



### **President's Message ~ Mary McKenzie**

A warm welcome to all members of St. Leonard CWL. I'm sure you would agree that we have done a tremendous job working together as a group to fulfill our mission for God and Country. We have accomplished much in our first year together. Amazing things happen when we work together for the common good. I'm looking forward with joy and anticipation to all the support given to me in the past and as the final year of my presidency begins.

Blessings and best wishes to you and yours, with much gratitude in my heart.

### **Spiritual Advisor's Message ~ Fr. Ray Huntley**

Dear friends:

Having served in several parishes within the Diocese, I came to The Parish of Saint Leonard confident that the CWL here will be, as in my previous parishes, a source of support and inspiration for me. And such is the case! It is a joy to come to know you and to realize that our parish community has the prayers and faithful service of our CWL. And, as in the other parishes where I have served, I feel a close bond with you as we together build up the Kingdom of God in the Parish of Saint Leonard.

I often ponder the lovely words of Mother Theresa who said that we are called not necessarily to do great things, but to do the little things with great love. I see these words of Blessed Mother Theresa lived out in your service, whether it is while you are at prayer, working funeral receptions, or supporting the various ministries in our parish, diocese and country.

May God continue to bless you. May God continue to bless the Parish of Saint Leonard through you!

### **Prayer To Saint Joseph**

Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that, engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

## THE CWL INVITES YOU!

An invitation is extended to all women to become a member in the Catholic Women's League of Canada. By doing so you will be:

\*supporting the efforts of League members across Canada who are diligently working to promote the teachings of the Catholic church.

\*part of the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada with a tradition of service to others as expressed in its motto " For God and Canada."

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an organization that contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad. While your presence at meetings is important, we realize that in this busy world it may not always be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance!

The CWL members are asked to pray for the children who will receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in early May.

There are 80 children who are First Eucharist Candidates and 55 Candidates for Confirmation. Sacramental Statistics for 2007 to 2010 were published in the bulletin on February 27th, 2011.

### Why I belong to the Catholic Women's League... ~ *Leona MacNeil*

I was 27 years old when I first joined the CWL in my home parish. At the first meeting which I attended, three things happened: I was asked to take on convenorship of the Girl Guide movement in our parish

I was given a prayer leaflet which focused on Mary, Our Lady of Good Council and especially important to me was the Mission Statement: " The CWL of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God."

In my association with ladies from all levels of the CWL I've had the opportunity to meet up with so many good women -- all capable of using their gifts and talents for the betterment of our world.

For all the years ( over 50 ) that I've been a member of the CWL -- I've had no regrets. I've seen many ladies who displayed remarkable leadership, others who took on responsibility of kitchen duties while many in their quiet way did the chores which was important to any organization.

Now as I grow older and the energy is not there -- I ask myself why I should continue to belong to the CWL. Well, I can do my best to keep informed of what the CWL is doing in our parish as well as continuing to get the League Magazine and be aware of what is being accomplished by our women across Canada. I can still pray for those in need of prayers and above all I can keep in touch with my sisters in the League.

**CWL members are asked to donate an item for a Mother's Day Basket which we will sell tickets on. Please turn your item in by April 15th.**

#### *Congratulations to:*

*Fr. Bill Stephenson on his 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood on May 27th 1961.*

*Fr. Ray Huntley on his 30th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood on June 7th 1981.*

*Jessie MacNeil and Kay MacDonald on their 90th birthday.*

*We Remember: Our CWL members who have died Jessie White, Eunice Passerine and Lucy MacDonald.*

*Please remember our sick and shut-ins: Emily Doyle, Mary Aucoin, Chris Burke and Jessie White.*

