

Life Member Newsletter – November 2013

Mary MacLeod is asking for prayers for her granddaughter and her husband as they are expecting a baby, Paisley Katherine Rose Keating, and there could be complications during the pregnancy.

My step grandson and his wife are also expecting and because of Naomi’s health issues, there could be problems with her carrying full term.

This might be a great time to pray for all unborn babies. We are not far from Advent and the lead up to the most glorious of all births. **May all unborn babies be wanted, healthy and more importantly, loved.**

Please continue to pray for Terry McNeil and for any of our loved ones who are experiencing health problems.

St. Peter’s council of Dartmouth will be holding elections in the near future and their decision to continue as a council or not will depend on the election outcome.

I have heard rumours that a few other councils are considering disbanding due to the lack of interest in members taking on executive positions. Pray. Pray. Pray

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The **Signs for Life Project** now have posters hanging in two bus shelters (copy of this poster was included in the last Newsletter). One bus shelter is on South Street near South Park Street, by the old emergency entrance at the VG. The other is at the corner of Inglis and Robie Street, on the south side of Inglis. They will be up for another 2 weeks.

The next project is to have posters in all 255 Metro Transit buses. For more information on this project and how you can contribute please check out their website; www.signs4life.ca.

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From National Life Member Liaison

DODIE BOND - Dodie (BC LML) has asked that we keep her husband Tony in our prayers. He had a heart attack and is in St. Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver (800 km away) awaiting a triple bypass, hopefully this week. He is in good spirits. Prayer is powerful. May the surgery be successful and the separation and waiting be short. A thinking of you card and prayers have been sent to Dodie at 216 Portage St., Prince George, BC V2M 4N4.

LIDWINA CRITCH - Please pray for Lidwina and her family as they grieve the death of her sister-in-law Evelyn Critch following a short battle with terminal cancer. May she be escorted to heaven by a band of angels singing joyously. A sympathy card and prayers have been sent to Lidwina and family at PO Box 815, Stn. Main, Goulds, NL A1S 1G8.

ANNE GALLAGHER - Please pray for the family of Anne Gallagher who died November 3rd in Sault Ste. Marie. May she find comfort in God’s loving embrace. A sympathy card and prayers have been sent to her brother, Dennis McMillan at 77 Lorna Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6H4.

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Peace. *Ann Bradbury, LML*

Pat Crossman - Life Member Reflections



I joined the Catholic Women's League of Canada in 1988. I was a young mother of four, a full time teacher. I was mid-way through a diploma in Ministry program and thirsting for spiritual growth.

In St. Joseph's parish Kentville, several members of the parish always stood out to me because of their strong commitment to the church, the community and the country. Little did I know that I was embarking on a tremendous journey of faith and love when I opened the door of "Fr. Jack's Place".

There was a great amount of information available to grow and learn about the League and I was encouraged to explore it all. My mentors at the parish level guided me in the journey to president position with love and affirmation. Rita May Munroe always smiled and quietly reminded me that God brought me to the council for a reason and I

would simply follow His path. She took me to visit the Yarmouth Diocesan council to observe a meeting and we didn't look back.

In 1994 I accepted the position of Diocesan president for Yarmouth diocesan council. During my years on the diocesan executive, we worked diligently to open the diocesan council to all parish council members. Our mission was to create a welcoming environment which would encourage all League members to feel the sisterhood and support of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. All members were invited to attend meetings to discuss, question, share, and grow in the League. I initiated two workshops on the diocesan level, one fall workshop to prepare for the upcoming year of League tasks and a spring spiritual workshop in thanksgiving for our year of service.

I was so fortunate to meet wonderful mentors during this time and I put my name forward to the provincial level with some mixture of excitement and trepidation. My experience on the provincial executive was tremendously fulfilling. It was during this time that I envisioned the Elizabeth Project. I believe that Our Holy Mother in her early time of carrying Our Lord, thought immediately of her relative Elizabeth and went to support her in her time of need. I believe that all members of our League try to emulate Our Lady in our experiences. I remember sitting in an airport with Danielle and Vivian Bosch discussing my proposal. Vivian reminded me that I have something to contribute so I shouldn't let the League down.

During my time as provincial president I have been gifted with the opportunity to bring the League to members through workshops, conventions, celebrations, numerous times of sharing with my sisters in the League. Our encounters often had interesting experiences of getting lost, power failures, moose sightings, late arrivals, lost materials, and mostly sisters in the League who were always there to help.

Accepting life membership in the League from Danielle was an experience I shall never forget. To be acknowledged by a mentor and a role model is awesome. I have had the opportunity to work on the National executive as Christian Family Life chairperson. It has been one of the highlights of my life to have had the opportunity to work with such dedicated, faith-filled ladies.