the petition last year is not eligible to sign the petition again (the second signature does not count.)

Council Anniversaries in 2018

Please join with me in offering congratulations to the following councils on their many years of faithful service to God and Canada through the League:

St John the Evangelist (1935) Garson	Feb 25, 1938	80 years
St James the Greater (1947) Blind River	June 2, 1928	90 years
St Jude (2006) formerly Good Shepherd (1947)	June 11, 1928	90 years
St Sebastian (1928) Spanish	Aug 24, 1928	90 years
St Francis of Assisi (1893) Walford	Aug 28, 1928	90 years
St Patrick (1958)	Dec 14, 1958	60 years

98th Annual Diocesan Convention

Planning is underway for the diocesan convention April 27 to 29, 2018 in Sudbury at the Holiday Inn, a new venue for an exciting convention. Our co-conveners Cathy Burns and Ann Koivu are doing a great job with all the councils in Sudbury to ensure that delegates feel the sisterhood and spirituality of the League. Provincial President Anne Madden, will be joining us as will some of the National Strategic Plan Steering Committee for the "Building on Foundation, the League of the Future". We are delighted that Bishop Marcel Damphousse will bring greetings at the Saturday banquet and will celebrate our Closing Mass on Sunday morning.

It would be wonderful if every council was represented by a voting delegate, two accredited delegates and some other members, too. If you wish to attend convention and finances are a concern, approach your council and see what can be done to assist you. Many councils budget or hold fund raisers to help send members to convention. I look forward to seeing you there and getting my hugs!

Forgive the past, live the present, dream the future!



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1st Vice-President & Community Life

Giselle Floyd

"To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus."

Pope Francis



HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON

Provincial President Anne Madden has presented us with the task of focusing on homelessness.

Homelessness is one of the growing harsh realities in our world and fortunately, the majority of us will never know this hardship.

As a Diocesan Council we put our heads together to come up with a project that we could complete throughout the entire diocese in one day. On Saturday, April 14, 2018 we will be holding a diocesan wide food drive. Our slogan is "Hunger Knows no Season". We hear of food drives taking place in the fall and winter but the reality is that hunger and homelessness is all year long. The food collected at this food drive will be split amongst the food banks and the soup kitchens.

The soup kitchens serve primarily homeless people and food banks are there to assist people in need. Many people who are in need are at risk of becoming homeless, they are the couch surfers, people who have no place of their own and are sleeping on a friend or relative's couch. They may not be single people, they may be a family of two or three, many times this includes infants and small children.

Homelessness can be the result of an addiction, a job loss, a marital split or family break up. It is not up to us to judge these people or how they have come to be in this situation. If we put ourselves in their place for just a few minutes and think of the desperation, the sadness, the loneliness, it makes us realize how much richer we are in spirit and love. Let us help people to feel God's love and spiritual healing.

1st Vice President & Community Life

How can you help?

Here are some suggestions:

Run a food drive at your parish and bring these donations to your local designated drop off on **Saturday**, **April 14**th councils may decide that they will make a monetary donation to be used towards food purchases by these organizations.

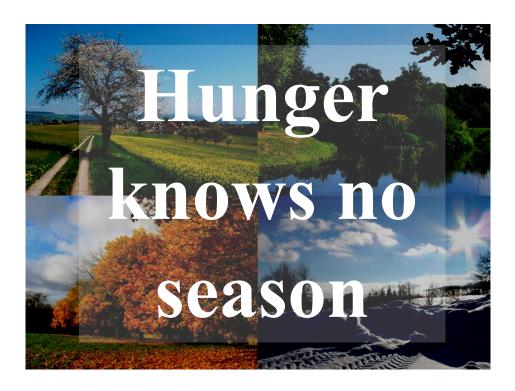
If your employer allows, ask for food donations at your place of employment donate your time and assist at the designated locations on the day of the food drive **SPREAD THE WORD** of this event to family, neighbours, friends and co-workers.

Members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada are true women of action. We have promised to answer God's call. Let us do so with grace and compassion for those in need.

We have been fortunate to have three wonderful ladies assist us in this project to be the liaison with the retailers, individual councils and diocesan council.

Blessings,

Giselle



CWL members from across the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie are coming together to help feed the hungry in our communities as part of a diocesan wide initiative being held on **Saturday April 14, 2018**.

Lead members from each Region representing North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie are coming together to coordinate the efforts in each community and liaise with councils and community partners.

Special thanks to the following members for coordinating efforts in each region.



