

# THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA



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## From the Prez

Welcome back from our summer break.

Along with all of you I had a very busy summer with lots of company and much fun. It was wonderful to visit with family members and friends. I give thanks to God for my many many blessings.

This week I have been putting away the summer furniture, summer clothing and water toys to get ready for the change in season. I am still hoping that God will bring back some sunny weather as we ease ourselves into Fall.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday September 16. We will begin by saying the rosary together at 8:30 a.m., attend mass at 9:00 followed by a meeting at 9:30 and then a chance to visit and catch up with coffee and cookies. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

**We wish to offer** our prayers and condolences to the families of Marie Holz, Teodoro (Ted) Mellace, Maria GasparCosta, and Theresa Beaudoin. Those named passed away this summer and will be sadly missed.

Thank you to the many hard working ladies on Vi Kovacs' Funeral team, who provided the catering for all of these funerals. Hugs to all of you.

## Next CWL General Meeting...

**This Thursday, September 16, 2010,  
following the Rosary and 9 a.m. Mass**

*Even if you cannot make the meeting  
come, pray with us at this special Mass*

**All ladies welcome**

**Visitors & New Members most welcome**

**Sunshine**, a variety of lovely and whacky hats, delicious hors d'ouvres and treats, beverages, much merriment and warm friendship were the order of the day at our 2009 – 2010 season **Mad Hatter's** wind-up party. It was held in the garden of the beautiful lakeside home of our President Cathie and hubby Brock Paton. Thank you both for giving us such a great welcome.



Vi Kovacs and Marilyn Murphy and their team deserve much thanks for all their party organizing giving us a superb afternoon. Joyce Harvey and Elaine Ecker had us rolling with laughter while they hammed it up with their skit. Carlene and company provided us with great live music. Thank you all. Now...how can we top that for next year?!

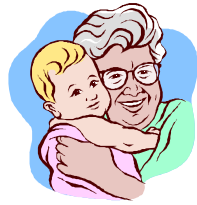
**Why I joined the CWL:** (As told by Teresa Mellace) ... because they helped my family. In the mid 1950's my dad emigrated to Canada with the idea of earning enough money to bring over his wife and three young children to live with him in this country. It was very hard to raise so much so the CWL at his parish in Montreal loaned him the money which he repaid later. They sponsored our family. When we arrived we saw a big banner stretched out that said: "Welcome Mellace Family". None of us could speak English but felt so welcomed when we saw our name on that sign.

Soon we flew to Jasper then traveled to Smithers where we settled down. When I was old enough I joined the CWL because I never forgot what they had done for us. One day our Counsel asked me to be their Treasurer, then later on I was asked to be Secretary which I gladly did as I wanted to help repay the CWL for helping us so long ago. When we moved to Osoyoos a few years ago I transferred my CWL membership to St. Anne's Council where I help in any way I am able.

I plan to stay an active member as long as I live.

## ***Prayer for our Family***

Heavenly Father,  
you have given us the model of life  
in the Holy Family of Nazareth.  
Help us, O Loving Father,  
to make our family another Nazareth  
where love, peace and joy reign.  
May it be deeply contemplative,  
intensely eucharistic,  
revived with joy.



Help us to stay together in joy  
and sorrow in family prayer.  
Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families,  
especially in their distressing disguise.  
May the eucharistic heart of Jesus  
make our hearts humble like his  
and help us to carry out our family duties  
in a holy way.  
May we love one another  
as God loves each one of us,  
more and more each day,  
and forgive each other's faults  
as you forgive our sins.  
Help us, O Loving Father,  
to take whatever you give  
and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels,  
be always with us,  
guide and protect us.

Amen.

*(Author: Mother Teresa of Calcutta)*

### ***National & Provincial CWL websites:***

<http://www.cwl.ca/>  
<http://www.cwl.bc.ca/>



See these sites for the latest CWL news,  
general information of interest to Canadian  
women of faith, our programs, as well as prayers and  
meditations

**Agnes Schmok** has kindly donated to our kitchen, a 60 cup coffee urn and a coffee carafe. We are very grateful for her thoughtful generosity. These items are certain to serve us well in our many social events in our future here at St. Anne's. Thank You Agnes!

## ***The Catholic Women's League of Canada***

(the League) was organized nationally on June 17, 1920 and granted federal incorporation on December 12, 1923. The League is officially recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) as a lay association of women and is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO), a world-wide federation holding membership in the conference of International Catholic Organizations (ICO) and having consultative status with agencies of the United Nations.

**An invitation is extended to all women to purchase a membership in the Catholic Women's League of Canada.**

**By doing so you will be:**

1. supporting the efforts of League members across Canada who are diligently working to promote the teachings of the Catholic church.
2. 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!

Included in your membership is *The Canadian League* magazine (published quarterly) which will keep you informed of League business and projects and in contact with other members across Canada.

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