

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA



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Next General Meeting...

**This Thursday, at 7:30 pm,
September 8, 2011, following
the 6:30 Rosary & 7 p.m. Mass**

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

**Meetings include opportunities to enjoy friendships
with other like-minded ladies and a chance to work
together for good of the parish & God.**

Light refreshments

Visitors and new members welcome

Everyone loves a party...

Over the past year or so, some pretty lovely and fun cards have been donated to us by Jeanne Marty. The feedback re those cards has been exciting; with many ladies asking how they can learn to create cards themselves.

Jeanne has kindly offered to have a hands-on workshop for our members. She has a knack of making it look so easy and fun that anyone of us can do it...

Details:

Coffee party and card making workshop

Wed., September 28 following 9 am Mass

Venue: St. Anne's Church hall

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Each participant will make & take 2 cards

There is a limit of 20 participants

so sign up early

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 bless us with more sunny weather as we ease ourselves into Fall.

During the summer we said goodbye to Father Rex as he moved on to his new assignment in Penticton. We will miss him very much. We thank God for sending us Father Dave De Sousa and we welcome Father Dave to our parish community.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 8. We will begin by saying the rosary together at 6:30 pm followed by mass at 7:00. After the mass we will have a chance to visit and catch up with coffee and cookies. Then we will begin our meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Please continue to pray for the members of our parish who are struggling with ill health. We ask God to be with them and comfort them.

God bless

Cathie Paton

Our Family is growing...

We now have a sister ... that is, a "Sister Council", Holy Cross, in Creston, BC. For the next four (4) years we are encouraged to keep their Council and members in our prayers and to send Christmas Cards, Easter Cards, etc. to the Council. More will be discussed re this 'family expansion' at our up-coming general meeting.

An important announcement to all members of BC/Yukon CWL...

From the Provincial- President: Nancy Simms
Spiritual Advisor – Fr. T. Tran

The BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General have, without any reason or notice, slashed funding to the BC Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP)

The position of executive director was eliminated on June 9th and no staff has been hired to cover maternity leaves. This, in effect, has shut down the main office in Victoria. This only leaves OCTIP with 2 full time employees, in Vancouver, and a meagre budget of \$300,000.

As BC is a recognized source destination and transit province for sex trafficking. The OCTIP has, since 2007, coordinated critical assistance to over 100 trafficked persons in our province.

OCTIP runs a 24/7 victim support hot line, coordinates victim services, trains front line responders and raises public awareness about future crimes.

The future of this life saving program is in jeopardy!

(Nationally) Prime Minister Harper has recently promised a National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, backed by \$20 million, beginning in 2012. Other provinces have launched major initiatives to crack down on brutal crime.

We, the CWL of Canada, feel immediate action needs to happen. We are asking everyone to write, email, or phone Shirley Bond BC Minister of Public Safety.

Call: 1-250-356-7717 or email
Shirley.bond.mla@leg.bc.ca

Please, ladies let's get the word out to write, and write more letters protesting these cuts.

Knowing that it is summer, should not deter our efforts to stop this reckless move by our government.

Thank you for your response to this urgent matter.

Caroline Ann-Alter. Provincial Community Life Chairperson.

We offer our prayers and condolences

...to the family of *Felicidade Farinha*, a CWL sister in our Council, who passed away on Monday, August 28th. She will be sadly missed.

Thank you to the many hard working ladies who served on this and the other Funeral luncheon teams over the spring and summer.

Happy Birthday to us...

St. Anne's Council CWL...

One of the most exciting events we will be looking forward to this 2011 – 2012 CWL, year will be our celebration of 70 years as a member Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The actual 'birthdate' is next spring. We look forward to a celebration for our 70th sometime in April. Come to our general meetings and help us plan for this milestone event.



CWL Fundraiser Flea Market

October 22nd, 2011

8 am to 2 pm

CWL will sponsor flea market tables and concession with cookies, coffee & tea

*Tables available for rent to outsiders
@ \$20.00 per table*

*Contact Cathie to reserve a table
250-495-7878*

Needed: Volunteers: to Chair, a committee to organize, to price items, & to tend our booths

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