

LIFE MEMBER NEWSLETTER – June 24, 2013

The Provincial Convention was held on June 7-9, 2013, at St. Louis Parish in Louisdale N.S. President, Debbie Samson was in the chair with Cecile Miller acting as Parliamentarian. It was a great event.

The facilities, the organization and the catering were second to none. As always, the spiritual aspects of our conventions give us the real sense as to why we are members of the League.

The guest speaker was Barb Dowding, National President-elect. Her presentation was on our theme "We Have Seen the Lord".

The reports were very informative as they tell us how we are doing as an organization. Joan Bona, President-elect and Organization Chairperson reported we have 4647 members in 83 Councils. There were 270 members who did not renew and we had 64 members who are deceased. Unfortunately only 47 Councils sent in reports. (see www.cwl.ns.ca)

Theresa Duane, Treasurer, had the same problem with less than half the Councils reporting. Our total monies donated to varying organizations and events totaled \$286,836.47.

One of the sad parts of the reports was when newly elected Antigonish Diocesan President, Sandra O'Connell, reported on the number of churches that will be closed in that diocese.

It was moved by Cecile Miller, St. Patrick's Council, North East Margaree, Antigonish Diocese, that the Nova Scotia Provincial Council of the Catholic Women League of Canada extend the 'Women Against Poverty Initiative' and invite all members who have not done so already to donate \$.25 a week for one year from September 2013 to September 2014. All monies collected to be sent to their Diocesan Treasurer by October 31, 2014. Motion was seconded by Sylvia Millett, St. Ignatius Council, Bedford, Halifax-Yarmouth Diocese. Motion carried.

The banquet on Saturday evening was very enjoyable. The entertainments consisted of young girls in very pretty outfits step dancing, closing with a number of members parading around the hall with lighted candles signifying "Catch the Fire" capped off by the rendition of the hymn "Go Light Your World" sung by Debbie and Joan's seven year old granddaughter. What a surprise not only for us, but for the two grandmothers.

The closing Mass is always very emotional. Fr. Doug Murphy celebrated Mass as unfortunately Bishop Dunn was ill, and unable to attend. It concluded with Reaffirmation of the Provincial Officers. The only change being the Christian Family Life Chairperson is now Peggy MacNeil as Norma MacDonald had to retire due to illness.

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Please keep in your prayers - Pat O'Toole, Florence Khattar, Florence McGillivray, and Marg Peters

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This will be my last Newsletter for the summer, but continue to advise me the members needing to be added to our prayer list.

Peace,
Ann Bradbury, LML