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10th ANNIVERSARY
DINNER AND DANCE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009



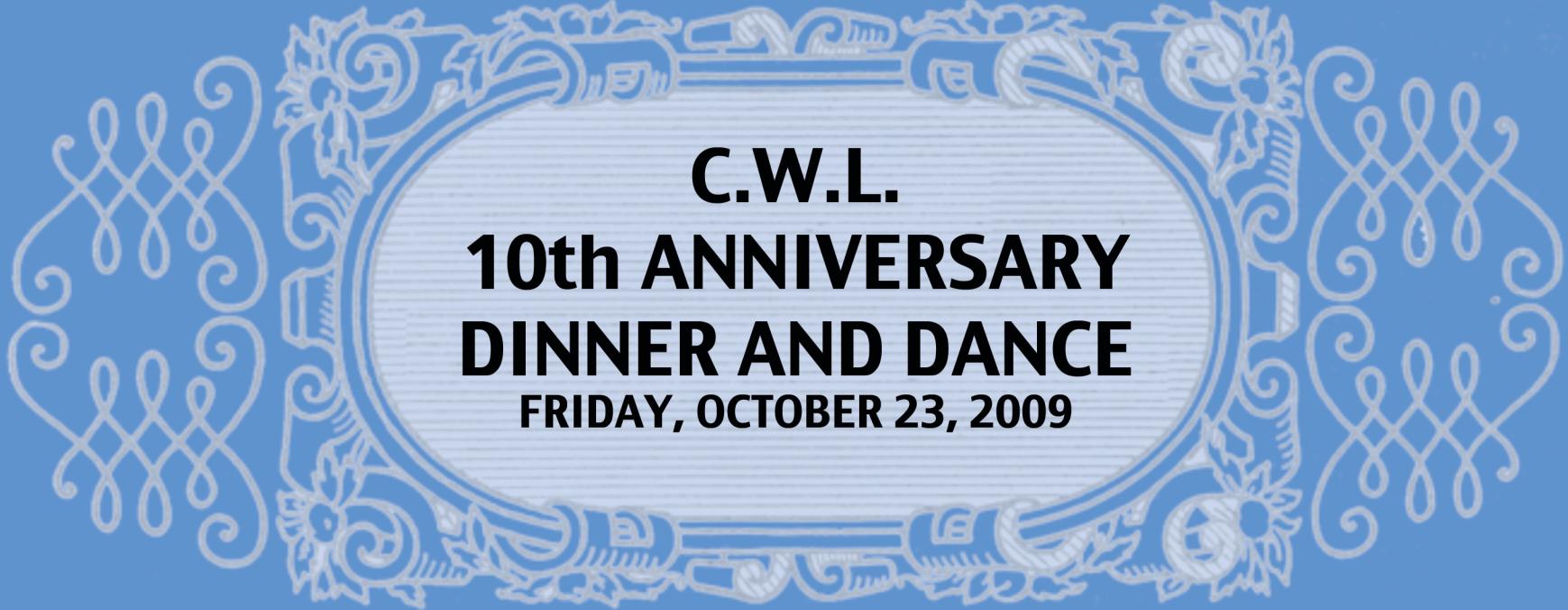
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LEAGUE PRAYER

We humbly pray You,
O God our Father, to bless
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Bless our beloved country,
our homes and families.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon us
to give light to our minds
and strength to our wills
that we may know and fulfil
Your great law of charity.
Teach us to share with others
at home and abroad,
the good things You have given us.
This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ
and the intercession of our Patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Amen

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VERSAILLES CONVENTION CENTRE



SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

19 October 2009

Dear Members of the League and Guests,

Congratulations on this milestone of ten years of the Catholic Women's League in St. Francis Xavier Parish. Ten years ago the church building was brand new and there was still much vacant land in the area. Many blessings have been shared and treasured since then.

