

there is a price in peacekeeping, but this is too many. Some of the overseas serving military members are actually our CWL sisters.

What is Red Friday? Many Canadians, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Canada supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that every red-blooded Canadian who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, let's make Canada on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends and family, it won't be long before Canada is covered in red and it will let our troops know the once silent majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked, "What can we do to make things better for you?" is "We need your support and your prayers." Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday.

On another note, 4-Wing CFB Cold Lake has an invisible ribbon campaign. This represents the families that are left at home and the support team. We, the CWL Military Ordinariate, are part of this. Some of you may have seen the yellow or blue ribbons. The yellow ribbon represents support of the troops and the blue is for peacekeepers.

NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT



Anne-Marie Gorman

The League is alive and well in New Brunswick. More than 3,000 members in 55 councils saw new leadership in all four dioceses in the spring. Women continued to be willing to serve and walk with their sisters on this journey that challenges us to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Since January 2006, councils have heard speakers on various types of cancer, domestic violence against women, various federal bills, nursing home care and costs and WUCWO. The provincial council continues to confer with New Brunswick provincial government members, an arrangement that began in 2000. The sessions are interactive, timely and informative for both government officials and League members.

Several members are visibly walking the talk "For God and Canada." Ruth Grattan and Irene Roach received Dollard Medals for long service to their parishes. Dorine Doucet is a national bursary recipient. Pamela Bryson-Weaver's work in promoting support for autistic children in the province and her international development work in Vietnam demonstrate her willingness to *cast into the deep*. Mary Ryan researches and writes to support the national executive and leads the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada chapter in Fredericton.

Continuing to serve the province and the League are three new life members: Frances Firth, Mary Pilgrim and Jacqueline Waye. They join the 22 other life members who act as mentors, most of whom are in active service. Five life members are serving on provincial council. Gertrude Nowlan has been appointed to the national archives sub-committee and is writing the provincial history to commemorate 70 years of the League in New Brunswick. The pride of New Brunswick, Ann Doucet, completes her second term on the national executive. Constance Firlotte replaces Barbara Firlotte as life member liaison.

Members understand the important role the League plays in this country, both in personal faith development and in fostering a society consistent with Christian values. We are presently preparing for the 60th provincial convention in Fredericton in 2007. The spirit was certainly moving at this year's convention in Dalhousie, where St. John Bosco Parish Council hosted its first-ever provincial convention and National President Agnes Bedard delivered energetic and reflective addresses on WUCWO and *companions on the journey*. Several new members commented that they had no idea what the League is all about. Another gift to our provincial council this year is Spiritual Advisor Rev. Stanislas Paulin, an insightful and faith-filled priest who is also a gifted musician and homilist. We look forward to his counsel and presence in the years ahead.

The four new diocesan presidents, Georgina Babcock, Judy Durepos, Hazel Robichaud and Rosemary Gorman, already have plans for continued spiritual nourishment and education. Bathurst Diocesan Council will study the *Executive Handbook*, a strong indication that many new members have joined recently and that the Spirit is moving women to accept leadership positions. Saint John Diocesan Council is focusing on spiritual development, following responses from the full day provincially-sponsored workshop, Friends+Bread=A Difference, facilitated by Betty Anne Brown, National Chairperson of Spiritual Development. Provincial Community Life Chairperson Anne Arseneau will represent the council at the presentation of research on family caregivers and home support workers – needs, expectations and the situation in New Brunswick – at the end of August.