Rita Laferriere North Bay



Lucie Muscolino Sudbury



Colleen Murphy
Sault Ste. Marie

98th SSM Diocesan Council Annual Convention *April 27-29 2018*

This year's convention is being co-chaired by the dynamic duo of **Ann Koivu** and **Cathy Keaney Burns**. They are working tirelessly with the presidents and councils in Sudbury to welcome you in April. Gather your friends and register today!





We're at a new venue!





Won't you come and join us this year in Sudbury.
Attending convention is an opportunity!





IN THIS ISSUE:

We are pleased to be spotlighting parish council presidents and regional spiritual advisors from across the diocese.

Presidents provide leadership and along with members from their respective councils, represent the League in many parish activities, diocesan events and community initiatives.

The League is well represented indeed!

The good works of all of the councils in our diocese would not be possible without the dedicated and committed service from members "on the ground".

Magic happens when we get to work!

If you are interested in learning more about the League, or contributing in a leadership role within your parish councils, speak to your council president or a member of the diocesan council today!

THE NORTH BAY REGION



Louise Cazabon-Regimbal President St. Peter the Apostle Council

Hi, I have been a CWL member since 2007. While on the Executive Committee I fulfilled the duties of recording secretary, community life chairperson. I am currently a member of the Parish Pastoral Council of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, a member of Liturgy Committee and Development & Peace.

Most recently our council's project was 'Homelessness'. Parishioners donated items which were distributed to various locations within our community. I wish to thank everyone who participated. It was a huge success! I love spending time with my family.

I enjoy all types of physical activity. My favorites are: yoga, bicycling and swimming. I truly enjoy serving and promoting my faith!

"Prayer is the road to heaven and faith opens the door"

Frances Ann (Fran) Malette President Holy Name of Jesus Council

I was raised in Temiscaming, Quebec. I married my high school sweetheart and we have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. I am a retired RNA. I have been a CWL member for 20 years, but only active about 10 years. I have convened Community Life and Education/Health Committees, penny sales and silent auctions. I am now in my second year as President. My goal is to keep our council active and enthusiastic in all that we do for our council, our parish and our community.



NORTH BAY REGION



Maudena Farnsworth President Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

I was born in Drumheller
Alberta and my sister in Hanover
Germany. We were Military Brats so
grew up in many places. In 1964 my Dad
retired and moved us back to Cape
Breton where we were raised. In 1968
after graduation I moved to Toronto and
worked for Bell Canada. Nancy, a girl I

met there, invited me to her home for Christmas. It was there I met her big brother. The rest, as the saying goes, is history. Married in 1969. 3 children and 5 grandchildren later she will be married 49 years in May.

My first encounter with the CWL was when my Mother gave me a membership when I was 16. She took me to my first and only meeting where I met all these older women with hats, gloves and serving tea and yes from silver tea service I thought this is not for me. But bless her heart she faithfully paid my dues till she died in 1976. She told me I would need this group some day.

I renewed my membership when I came to the Pro Cathedral in 2004. In that time I have been recording secretary, president, organization chairperson, corresponding secretary and now on my second term as president. I am also the Funeral Luncheon Coordinator as well as a Captain of a team.

I am truly enjoying it although very happy we do not wear hats and gloves now. The CWL are a group of loving women who through The CWL are serving God. The one lesson I learned was "Mama is always right!" *Blessings, Maudena*



Look for spotlights on the following Presidents and Regional Spiritual Advisor in the next issue:

June de Sousa, President St. Alphonsus Council

Corinne Dionne, President Our Lady of Sorrows Council

S. Rita Godon, csj North Bay Regional Spiritual Advisor

SAULT STE. MARIE REGION



Maureen Gooderham President Precious Blood Cathedral Council

I have been a member of the CWL for twenty-one years. During this time I have enjoyed getting to know the ladies of the League and share our faith together. Throughout my involvement with the league I have gained knowledge of the Catholic Women's League by taking on several different executive positions. I look forward to the leadership role in 2018-19 and learning from my sister members of the parish and beyond.

Colleen Murphy President St. Gerard Majella Council

Hi, I'm Colleen Murphy, Parish President of our St. Gerard Majella CWL Council here in Sault Ste. Marie.

I am from Saskatchewan and have a terrific husband, Bill, 4 wonderful daughters, and 2 sweet granddaughters. I've been a member of CWL since 1988, and have been on the parish executive for most of that time. CWL has surrounded me with a beautiful community of Catholic women who are active, faithful and fun! As president, and



by participating in various regional and diocesan committees, my circle of CWL friends is even wider and more inspiring!

