

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
President's Report for Winter Meeting – February 1, 2014

We Have Seen the Lord-As People of Faith

"We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

Mother Teresa

Greetings to all and welcome to new presidents. One of the gifts of membership in the League is the people we meet and the friendships we make. I look forward to getting to know you well as we work together "For God and Canada". Please contact me at any time with questions , comments, concerns

Since the October Fall Meeting, I have been involved in the following activities:

- welcomed Father Thomas Rosica, CEO, Salt & Light Media Foundation and Sebastian Gomes, Producer, Salt & Light Television to the Diocesan Fall Retreat where 153 members of the Catholic Women's League were privileged to be the first lay group to be introduced to the papal document, "Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization".
- submitted a response to this same document, prepared by a small diocesan group of women, to Archbishop Brendan O'Brien for inclusion in his report to the CCCB.
- with assistance of a Life Member, organized travel arrangements to Salt & Light's Christmas concert fundraiser after tickets were offered by Father Rosica. Unfortunately, due to short time frame and insufficient number of concert goers, the trip did not come to fruition.
- met with Father Tim Harrison, Spiritual Advisor of St. Peter-in-Chains Council, Trenton and members of the convention host committee to discuss planning of convention liturgies
- worked closely with the hosting committee in preparation of the Convention Registration & Information Package
- sadly, attended the funerals of two long-time members of the League
- exchanged several communiques with Provincial President, Betty Colaneri and National Executive Director, Kim Scammell in an effort to bring clarity to the issue of liability insurance for members
- assisted with planning and participated in the December 9th Archdiocesan Celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Cathedral. At this Mass, the work of The Catholic Women's League at parish and diocesan levels was recognized.

May we continue to be guided by Our Lady of Good Counsel and inspired by the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Spinelli