The League is an opportunity to share the inspirations of the Holy Spirit for the building up of the faith right here, around the community and more widely in the world. I am sure that these years have brought many gifts or charisms to the surface. One gift I have always seen in the League is the gift of community itself. While I served as chaplain to councils in St. John the Evangelist and Precious Blood parishes and even more, while I was regional Spiritual Advisor in Durham and in Scarborough, I observed the strong togetherness of members of the League.

Like our own families, the council is a small version of what we experience in the Church as-a-whole. Along with diverse gifts, we have the personalities of all the members. These are a blessing! I am convinced heaven will be a very interesting place! At a deeper level, this call to genuine communion is an important and always urgent call within the Church.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another. (John 15:14-17)

These are Jesus' intimate words with the apostles before His passion and death. It applies to each of us and to many co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord who may be part of our Council in the weeks and years ahead.

We are Our Lord's friends. What greater gift could we want or need? He seeks to build us up in our friendship with Him. What joy it is for us to be His servants in this work of building others up. Mother Teresa once said: "Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."

Indeed! If we see ourselves aimed firmly in that direction there will be many more blessings to appreciate at the 25th, 50th and even the 100th anniversary of the Council. God bless you all for everything that you do visible and invisible. May the work of our Council and the League in the name of Christ and the Gospel bear abundant fruit.

In Christ,
Fr. Robert E. O'Brien
Spiritual Advisor
Pastor St. Francis Xavier Parish

Congratulations

Happy 10th Anniversary

to the

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St. Francis Xavier Parish

Council #3067

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MESSAGE FROM PEEL REGIONAL

Dear sisters in the League,

Congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of your Council, and it is my privilege to be able to celebrate this milestone together! My prayers are with you, as you launch into your next 10 years' activities with renewed enthusiasm, open to change, and determined to form the League into what you want it to be. Keep up the good work and always be women of Faith, Fun and Fulfillment!

With God's many blessings,

*Andrea Tjoe
CWL Peel Regional Chair 2009-2011*

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Mario the Music Man

To all prize donors, members and guests who are here to celebrate with us tonight, and those who have contributed in any way.

Thank You!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is indeed a privilege and honor for me to extend greetings to my fellow sisters in the League on the tenth anniversary of the formation of our council. This is indeed a milestone; a decade of hard work and commitment to serving our community, particularly our parish.

Our council has gone through a lot of challenges since its inception when a daring group of 52 women of faith bravely signed our Charter, but no matter what, our council has endured because of the faith, energy and support of our members. The past 10 years has been a significant period in which our council has expended several volunteer hours despite our jobs, families and many other demands and have donated several thousand dollars to various charities. In addition, we should be proud of our activities in defense of the church, protection of our faith and support of our parish, St. Francis Xavier Church.

Having served as the charter Secretary of our council and on various sub-committees and as current president, I am deeply proud of the contributions of our members. Our council is extremely rich in culture and diverse in experience. I believe that the sharing of our experiences, culture and expertise is the key to moving our council forward. Everyone, regardless of the role in the council is encouraged to share these values for the benefit of the council. We must march forward. We must remain united. Together we can achieve a lot.

The support of our parish is extremely crucial in the success of our council. I seize this opportunity to thank Monsignor Terence D'Souza, our past and founding Spiritual Advisor for his relentless support and guidance. In addition, my sincere gratitude to the support of Hilary D'Souza.

A special thank you to Fr. Robert O'Brian, our current Spiritual Advisor for his continued support and guidance. I also thank our parish office support staff for their tremendous assistance.

As we celebrate this important milestone, we should be cognizant of the tasks ahead. We must continue to hold firm in our faith and to continue to help those less fortunate than us. We must continue to challenge ourselves to out-perform our past achievements.

On behalf of my family, I thank the council for giving me the opportunity to serve. I wish the council many more successful years to come. May we continue to grow in faith and love. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Funmi Ogundele

President



O Lord our God,
Your are the source of *peace*.
Inspire the women of the League to
live in *peace* by acting justly,
loving tenderly and walking humbly
With You, our God.

