


# ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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## REFLECTION

*I can not find a truer word,  
Nor better, to address you!  
Nor song, nor poem I have written,  
Is sweeter than, "God Bless You."*

*God bless you! Thus I've wished you  
All that Christian joy possesses,  
For there can truly be no you  
Unless, indeed, God blesses.*

*God bless you! So I breathe a charm  
Lest grief's dark night oppress you,  
For how can sorrow bring you harm,  
If it's God's way to bless you.*

*And so through all your earthly days  
May shadows touch you never,  
But if they should, God's blessing  
Will keep you safe forever.*

*Author Unknown*

### **Pennies for the Poor**

After 5 years, and more than \$38,000 in contributions, the Provincial Council has decided to discontinue this initiative at the end of October 2010. All donations received to that date will be sent to the sisters in Burundi, Africa. Thereafter; a new program has been passed by the Provincial Council of the CWL that funds now will be raised to go towards the building of a new Chapel at Seminary, Newman College. It will be called "Our Lady of Good Counsel" chapel. More news will come to us through the Provincial President, Fran Lucas.

### **Provincial Convention – Fairview**

Keynote speaker Mary Pat Skene, chief executive officer of the Grey Nuns, spoke on **Journey into Life**. She congratulated the CWL on their being instrumental in the defeat of Bill C-368, the Euthanasia Bill proposed in Parliament in April. She reminded us that "life is a journey- long or short- and God's ultimate gift to us.

Other speakers were Denise Kantor, Military Ordinariate, who spoke of the unique organization of their status as Provincial Council in the Catholic Women's League of Canada. This body enjoys representative status on National Council, but is composed of 300 members in the military throughout Canada and Europe.

Kay Feehan spoke on promoting Peace and Harmony in home and community.

Change to the program of "pennies for the poor" was passed at this convention.

### **RECENT CWL INITIATIVES**



**Lenten Reflection:** At our March meeting guest speaker, Sister Eveline Gagnon, confirmed that through patience and kindness God forgives all. Her moving reflection taken from

Corinthians Chapter 13, Verse 1-13 provided thoughtful insight by:

1. Mediating on God's patience and kindness.
2. Cultivating an attitude of gratitude.
3. Appreciating your own goodness.
4. Practicing deliberate patience and kindness.
5. Employing kind speech will always help us overcome our weaknesses.

**Spring Bake Sale:** Thanks to your generosity our bake sale was another success. The proceeds of \$2,011.45 will be used for our Parish Capital Projects.

**Parish Strawberry Tea:** April 20<sup>th</sup> was a great way to enjoy the dawning of spring. The angel food cake with strawberries and cream were delicious and reminded us that the warm weather is just around the corner. Guest speaker, Coleen Soetaert, gave us a new perspective as she spoke to us about sharing our talents and skills by volunteering where our interests lie. Colleen Soetaert has worn many hats. She has been a teacher, an MLA, an amateur actress, and a busy volunteer. She has been a CWL member for 32 years and is presently the Chair of West Sturgeon Aging in Place Foundation. Her greatest joy is spending time with her 8 grandchildren. She and her husband Raymond live near Villeneuve and are very active in that community. Colleen believes that there is nothing better for your soul than volunteering.

**Habitat for Humanity Luncheon:** The Habitat for Humanity Luncheon was delivered by Mary Dugas and Kathy Thackeray to the build in Spruce Grove on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The workers received a luncheon of salad, lasagna, buns and dessert. Thanks go out to everyone who took part in this ministry.

**Guatemala Mission:**

At our Pot Luck Supper we presented a cheque of \$700.00 for the Orphanage. The money that was received from the collection at our Pot Luck Supper Mass was also given to the Guatemala representatives.



**Thinking Caps On!**

We are in need of your help! Do you have a creative mind and can you see outside the box? If so, please let us know of any suggestions you may have that would help us have a meaningful, thought provoked project for the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. Your ideas will be sought by September of this year. We look forward to hearing your visions.

**Mailing Address:** Our mailing address has changed to:

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St. Albert, Alberta  
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Long time member, Rita St. Pierre, receives her prayer shawl from President, Huguette Van Halst, Past President, May Carline and Rita's daughter, Laurel Lutes was also present.



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