



Catholic Women's League

St. Bartholomew Council

59 Heather Road, Scarborough, ON.

Fall 2016

Calendar of Events

Executive Meetings

7 pm– 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July, August and December)

General Meetings -Last Tuesday of every month (except June, July, August and December)

World Day of Prayer for Peace in Syria—Oct 4

National Family Week Oct 3 –7

End Woman Abuse Mass Nativity of Our Lord Church.

450 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke
Wednesday Oct 12 , 7:00 pm.

Scarborough Region Fall General Meeting St. Aiden's 3501 Finch Ave E.

Thursday Oct 13, 7:00 pm

CWL Membership Recruitment Fair

October 22 & 23

St Barnabas CWL 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Rembrandt Banquet Hall (Tickets \$40/person)
October 15

Sale of Right to Life Cards October 29 & 30

Sale of Fall Raffle Tickets November 5 & 6

Regional Mass for Living & Deceased CWL Members

St Bartholomew Church
Tuesday November 15, 7:00 pm

Baking Bee November 16

BakeSale & Raffle November 19 & 20

Christmas Party December 6th

Rosalie Hall Bassinette Narthex
December 10 & 11

St Bartholomew CWL Executives 2016-2017

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Fr. Fred Foley
President: Theresa Greasley
Treasurer: Anne Wylie
Recording Secretary: Brenda Bourne
Past President: Sonia DaCosta-Spence

Executive Chairs:

Spiritual Development: Lisa Silva
Christian Family Life: Sheilah D'Souza
Education & Health: Flora Vaz
Communications: Teresa Menezes

A Message from the President

Dear Sisters

Sisters in the league, I hope you all enjoyed your summer and will be looking forward to the balance of the year with enthusiasm and full of energy.

The first half of the year we had Stations of the Cross, Public Speaking, Spring Bake Sale and Raffle, The Feast of our Lady of Good Counsel, TDC Convention, Feast of Corpus Christi (Bread Day), Summer Strawberry Social, and Garage sale.

I must congratulate those who stepped up to give their time, talents, donation of food and merchandise to make these events successful.

As we embark on the last three months, I look forward to your continued support and input for the remaining events for 2016. May God Bless you all and with the help of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, may she guide us in our task for the good of each other.

Theresa

President 2016-2017

A Message from Father Foley

Dear Ladies of St. Bartholomew's CWL,

As summer draws rapidly to a close let us gear-up our energy, ideas & zeal for the following year. I thank you for all your efforts expended this past year for the CWL and greater glory of Jesus Christ & His Church.

Ten Ways To Love

Listen without interrupting _____ Proverbs 18
Speak without accusing. _____ James 1:19
Give without sparing. _____ Proverbs 21: 26
Pray without ceasing. _____ Colossians 1: 9
Answer without arguing _____ Proverbs 17: 1
Share without pretending _____ Ephesians 4: 15
Enjoy without complaint _____ Philippeans 2: 14
Trust without wavering _____ 1Corinthians 13: 7
Forgive without punishing _____ Colossians 3: 13
Promise without forgetting _____ Proverbs 13: 12

Love And Do What You Will

"Love and do what you will. Whether you hold your peace, through love hold you peace. Whether you cry out, through love cry out. Whether you correct, though love correct. Whether you spare, through love, must you spare. Let the root of love be within. For of this root can nothing come except that which is good"

Augustine, Sermon on the First Epistle of John 4:4—12

Year of Mercy: Spiritual Food

As the Extraordinary Year of Mercy designated by Pope Francis draws to its close, November 30, 2016, (Feast of Christ the King). Pope Francis wants us to realize that all of us have been recipients of God's mercy and have been personally chosen to be loved by God. We are to pass the mercy on to others, otherwise, though we receive it , we may not get it. Remember the Mercy of God never cease. It's like His Faithfulness "...it is fresh every morning." *Lamentation 3:23. There is plenty to go around and never runs dry.*

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

"Yahweh is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness." **Psalm 103:8**

"I give you a new commandment,says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." **John 13:34**

From the fruit of love flows mercy, compassion, charity, forgiveness justice, and all the derivatives. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit sums up nine attributes of a Christian's life according to Paul in his Letter to the Galatians: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." **Galatians 5:22-23**

The Corporal Works of Mercy flows from the Beatitudes," Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy."

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are acts of kindness by which we help our neighbours with their material and physical needs.

**Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead**

Here is spiritual food for thought:

M is for Mercy .

We ask God to be merciful to us. We too must show mercy and compassion to others in their time of need to be "Merciful Like The Father." "You, who are the dispenser of My mercy, tell all the world about My goodness, and thus you will comfort My Heart" (*Diary of St Faustina # 580*).

E is for Everlasting.

We must encourage others to have Hope and Trust in God's mercy. Open the door of our hearts, let the rays of His Divine Mercy permeate into our lives as we endeavour to share God's Mercy to those in our world.

R is for Restoration & Renewal.

