

# Parish President's Annual Report

For the period January 1 to December 31, 2014

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Name of Council St. Bernard's # 2961

Diocese Ottawa \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Name of President Joan Gray

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Number of Members 33

Number of Life Members 0

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During the year 2014, our parish council brought life to the Objects of the League and to the League's *Mission Statement*. We have described one outstanding activity under each Standing Committee by which we were able to show how the theme of ***We Have Seen the Lord*** was used and followed in our parish activities.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Spiritual Development Chair requested that our Council sponsor a child through Chalice Catholic Sponsorship programme. The council voted to do so and Chalice chose a young woman for us who will be sponsored to become a teacher to help the less fortunate in her home country. We hope to continue to sponsor someone every year as long as our finances are healthy enough.

## ORGANIZATION

Our Organization Chair was very proud of herself for completing everything on-line, from members lists to deceased members and transfers of members. This made everything readily available and updated accordingly. We commend her for not being afraid to try it out. She also mentioned that National were always very helpful and patient when she encountered any difficulty. She recommends all council organization chairs to give it a try. We plan on presenting two members with their Maple Leaf pin at our December social.

## EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Our Education and Health Chair worked with our three sister schools to provide teaching of the rosary to all Grade 3's, 6 council women participated in this task for the month of October and found it to be a very rewarding experience.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Our Communications Chair took care of placing weekly announcements in our parish bulletin and on the announcement screen at the end of each weekly mass. This meant the word got out in a timely fashion and provided much needed support.

## RESOLUTIONS

No report available.

## **LEGISLATION**

No report available.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

Our Community Life Chair promoted the community BBQ, the cemetery mass, the Pro-Life event on Parliament Hill as well as our 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Multi-Cultural evening. We are a diversified parish and this event brought us all together as one.

## **CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

Our Christian Family Life Chair shared her stories on visiting Jerusalem this past summer.

## **HISTORIAN**

Our Council is trying to form a committee to continue the good work of our former president who started to sort and file our history in a formal way. We did produce a plaque this past year to reflect all past-presidents and placed in our space at the church beside our charter.

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

One of our most precious activities every year is organizing the Easter Vigil for new parishioners every year and our weekly rosary before the 5 o'clock Saturday mass.

**The following is a list of organizations to which members donated time and money in the year 2014.**

The Ottawa Food Bank

Chalice

Be the Change

The Shut-ins (we bring communion weekly)