



St. Pius X, St. John's Council's eldest member Marie Maher celebrates her 100th birthday on October 12, 2014. Celebrations with family, friends and League members to commemorate this special occasion are planned. Happy 100th Birthday Marie!

St. Thomas of Villanova Council Conception Bay South

Ladies from the St. Thomas of Villanova Council have been very busy over the past winter months. They made and donated 14 handmade children's quilts for the Ronald McDonald House, a facility located in the St. John's area, just minutes away from the Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre. It offers our province's sick children and their families a home-away from-home during extremely stressful and difficult times while the children receive treatments. Ms. Margaret Dinn, a representative of the facility, said the House will not be open until the fall of 2012, but will make sure there is a ready supply for the children who will get a quilt as soon as they arrive, and who will be able to take the quilt home with them. The ladies in the photo who have been making a social event of working together on the quilts are: Theresa Collins, Bernie Browne, Florence Bussey, Shirley McGrath, Mae Bulger, Ada Fitzgerald, and Doreen Dray.

Besides giving freely of their time on the quilt project, the ladies formed yet another group. They collected and donated food items, and made and donated 27 scarves to the Conception Bay South Food Bank. Forty seven scarves were also donated to the Gathering Place, a service centre located in the center region of the city of St. John's. This organization is non-profit, supported by two Roman Catholic parishes and three Anglican parishes in the area. It is run by volunteers to help needy families. The ladies who worked on this project are: Bernie Browne, Mae Bulger, Ada Fitzgerald, Flossie Bussey, Shirley McGrath, Theresa Collins, Daisy Carroll and Mrs. Carroll.





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St. Pius X, St. John's has put together a Newsletter that they would like to share with everyone.

You can read it [here \(click here\)](#).

St. Pius X Parish hosted the "One in the Spirit Program" for the Catholic Women's League councils of St. Pius X, Basilica and St. Patrick's. The facilitators for this presentation were Peggy Roche, Catherine Fagan and Marie Raymond. Life Member Catherine Power also did a reading. The program was held from 1:30 to 3:30 pm and after the program, there was a social. The members enjoyed the afternoon and the Life Members involved stated that they will continue with this program.



St. Kevin's, Gould "Pillowcase Dresses"

CWL members make dresses from pillowcases to be sent to children in less fortunate countries.

In order to begin this project, a sample dress was made and placed on display at the Parish weekend mass where parishioners were asked if they would like to donate pillowcases for this project. Parishioners not only donated the pillowcases but some volunteer to join the group creating these dresses.

Once a week, the sewing group gathered at one of the CWL member's homes. Everybody gets a job, whether it is cutting, ironing, pinning or sewing - it all needs to be done.

The Archdiocese of St. John's mission parish in Monsefu, Peru are celebrating their 50th anniversary this fall. The Sisters of Mercy and some of the priests are returning there for the celebrations and have agreed to take the dresses with them!

God does indeed work in mysterious ways.





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Congratulations to Mary Skinner of St. Patrick's council, St. John's who received the Bellelle Guerin Award in December 2010. Mary was one of the founding members of the League in 1980 and continues to be an active member of the council 30 years later. Mary is well known and highly respected within the Council and Parish. She is always front and centre with all Catholic Women's League activities. She oftentimes acts as a consultant to new Executives and gladly imparts her years of experience and vast knowledge on others. She is also a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. Mary is a role model and mentor, who inspires others to be "Women of Hope." It certainly gave our council great pride to have her leadership and dedication further acknowledged by awarding Mary Skinner the Bellelle Guerin Award.

