

Journey with Life Member **Audrey Louise Devanney**

In my adolescent years two of my neighbours held office in the Catholic Women's League. They were well thought of in the community and fostered my interest in such a worthy organization.

I was a member of Saint Mary's Parish and in 1950 the parish of Canadian Martyrs was formed. I automatically became a member of the new parish and attended the Catholic Women's League organization meetings. In the meantime I joined the 'Sodality of Our lady' and eventually became president, carrying out the Sodality duties, as well as organizing Cana Conferences and Perpetual Adoration programs.

I officially joined the Canadian Martyrs Catholic Women's League in 1952 and after a period of time became president carrying out the duties allocated to a parish president, as well as duties in the Sodality.

I was elected Halifax Diocesan President 1967-1969 and travelled throughout the diocese promoting the League as well as organizing the 'Diocesan Adoption Program' which proved very successful. I recall two particular incidents where a happy childless couple adopted a baby girl which completely changed their life style, making their lives more meaningful; assisted another young married couple with a child born out of wedlock to obtain a birth certificate with the father's name; also instrumental in having the Diocesan Catholic Women's League reinstated on the formal official list for laying the Memorial Wreath at the Cenotaph, on Remembrance Day.

I am a past member of the following: "Consolers of Mary" Convent of the Sacred Heart; Saint Vincent Guest House Auxiliary; Secretary, Board of Directors Sisters of Service and assisted in the organization of the Ladies Auxiliary; elected president of Saint Mary's Children of Mary, but due to transfer to Canadian Martyrs never held office; served on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Social Services Commission; assistant leader Canadian Martyrs Girl Guides; member of Oakfield Golf and Country Club.

Upon re-locating in Dartmouth I joined Saint Anthony's Catholic Women's League; served two terms on parish council as secretary, and reader of the Liturgy; secretary two years for Molega Lake Resident's Association.

I am presently a member of Saint Peter's Catholic Women's League and Dartmouth Handcrafters Guild.

Audrey L. Devanney
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(Note: Audrey died April 18, 1999)