

Parish President's Annual Report

For the period January 1 to December 31, 2013

Name of Council: Blessed Sacrament, Amherstview

Diocese: Kingston **Region** _____

Name of President: Shirley McDonald

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Number of Members: 85 **Number of Life Members:** 1

During the year 2013, our parish council brought life to the Objects of the League and to the League's *Mission Statement*. We have described one outstanding activity under each Standing Committee by which we were able to show how the national theme of *We Have Seen the Lord* with the provincial sub-theme of *As People of Faith* was used and followed in our parish activities.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

During the year 2013, our CWL brought life to the Objects of the League and to the League's Mission statement by collecting coats for the less fortunate. We collected 83 coats for Kids and Families for those with limited resources and in need of winter jackets.

ORGANIZATION

Our Council is in the process of developing a Policy Manual for the Council. New policies are drafted by the executive and brought to general meetings for the members to review and discuss. It has really helped to streamline events when the requirements are written down and available for anyone, rather than needing to go back to previous events, minutes etc. to see what decisions were made and how things were done in the past. We plan to put our policy manual on our Council website for access by all of our members and for other councils that might wish to do the same.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

In our Council, Education and Health are separate standing committees.

Education:

We had representatives from our Council participate and volunteer their time to *World Youth Day At Home*, which took place in our Archdiocese at the same time that the Vigil was happening in Rio, Brazil.

Health:

We have had two interesting speakers attend meetings this year. Father Stan Alanen spoke to us about *Euthanasia* and was able to bring a spiritual perspective to the topic and to the entire subject of end of life decision making. Sally MacInnis, Chair of the *Cameroon Twinning Project*, shared her experiences with a faith-based health service in Cameroon, West Africa.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our Council developed a website for 2013 as a means for members who do not attend meetings to keep up with what is happening in our CWL. We post our archived minutes as well as information items about various

events that occur during the year, with pictures and include contact information for our executive members. We have also provided our membership form and an information brochure that we developed about the CWL and our Council. Many of our members have expressed appreciation for this means of communication with them. Our website is located at: http://www.blessedsacramentamherstview.org/bls_cwl.html

RESOLUTIONS

Our Council did not have a Resolutions Standing Committee in 2013.

LEGISLATION

Our Council did not have a Legislation Standing Committee in 2013.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Sisters in the League have continued to support our local Military serving in troubled areas around the globe with the provision of Easter Care Paks.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

At a general meeting, members attending received a printout of The C.W.L. of Canada Position Paper on The Definition of Marriage.

HISTORIAN

This year, our Council received a hand-crafted cabinet that was installed in our church hall to store our meeting materials as well as display items of historical significance. This cabinet has glass windows so that all members may view awards, plaques, photos and other items of interest. We are also in the process of collating all of our minutes from the inception of our Council into a historical archive, which will be housed in the cabinet.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

This year our Council assisted with our parish Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially launch our new platform lift, which was installed August 15, 2012. Our CWL members provided coffee and refreshments as well as welcoming guests and acting as hostesses for the event.

The following is a list of organizations to which members donated time and money in the year 2013.

- Hope Fund (national)
- Birthright (national)
- Project Homeland (local)
- Food Bank (local)
- Food Blitz (local)
- Winter Coat Drive (local)
- Vacation Bible School (local)
- Grade 8 Graduation Gifts (local)
- General Assistance Fund for Parishioners in Need (local)