

resolutions were discussed and adopted at this time. One was on the palliative home care drug program and the need for it to be continued. The second one concerned the rare metabolic disorder called phenylketonuria and the high cost of the low protein specialty foods.

In May, the national Walk for Life in Charlottetown began with mass and a walk to the legislative buildings. I gave a presentation on the sanctity of life as did the Knights of Columbus, Priests for Life, and the PEI Right to Life Association. There were a few provincial politicians present to show their support.

In June, three members of the provincial executive met with representatives of the government to discuss our two resolutions.

In the fall, we will have two conferences to which we have invited a speaker who will give a presentation on the benefits of healthy living. These times are another opportunity for the provincial executive to listen to parish council members and to hear their ideas and concerns about the League.

We will continue to have leadership workshops for all councils, especially those who are having problems filling executive positions.

As I begin my two year term as president, I am anxious to meet more members on the Island who have so many talents and gifts to offer the League. May we, with God's help and the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, continue to serve the League with love and sincerity. †

We had the pleasure of presenting two well-deserving members with the Bellelle Guerin award and three councils were presented with certificates to honour their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Montreal City Parish Council has the distinction of holding charter number one.

The closing mass was celebrated by Bishop Luc Cyr of Valleyfield. He used the League prayer as the focal point for his homily. Many members were very inspired by this.

Our project of reorganization continues to move forward, one step at a time. In the fall, members of the provincial executive will meet with parish councils to give them our plan of action. This is a long range project. We expect that this project will not be completed for at least five years.

We continue to encourage our members to take advantage of workshops to help them develop leadership qualities. Our "WOW Team" (Workshop on Wheels) has been ready and willing to present workshops, but unfortunately our councils are not taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. In the past, we have offered a provincial workshop day but this year, when we started looking at numbers, we realized that we were reaching less than 10% of our membership and it was the same members that were coming year after year.

Our project for the coming year will be to provide leadership training, in our councils. The project will commence with a day for the provincial executive; diocesan officers and parish council presidents will attend a one-day leadership workshop. Once these members have received the training, we will then move out to the parish council level. And because of our past experience with our WOW Team we are not going to wait for an invitation. We will be contacting council presidents and setting dates. If they won't invite us, we'll invite ourselves.

The Quebec provincial executive is determined to keep the League an active participant in the parish community and to keep *hope* alive in our members. Bellelle Guerin had *hope* 90 years ago and so our *hope* has its roots in the past and we certainly believe in the future. †

## QUEBEC



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The Quebec provincial convention this year was held in Valleyfield and hosted by two parish councils. It was well attended with over 100 members present. It was a

weekend of *faith, fun and fulfillment*. Deacon Ron Boyer, vice postulator for the cause of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha, spoke on her life; then a group of native dancers from Kahnawake ranging in age from 3 to 60 entertained us with some of their dances. Everyone was encouraged to take part and we were taught the circle dance. A great time was had by all. A note of warning: Do not wear sneakers when doing this type of dance – bare feet are better.

Our guest speaker was Sister Lorraine Caza from the Congregation of Notre Dame. Sister Caza gave a very inspiring talk on our theme, *Women of Peace and Hope*. She posed the question, "Do we recognize the surprises of the Spirit in these times of turmoil, when *hope* and *peace* seem out of reach?"

## SASKATCHEWAN



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Saskatchewan Provincial Council is very proud! Three of our members have recently received papal honours. Honorary Life Member Jean Mahoney has been named Dame Commander of Saint Gregory the Great.