"Return to Me says the Lord" "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." **Isaiah 12:3.**

"Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the Lord." **Lamentation 3:40.**

C is for Continuous Mercy.

As we drove through Osoyoos in the Okanagan Region of British Columbia during the summer I watched the flow of the river that was endless. So it is with God's mercy.

God's mercy flows forever. It never runs dry. Its "like a river that cannot explain why it follows a particular course, but simply flows onwards." He who finds Me finds life and obtains favour from the Lord." **Sirach 24: 23. " He is like a tree planted by the water..."**

"... Those who delight in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..." Psalm 1:2-3

Y is for Yesterday, Today & Forever.

God is always merciful, compassionate, forgiving, loving, and kind. He has no limits, no beginning and no end. Let us ask Mary, our Mother of mercy to intercede to the Father on our behalf in our time of need and for the wisdom to recognize the needs of others.

"If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)

May God bless us with truth in our vision of mercy and charity in our hearts as we seek to do God's Will.

"Father , do in us what You must in order to do through us what You will. "

Sonia DaCosta-Spence

C - Could W - Women L - Lend a Hand

Being a witness for mercy is a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion. As Catholics throughout the world celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us as Catholic Women reflect on what we can do.

"Be Merciful as your Father is Merciful". Luke, 6:36:

Rediscover oneself by getting involved not only as a member but as an active council member which will bring more young women sharing our interests knowing what Women of Faith can do and achieve in many aspects of life.

At St. Bartholomew's Council we are extremely blessed to have 70+ members who continue with a voice telling others what it is like to promote the teachings and gospel values. God has enriched us with talents, therefore let us continue to share our talents with other ladies in the parish. and league

Pope Francis has shown the world what we all can do and share with others alike. Guide and Lead

Blessings
Brenda Bourne

Looking Back

Knights of Columbus Recognition of CWL

On April 9, 2016 the Knights of Columbus of St. Bartholomew's Council 11813 celebrated their 20th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner Dance at the Queen of Poland Church hall. The evening's gala celebrated two decades of dedicated service by playing a significant role in supporting communities and providing numerous programs and services through volunteerism. There were many Scarborough dignitaries in attendance.

The evening commenced with a Colour Guard of three Knights carrying flags from the emblem of the Order. The procession was followed with uniformed members of the Fourth Degree conducted by faithful Commander, Ben Menezes. The formation was truly knightly and regal as they marched in.

In Recognition of Service, the Knights of Columbus presented our CWL President, Theresa Greasley a Certificate of Appreciation. Deputy Grand Knight and Anniversary Gala Chair, SK, Manfred von Vulte acknowledged the League's participation and support in all the Programs/Events of the Knights during the past years. Also, for contributing toward their 20th Anniversary brochure.

The Certificate of Recognition was presented by GK Alex Channappan Arokiam.

Another Certificate of Appreciation was presented (in abstention) to our CWL member Michelina Maulucci for helping with the Knights of Columbus Garage Sales. Many of the wives of the Knights of Columbus at St. Bartholomew's Council are members of the Catholic Women's League. Our sisters of the League have always assisted the Knights of Columbus in their Parish activities - Children's Christmas Party, Garage Sales, Church Services, March for Life or any event that require the assistance of our League sisters.

Sheilah D'Souza
CWL, Christian Family Life

Summer Strawberry Social-Fundraiser

Our Summer Strawberry Social was held on June 25th in the Narthex at St. Bartholomew's Parish. In attendance were Fr. Foley, our two retired deacons, Tab and Leo and members' husbands, friends and family. It started with the welcoming of those in attendance followed by the recital of the League's Prayer. Fr. Foley said the Grace which was followed by the partaking of the refreshments. There were lots to eat and drink (The punch was fabulous).

The entertainment by Michelle Glean was a rounding success. She had everyone singing and the laughing was infectious. The mood was joyful and if there was

enough space, maybe some would have danced. We played games and at first they were a bit taxing, but as we played along it became easier. Sheets with ten sentences were handed out to each table of six members so that they would search for the name of a fruit scrambled in each statement.

Thanks to Sheilah D'Souza for this puzzle. It was fun eventually, thanks to Lisa for her wit and jovial attitude. We then held the draw for the door prizes and finally had the dessert of waffles, ice cream, strawberry and whip cream which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the chef and decorator, Michelina who prepared both the waffles and the centre pieces for the tables. Our team of Sheilah, Michelina, Michelle Glean, Flora, Michelle Khan and myself did a wonderful job of organizing. Setting up and cleaning up. A good time was had by all.

Theresa Greasley

DINNER TO CELEBRATE SUMMER BREAK

On Tuesday, June 29th at the Paramount Restaurant at 2450 Sheppard Ave (Sheppard and Victoria Park) 22 of our members attend our summer break dining out.

The reasons for selecting this restaurant were three-fold – first, because of the close location; second, we wanted to try some new and interesting cuisine and third, the manager at the restaurant is none other than Mario, member of our first refugee family. Although he was not on duty, he dropped in and informed the staff that we were from his church community and wished to say hello. He was delighted to see so many of us.