SAULT STE. MARIE REGION



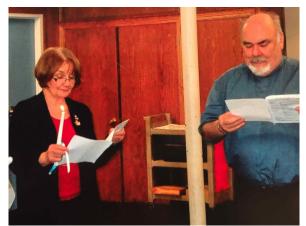
Rose Linklater President St. Veronica Council

My name is Rose Linklater, I am the CWL President for St. Veronica's Parish in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario I only joined the league when we resumed the CWL 6 years ago in our parish after there had not been a CWL for many years. Being part of the League has blessed me with meeting lots of new friends, and sharing our faith together.

Marj Farand President Our Lady of Fatima Council Elliot Lake

I have been a member for 20 years. When I lived in Wawa, I also was president, then moved to Elliot Lake in 1990. Wasn't too active then as we spent the winters in Florida, but became active about 2005. I am a widow for the last four years. Was married for 58 years, have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. I am a collection counter, administer the Eucharist, work at funeral luncheons, and do whatever I can to help at the church. Now that I am a widow, the church and the CWL are my life, along with my family, of course.





Lois Lemieux President Our Lady of Good Counsel Council

President Lois Lemieux and Rev. Paul Conway from Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish taken at the installation of officers held in January 2016. We are proud to announce we have a new President. Connie Beaudry will be installed February 20, 2018 and will serve for the 2018-2020 term.

SAULT STE. MARIE REGION

Look for spotlights on the following in the next issue:

Coming Soon...

Holy Family Council

Mary Laundrie, President St. Ambrose Council

Emma Bonin, President St. Gregory Council

St. James the Greater Council

Sandy Punch, President St. Jerome Council

S. Pat Carter, csj Sault Ste. Marie Regional Spiritual Advisor

Upcoming Events in Sault Ste. Marie

Saturday February 10, 2018 Presidents' Meeting at St. Jerome Parish
Saturday February 24, 2018 Regional Spiritual Reflection at Holy Family
Saturday March 24, 2018 Regional Spring Luncheon –Grand Gardens North

Sunday February 12, 2018 St. Gerard Majella Valentine Tea Friday March 2, 2018 World Day of Prayer



Ruth-Anne Ingram Regional Spiritual Advisor Sudbury Region

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you – to serve us – to serve God. I have been given so much in this ministry – it has enriched my faith journey. I have gotten to know an amazing group of women, with diverse gifts & talents, different perspectives and understandings of the faith tradition we share as Christians and Catholics. I'm an Associate of the Sisters of St Joseph (which is how this un-

folded), a parishioner at St Patrick's. Do ministry/volunteer & service work – like all of us – in the community. Single. No kids. One cat. Enjoy listening to music but scare small animals and children when I sing.

We are all just walking each other home - Ram Dass

Noreen Cahill President Holy Redeemer Council

I am proud to be a member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada because it is the voice of Catholic women. As a member for 40 plus years it is my duty to support my faith. I believe the Social Justice issues addressed by the CWL through resolutions and reac-



tions to proposed legislation by both provincial and federal government help to change or improve the quality of life .

As a bonus, the friendships that grow from working with CWL members are endless!



Debbie Mattiazzi President Our Lady of Hope Council

I have been a member of the Catholic Women's League for 27 years. The first year as president has been so very rewarding and educational. We were very fortunate to have wonderful guest speakers on homelessness and human trafficking. Our participation on blankets for palliative care and purses with personal hygiene items for homeless women's shelter. We delivered 12 blankets to the North Eastern Cancer

Center and 62 purses to the New Life Center. We have definitely witnessed Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call .

Marlynn Paul President Our Lady of Peace Council

I have been a member of the CWL at Our Lady of Peace for 11 years and most of those years I have been President.

I volunteer at the school in Capreol and also at the Capreol Cross Country ski club.

I am on the Pastoral Committee at St. Kevin and a Eucharistic Minister.



Diane Myre President St. John the Evangelist Council

I was born in Sudbury, and raised in Garson.

I am mother of two and GMA to five grandchildren.

I am an Education Officer with the IODE City of Lakes Chapter, and Secretary/Actor with the Sudbury Rising Stars

I have been a member of St.John's CWL council for 12 years and have held the positions of Organization, Secretary, President Elect and now President.



Pat Hinds President St. Kevin Council

I am serving my second term as president of St. Kevin's council. I have also served as Treasurer for the Sudbury Regional Committee. I have been a member of the CWL for 45 years. I am a third generation member. This year we had over 70 people attend a celebration of marriages, several couples married over 60 years.

Jackie Le Drew President St. Alexander Council

I have been a C.W.L. member for 35 years and this is my 4th term as President. I love the League and all it represents. I have moved 38 times all across Canada from Newfoundland to Alberta and have met some astounding women. My prayer is for the League to continue growing and serving God and Canada as well as our global brothers and sisters.





