

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SEPTEMBER, 2009

Dear Parishioners:

This newsletter is for the purpose of making the Parishioners of St. Peter's more familiar with the activities of St. Peter's Council of the Catholic Women's League in both the Goderich and Clinton sites of our Parish.

Executive:

Spiritual Director	Father John Jasica
President	Eveleen McDonagh
President-Elect	Judy Van Beers
Secretary	Evelyn Shand
Treasurer	Marie MacDonald
Past President/Historian	Susan Hotchkiss

Conveners of Standing Committees:

Organization	Crystal Crowley and Adele Drennan
Christian Family Life	Anne Brand
Community Life	Toni Schaefer
Education and Health	Anne Marie Lambert and Rose-Marie Evans
Communications	Mary Lou Aubin
Special Events	Delores Klages
Funeral Lunches/Socials	Emma Franken, Tina Gallow, Mary Lou Aubin

Most people are aware of the roles of the Executive, but to make everyone more aware of the duties of the above mentioned committees, the following is a brief outline of the directives for each committee and some of the things that our Council has undertaken since January 1st of this year:

Organization:

To recruit members, maintain membership, promote leadership development, obtain and maintain League resource material, prepare annual reports and keep track of life memberships.

Thankfully, thirty-one members from St. Joseph's in Clinton transferred to Goderich and at present we have 212 members. Unfortunately, eight members have died this year. We have had 8 new members and at our June meeting, the following service pins were presented:

10 years - 4 members	25 years - 2 members
40 years - 4 members	50 years - 4 members

60 years - 3 members

65 years - 1 member

- Two members received Maple Leaf pins for exceptional service.

St. Peter's Council is always looking for new members. If you find yourself drawn to the work of the C.W.L., but aren't able to commit to meetings or extra work at this time in your life, consider taking out a membership, keep it active, and, sometime in the future, you may have time to share your skills and talents. Membership fees are due on December 1st, in each year.

Christian Family Life:

To promote and support christian marriage and family, the sanctity of life, vocations, ministry to youth, disabled, seniors, widowed, separated and the divorced.

Since the beginning of this year, the convener of this committee has arranged for prayers at the funeral home and for an honour guard for deceased members, purchased gifts for First Communion and Confirmation celebrants, arranged for our Council to take part in the World Day of Prayer, and arranged for a Mass on April 25th, the Feast of our Patron Saint, Our Lady of Good Counsel, for living and deceased members of our Council.

Community Life:

To promote and support dignity and rights of persons, social and economic justice, refugees, immigration and citizenship, and The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace in developing countries.

A collection of used articles for the Dr. Simone collection was organized this past spring and, thanks to Mr. Neil Stapleton, the items were delivered to the depot in Toronto for shipment to the Third World. Thanks also to Marlene Shore for soliciting contributions for this cause.

Education and Health:

To promote and support Catholic education, Rites of Christian Initiation, literacy, continuing education, scholarships and bursaries. To educate with respect to wellness and sickness, the environment, and genetics.

This committee has purchased gifts and arranged a reception for RCIA celebrants, presented awards to graduates of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Elementary Schools, and the Goderich and Clinton District High Schools, as well as acting as liaison between the schools and our Council.

Communications:

To promote and support the League in respect to all forms of media, including

contributions to the Canadian League Magazine, newsletters, bulletins, and the prevention of pornography.

Social and Special Events:

These two Committees are responsible for all social events sponsored by the League. Lunches have been provided for receptions following funerals for Parishioners of the Clinton and Goderich sites of St. Peter's Church. So far this year, two Parish breakfasts have taken place and several "Coffee Sundays" have been held. A community luncheon and card party was held in May.

If any Parishioner wishes to assist in social events, such as setting up tables, preparing food, washing table cloths, baking, etc., the conveners would love to hear from you. Any amount of time would be most appreciated.

Coming Events: (Watch for details in upcoming Church bulletins)

- ***Retreat for all women of the Parish to be held on October 3rd, facilitated by Fran Donohue and entitled "Our Inner Selves".***
- ***Annual Bazaar to be held on October 17th.***

THANKS!!!!

Thanks to all Parishioners for your support in all of the League's past endeavours, including saving Zehrs tapes. Our Council has received approximately \$700.00 per year over the past few years from your contribution of Zehrs tapes. This money helped in donations to charity, to our local hospital, and to purchase items for the kitchen, meeting room and parish hall.

***Questions or comments are welcome.
Please contact any member of the Executive or call 519-524-9427.***