We pray that You
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
So that we may see
what *hope* Your call
holds for us.

May we be firm
in the *hope* we profess
And always be ready to give the
Reason for the *hope* we have.

Amen

Dear Sisters of the League,

Looking back with gratitude

Anniversaries are often special moments in time when we look back at the past and become more consciously aware of the present.

I was truly blessed and privileged to have served as President in the year 2004-2005. Together with the talented Executive team, we accomplished projects such as the WRAP Campaign and published the first edition of the CWL News letter. We stood firm in our stand against the change in the definition of marriage, under the guidance of our former spiritual advisor, Monsignor Terence D'Souza.

As we continue to grow, we need to market the League in a positive light. We look forward to the future with hope as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our council.

Congratulations to all sisters who continue the journey of faith and spiritual enlightenment. May our Lady of Good Counsel bless and guide our efforts in the years ahead. We are women of peace and hope.

Emilia Parado

*Past President
2004-2005*

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God".
1- Peter 4:10

To all my sisters in the League,

Congratulations! You must take great pride in celebrating our 10th anniversary; this is a great mile stone to reach. As I ponder, makes me realize that a lot of people paved the way for us to reach this day carrying the torch of CWL.

Our Mission Statement

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in the gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

The League gives members the opportunity to serve as Beatitude women 'For God and Canada'.

Together we share our gifts and watch wonderful works happen.

There's much to do when you become a CWL member, your dedication and commitment, above all the gift of your "time". We need to remember "The more you give the more you get, above all blessings from God".

Life is not about making money, acquiring power or recognition. Life is definitely not about work! Work is only necessary to keep us living so as to enjoy the beauty and pleasures of life. Life is a balance of Work and Play. Experience the joy in giving.

In November we will have our election, listen to the inner voice, God is calling you, each of you have a special gift, share it, say "Yes, Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes Lord"

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called

Again, Congratulations, thank you for all that you do.

*Ann D'Souza, Historian/Past President
2006-2007*





Hello:

I would like to congratulate all League members in council #3067, past and present on our 10th Anniversary.

When monsignor Terence D'Souza approached me 10 years ago and asked me to start our council, I was a bit sceptical in the task ahead, because I was new in our Parish, and coming from St. Joseph's council at the time, I didn't know that many Parishioners. I wondered if anyone would be interested, being a new face to the Parish, but the Monsignor had faith in me, and also a list of about 30 ladies with their phone numbers that were interested. I would like to thank Monsignor D'Souza and all those ladies who helped me out and gave me the confidence to start our council.

Now I am thankful for all my close friends that I have made through the League, and for the fellowship and faith that we've built in our council. I am also proud in the growth and work that we accomplished. We have come a long way in our 10 years, and may we double our membership in the next 10 years, to do great work for our Parish, God and Canada.

May our Lady of Good Counsel, bless us, and our Spiritual advisor Father Bob O'Brien.

Your Founding Past President,

Mary Lou Bonnici

1999—2001

Greetings!

My heartfelt congratulations to all officers and members of CWL St. Francis Council #3067 on this momentous occasion of its 10th Anniversary!

I am privileged to be one of the charter members of this council and to serve in the Executive for the first six years. It's been a great ten years! We have accomplished a lot and gained many friendships along the way.

My special thanks to Msgr. Terence D'Souza, who was instrumental in forming the CWL in this parish and introducing Line Dancing as one of our programs. After all these years, this program continues to draw a crowd from all ages and I'm grateful to be part of it.

I pray that, through the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Lord will continue to guide us and give us strength and grace to carry our mission of service to the people of God, under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Bob O'Brien. I encourage all members to get involved and calling on new members to join in this great organization.

God bless us all!

Sonia Villanueva

Past President

2002-2003

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