Terry Rapsky
President
St. Bartholomew Council

I joined the CWL 37 years ago. I first joined the League by being confronted by a member, and so with curiosity I attended a meeting and was moved by what it represented. I have served as President for many years, and continue to serve to this day.



Valarie Vondette President St. Jude Council

I began my membership 40 years ago in Sault Ste. Marie, from there. I moved to British Columbia where I continued being an active member in Surrey then in Richmond before returning to Espanola (my home town), 8 years ago. I was

president of our League in Sault Ste. Marie, (St. Joseph The Worker) in Richmond (St. Paul's) and now in Espanola. Besides being a CWL member I am active in several ministries in our parish of St. Jude's.

Kathy Smorhay President St. Pius X Council

I have been a member of the Catholic Women's League for 22 years. I have served on past Executive as Secretary and as Chairperson of Christian Family Life. In our Parish I currently serve on Parish Finance, am a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. I enjoy curling, golfing and travelling with my family.



Nancy Tyson President St. Bonaventure Council

Hi My name is Nancy Tyson and I am the new C.W.L. President of St. Bonaventure's council in Killarney. I have been a member of the League for over 30 yrs. I very much enjoy working for the League. I also have been a Personal Support Worker for 30 yrs. I feel very blessed to be able to part of our wonderful organization.



Angelika Beauchamp President St. Patrick Council

My Life in Numbers.

I am celebrating my 16th year as a CWL member, and was a member of The St. Lawrence Ladies Auxiliary for 17 years. I will be celebrating my 34th year as being "Catholic" on October 27th. I have been a widow for 21 years and have raised 2 beautiful daughters. My first language is German, hence Angelika is spelled with a "k", and my friends call me "Geli".

Take care. Blessings are many, Geli

Look for spotlights on the following Presidents in the next issue:



Sandra Boyd, President St. Paul the Apostle Council

Faye Wafer, President St. Stanislaus Council

Catherine Luoma, President Christ the King Council

Adele Beckerton, President St. Sebastien Council

President St. Francis of Assisi Council

<u>Upcoming Events in Sudbury</u>

Sunday April 8, 2018

Spring Luncheon at Lexington Hotel 1 pm



Forward a picture and brief description of your council celebration or member's special presentations/awards to be included in the next newsletter!



Development & Peace celebrates outstanding contributions and resents certificates of honour to women and men, including CWL members from across the Diocese of SSM. Shown in the photo, from left to right: Rose-Marie Valade; National Member from Northern Ontario (Dioceses of Thunder Bay,

SSM, Timmins, Hearst, Moosonee), Carmelina Spry; SSM, Glenda Brady and Jack Brady; Manitoulin Island, Doreen Merkas; Garson, Bill O'Donnell, Janice Leuschen; Sudbury, Jane Chaput; SSM, Genevieve Gallant; Development and Peace Animator from Ottawa.

Agnes Canfield received a 75 year service pin. Agnes currently resides in a nursing home in North Bay, and continues to call Our Lady of Fatima in Elliot Lake her home council.

Flora-Jean Travis, Past President of Our Lady of Fatima CWL Council in Elliot Lake was presented with a Maple Leaf Service Pin by Marj Farand, council president.





Sue Quackenbush, Sudbury Regional Chairperson was honoured with a Maple Leaf Service Pin from her council at St. John the Evangelist. In Garson.

Isabel Bordin, Lorraine Campbell, Enola Stilin were presented with 60

year service pins as part of an anniversary pin ceremony and dinner for St. Gerard Majella Council members.

Councils in action!



North Bay Region

Each December, the members of St. Peter the Apostle CWL Council, North Bay, deliver gifts to various charities in the community. This is made possible through the generous donations of members and parishioners. Hats, scarves, mitts, sweaters, blankets, slippers, and

assorted toiletries were distributed to the Crisis Centre, Transition House, Catholic Charities, the Gathering Place and the Warming Centre. Pictured are: Marcelle Beaulieu, Dianne Whorley-Campsall, Diane Aultman, Lorena Armellini, Shirley Marcotte, Theresa Crawford and Louise Cazabon-Regimbal.

Sudbury Region

In support of the Ontario provincial council's focus on homelessness, members of Our Lady of Hope council, Sudbury, collected gently used purses and filled them with toiletry items for one of our local women's shelter. We delivered 63 purses to the Cedar Place New Life Centre, the women's branch of the Salvation Army.





Feature your member activities
and special projects here by
submitting your photo and a brief
description to
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