There was much deliberation on what to order. The challenges of a large group dining out. Everyone wanted something that was tasty yet not spicy, filling yet not too exotic. The staff were very helpful in assisting us make our selections. The evening started with baskets of freshly baked pita bread delivered to the each table. These were eaten plain or dipped in Baba ghanoush (roasted eggplant dip) or hummus. The food arrived in succession on large platters, heaped with simmering meats and aromatic rice or crispy fries. The evening was filled with lots of conversation, laughter, and merriment throughout the meal.

General consensus was the food met with complete approval. Almost everyone took home a "doggie bag." After dinner, our President, Theresa, presented a cake to Anne Wylie and Cecile Santiago to celebrate their birthdays. We all enjoyed a slice of cake, we were too full to order dessert. The evening ended with enthusiastic wishes for a great summer and plans to see each other soon – in September, or maybe at the garage sale in July. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Flora Vaz

Registration for the 2016 TDC Convention

Every year, the annual Toronto Diocesan Convention is organized and with the help of the various regions assisting in various tasks, we enjoy a successful convention. This year, Scarborough Region was responsible for Registration. Philomena Menezes, Scarborough Regional Chair, asked me to join the registration team.

My knowledge of spreadsheets and other programs gave me the ability to keep accurate records. My primary responsibility was to keep track of all the registrants, both online and paper submitted by mail. I entered all the data from the paper forms, merged the online entries, posted the payments as they arrived and deposited the cheques in the bank.

What I didn't realize was that handling the actual registrations is only part of the job. The registration team is also responsible for putting together the packages that every attendee receives. The package includes a personalized envelope with their name tag, the annual TDC report and the program of the convention; as well as a tote bag filled with whatever "freebies" were donated. Philomena did an excellent job of gathering enough items to put into the totes. I printed approximately 400 envelope labels as well as name tags using the master spreadsheet of registrations. I'm happy to say I acquired a new skill – how to use mail merge!

On the day prior to the convention, the Registration team was at the hotel, stuffing all the envelopes and filling the convention bags with goodies. The next step was to sort the envelopes by Region, and put them in alphabetical order for distribution. We were all suffering from paper cuts by the end of the day!

As the convention convened, several Scarborough Region volunteers manned the Registration desk. Each day I had to process walk-in registrants, receive any payments that were still due, and print new name tags whenever a change was needed or a new member registered.

At several times during the convention, Philomena had the responsibility to present the "Credentials Report". This is the count of how many voting and accredited delegates were in attendance on that day. With very limited time, the numbers in attendance had to be tallied for each report so that Philomena would have the information at the morning and afternoon mandatory presentation when called upon. We worked hard at our responsibility but we ensured that Scarborough came through with flying colours!

Scarborough Region will be responsible for Registration again next year. I learned a lot from this experience and I'm sure that we will all be able to perform a much better job next time.

Anne Wylie

Milestone Birthdays.

Anna Leodolter celebrated her 85th on Valentine's Day. Trudy Vanderkooy celebrated her 84th, while in May, Mary Ratchford celebrated 81st. Our nonagenarians Amelia Pereria and Mary Charbonneau celebrated 92 and 90 respectively in March and June. In August Gwen Lee, our oldest member celebrated her 93rd. On October 17th Mona Brindley will celebrate her 90th.

At our March meeting as part of the birthday celebrations, Trudy and Mary received a yellow rose corsage followed by cake, ice cream, cheese & crackers and non alcoholic champagne to toast the birthday ladies, singing happy birthday and "They are jolly good fellas". Anna and Amelia were not in attendance.

At our May meeting Mary Charbonneau was presented with a congratulatory letter from the Governor General on her milestone birthday.

Some of our members are shy and would prefer not to have their milestone publicly acknowledged. We wish all our members a happy birthday on their special day and will continue to celebrate birthdays as part of the social segment at our meetings.

Bereavement Corner

In September one of our members Sandra Talman passed away. Please refer to our Book of Life for information. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine on her. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed CWK members rest in peace, through the Mercy of God.

To those who are suffering the loss of a loved one, may the God of Comfort wrap His loving arms around you and Mary uphold you in her Mantle of faithful love.

Sick Note Corner

To our members who are at this time incapacitated due to illness know that you are being prayed for each time we meet.

Birthday Club

Congratulation to all our members who celebrated a birthday during the months June through August. If you did not hear from us, we are sorry we missed your special day. Please let us know before our next meeting. We all enjoy ice cream and cake when we celebrate birthdays at our General Meeting social time.

DID YOU KNOW ALL CONVENTIONS ARE SCENT FREE?

The Toronto Diocesan Council will be hosting the 2018 Provincial Convention.

2017 96th -Toronto Diocesan Convention—May 4th & May 5th. Airport Marriot Hotel—901 Dixon Road, Toronto.

2017 Provincial Convention Wednesday July 9th to Friday July 12th

2017 National CWL Convention Sunday August 6th to Wed August 9th.

Delta Prince Edward, Charlottetown, PEI