

The Catholic Women's League of Newfoundland and Labrador

34nd Annual Provincial Convention - June 6th – 8th, 2014

The Catholic Women's League Councils of St. Patrick's Parish, Carbonear and Sacred Heart Parish, Heart's Desire co-hosted the 34nd Annual Provincial Convention.

Both councils worked tirelessly over the past ten months to ensure every detail was covered and, as a result of their efforts, the convention was a huge success.

All delegates praised organizers for their planning and attention to detail. Clearly, countless hours were spent on activities such as fundraising, making food, and creating favours.

On Friday, June 6th, registration commenced for the 90 attendees.

The convention was called to order by Provincial President Rita Janes and business proceeded with the reading of the 2013 Convention minutes, President's Report and Treasurer's Report.

This work was followed by a social which included musical entertainment and a very enlightening skit. It was a fantastic way to celebrate CWL sisterhood and inspire members, new and old.

On Saturday, business continued with a keynote address by his Excellence Archbishop Martin Currie on "*Why the Catholic Church in NL Needs the Catholic Women's League*".

His address recognized the vital role that CWL plays in our parishes, the essential role of women generally, and the influence women have had in his life.

Afterwards, resolutions were presented, discussed, and motioned to be forwarded to National Council. This work was followed by election of the Provincial Executive for next year and a memorial service for our deceased Members. During the service, a white rose was placed for Father Holland, our CWL spiritual adviser, and a red rose was placed for Mary Hawco.

The close of the Convention was followed by a mass at St. Patrick's Church in Carbonear.

The week-end concluded with a banquet held at the Knights of Columbus which included a delicious hot turkey meal. In addition to CWL members, attendees included MHA Charlene Johnson, local mayors and Knights of Columbus representatives.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Mary Goss Award to the council of St. Thomas of Villanova for enrollment of the most new members in 2013. Accepting the award from the Provincial President, Rita Janes, was Ada Fitzgerald, Agnes Ebbs, Joan Dwyer, Trudy Strowbridge and Patricia Thornhill.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel keep you in her prayers.