

Spotlight on the 76th Ontario Provincial Convention

The 76th Ontario Provincial Convention was held in Cornwall on July 9th to July 12th. It was hosted by Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese as their last official function as a diocesan council. Due to realignment of the dioceses, Ottawa and Alexandria-Cornwall councils are now joined and called Ottawa-Cornwall Council. Conventions are a time to celebrate our accomplishments, learn new ideas, spend time with our League sisters from across the province and to share our faith. The Toronto Diocesan Council wanted to share two significant events that happened in those days in Cornwall.



Ann D'Souza was formally presented with her Life Membership. Joining Ann in the presentation were the other new Life Members: Betsy Carrier, Rebecca McCarrell and Joan Schurter. Provincial Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Thomas Dowd made a sign of the cross on each of their hands saying: "Receive the sign of the cross on your hands that through the touch of your hands in service to the people of God you may know God's presence in your life." Those of us assembled gave the new Life Members the traditional CWL blessing. In the group photo with Ann are Toronto Diocesan Life Members in attendance: (back row, left to right) Mary

Capobianco, Carole Pitcher and Pat Cross along with (front row, left to right) Marlin Taylor, Ann D'Souza and Margaret Ann Jacobs.

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The resolution submitted by Toronto Diocesan Council was adopted at July's provincial convention. Pictured (left to right) are Connie Cristinziano (TDC 1st VP and Resolution Chair), Elizabeth Joseph (TDC Community Life Chair) from the St. Francis de Sales Parish Council who gifted the initial resolution and Mary Capobianco (Provincial Resolution Chair).



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St. John the Evangelist Parish Council (Durham Region), wrote the most letters this past fall as part of the provincial legislation letter writing campaign related to resolution **ON.22.01 Improve Long Term Care Homes in Ontario**. They wrote well over 300! Congratulations to Lynne Childerhouse, Council President and the members for their commitment to make a difference. Provincial Legislation Chair, Joanna Sisk (left) presented Diocesan President Sue Lubowitz with the certificate as well as a gift of "Go Make a Difference" pens for the council to use in their next letter writing campaign.