

## *Regional News—Essex*

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to be with and learn from them. Here the aforementioned resolution passed and just today I received word that it has passed as well at the National convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia and is on its way to be presented in Parliament in November of 2016. Let's pray those in Parliament will be moved to action.

Is there a topic your council is passionate about? If so, why not write a resolution. As you can see, you never know how far your good works will get! If interested please contact our new Resolutions person, Mary Bannon. Thank-you to Rebecca McCarrell for all of her hard work and inspiration when she was Resolutions chair.

Celebrations continued in Essex with two anniversaries this past spring. St. John the Evangelist in Woodslee celebrated their 95th anniversary of their council with a lovely mass, presided by Fr. Moe Charbonneau who spoke of how the League has touched his own life, that of his parishioners and the communities he has served. There was not a dry eye in the church. Thank-you to Janice Hebert and her council for the delectable dinner, which paid attention to every detail. We look forward to celebrating your 100th anniversary, the same year as the League celebrates theirs. Your council is truly an inspiration. Thank-you to Rebecca McCarrell, President-Elect for Diocesan for attending, along with Mary Lappan Treasurer, Pat Rivest, Provincial Treasurer and Marie-Theresa Lamphier, Past President Diocesan.

The second anniversary was Visitation council's 10th. They also celebrated with a wonderful dinner after mass. Thank-you to Laurie Lassaline and her council for hosting a fun-filled event. To her surprise, she received a Maple Leaf Service pin for her years of dedication to the League. Thank-you to Rebecca McCarrell, Diocesan President for attending, along with Pat Rivest and Marie-Theresa Lamphier. A good time was had by all. It was a pleasure to be able to be part of these anniversary celebrations.

Attending conventions continues to be an important and inspiring experience. Thank you to Willi Kole and her committee for their hard work at the convention in Sarnia; a job well done. Thank you too, to the councils in the region of Essex who were able to attend. Your presence there was comforting and watching everyone celebrate and interact in the social times was heart-warming. Your donations were bountiful once again, thank you. We were able to vote in our Diocesan Council for the next term and celebrate another new beginning for our League. Together we are all part of the next chapter that unfolds in our story.

I also had the delight of attending my first Provincial Convention this July in Stratford. Another level brought new experiences and a deeper understanding of our beloved League. I was fortunate to be able to be part of the committee, as London Diocese hosted for Pauline Krupa and her Provincial team. Mary Bannon and Dara Hartman were the chairs of this convention and their tireless work paid off. The amount of

work that goes into a convention is truly amazing. Everyone has their part and only when working as a team do the many tasks that need to be completed get done. Many hands lightened or supported the loads. Pauline Krupa often mentioned team work at this convention and the fruits of our Diocesan Team were plentiful and sweet. Once again the Life Members brought their wisdom and support to all. Many people took the time to stop and acknowledge how much they had enjoyed convention and how well done things were.

Pauline is full of surprises and I was blessed to be one of them. My students and I were given the opportunity of a lifetime by Pauline, Dara, Mary and Angela, being able to give back to the ladies of the CWL and "praying it forward". We were fortunate to be able to obtain and prepare the bags for convention, create placemats with a prayer and inspire two high school students to make our Acts of Mercy cards, then make a short presentation about it to share our knowledge about the League and our story. For this we will be forever grateful. Thank you too to Joe Bachetti, and Amy Lafoso, principals of St. William elementary and St. Anne HS for their donations of cost, time and their support of the Catholic Women's League and Catholic Education. Thank you councils for your donations of door prizes and the items for the goodie bags.

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