

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Before we take a break for the summer, I wanted to bring our members up-to-date on some of the highlights of the last few months.

Four CWL executive members and Fr. Joseph attended the 95th Annual **Hamilton Diocesan Convention** in Guelph. We were thrilled when co-president, Barbara Diemert was honoured with the Frances Lovering Woman of the Year award for her service to the League, the parish, and the community – a well-deserved tribute to a remarkable lady!

The convention also saw the passing of two important resolutions. The first calls for the Ontario Government to protect our Great Lakes water system from contamination by enacting legislation to ban the sale of products containing plastic microbeads. The second resolution urges Health Canada to ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides (a class of neuro-active, nicotine based insecticides) to protect the health and survival of bees, birds and aquatic invertebrates.

NEW HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The Institute of Catholic Education as instructed by Cardinal Thomas Collins, continues to review the new Health and Physical Education Curriculum, and will produce resources that will support teachers so that the new curriculum is implemented in a way that is consistent with our Catholic teachings and appropriate within the context of a Catholic classroom. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and groups representing Catholic school board educators say they are confident that the new curriculum can be taught through a Catholic lens. (Ontario Provincial Council Education and Health Standing Committee, Directive #9)

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Our parish has participated in the post card campaign urging caution and more time before any legislation regarding assisted suicide is drafted. Now we must focus on the need for trained professionals and resources to provide adequate palliative and hospice services.

BIRTHRIGHT CARD PARTY

Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies. We were pleased that so many of you helped us raise \$1,250.00 for this worthwhile volunteer run organization.

LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

Fall is shaping up to be a very busy time and we need your help.

- The annual garage sale will be September 26th, so now is a good time to start setting aside unwanted items.
- The Pornography Hurts Campaign will be undertaken in October.
- The annual Bazaar is scheduled for November 14th. We will be needing volunteers, bakers, and crafters to assist us. This advanced notice will hopefully give our talented arts and craft people lots of time to create interesting and saleable crafts.
- As a way of saying thank you to our parish family, the Advent Dinner will be held December 2nd.

Dates and details of all these events and more will be published in the Sunday bulletin as well as in our next newsletter. Please help us make a success of these projects. Get involved and share your ideas, time and talents.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us in all we do.

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