

INTRODUCING



Anne-Marie Gorman
New Brunswick
Provincial President

Anne-Marie is the sixth child in a family of 10. She grew up on a farm near the village of Stanley, New Brunswick, where she now resides. She obtained

an undergraduate degree in physical education at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, where she met many Coady International Institute students. She taught physical education and English for seven years. She married Keith, had four children and earned a M.Ed. from the University of Maine. Resuming teaching in 1985, she has continued to enjoy many professional opportunities since then, including a sabbatical to complete a second M.Ed. in administration and counselling. Presently, she is the guidance counsellor and vice-principal for a middle/high school.

Anne-Marie's first vivid memory of the League is of her mother arranging a coffee break at the annual national convention held in Fredericton in 1976. She joined in 1977, the same year she lost her mother. She felt led to this decision by what she recognizes now as the Holy Spirit, and has enjoyed the journey having served in all capacities at the parish level and several positions at the diocesan and provincial levels. She believes the spiritual development standing committee is probably the greatest gift to any member, while the resolutions standing committee is the membership's greatest gift to God and Canada.

Anne-Marie has coached basketball, volleyball and badminton. In her parish, she has served as president, secretary and catechetics teacher. She has been on the board of a local nursing home and several committees in the community. Her greatest joys are watching the blossoming of her four children and her two precious grandsons. She loves to be active and enjoys reading, writing, cross-stitching, cooking, gardening and singing.

The League has gifted Anne-Marie with many new friends whose compassion was never more evident than when she lost her husband in 2003. Though that defining moment cemented her knowledge that her life would be moving in a new direction, with the support of a nation of Catholic women and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, she will continue this journey confident in the knowledge that she is where she should be, and doing what she should be doing right now, "...rooted in Gospel values... through service to the people of God." †



Shirley MacDougall
Nova Scotia
Provincial President

Shirley joined the League in 1963 when invited by a friend to attend a meeting at St. Ninian Parish Council in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. She

attended as a member for several years before accepting office as a standing committee chairperson and served as parish council president from 1985-1987. St. Ninian Parish Council was, and still is, the largest parish council in Canada.

Following service at the parish level, Shirley served several years on the Antigonish Diocesan Council in the capacities of community life, resolutions/legislation and organization, becoming diocesan president in 1995.

Shirley was involved in many of the programs for developing and promoting the League such as the Field Worker Program, resource team and Project GROW and was a team member facilitating leadership workshops in the diocese.

Her parish council presented Shirley with a maple leaf service pin and her diocesan council nominated her for life membership in 2003. She continues to be an active member of her parish council.

In 2002, Shirley served on the national ad hoc committee that prepared a submission to the *Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada*.

Shirley is trained in pastoral counselling and facilitating workshops for liturgical ministers, and is part of a team that trains lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

Employed by St. Francis Xavier University for 29 years, Shirley spent most of those years in the Government Documents Department of the University Library. She retired in 2002.

Shirley was born in Little Dover, Nova Scotia, and has lived most of her adult life in Antigonish. Widowed in 2003, she has four grown children and eight grandchildren.

Assuming the office of Nova Scotia Provincial President in June 2006, Shirley is looking forward to working with the many gifted women in the province who have chosen the League as their mission to serve the church in Canada.

For time out, she enjoys a musical evening with friends, reading and belongs to a craft group. †