

FAITH IN ACTION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Care for our Common Home

"When it comes to the care of our common home, we are living at a critical moment of history."

-Pope Francis



Dear Sisters in The League,

It has been a joy to venture with you into the virtual world! Last fall we decided to enter into this experience with you and to learn with you. This allowed us to keep in touch and continue our League activities as we've done so well in the past. In every Zoom, GoToMeeting, Webinar, etc., I've heard people say, "we are learning together," which means none of us has perfected the technology. Learning and doing it together. This is the joy we bring to each other!

As the new year began, we've been busy and so have many councils. The loving work you have continued to do despite the challenges of the pandemic has been commendable. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome newly elected St. Patrick (Fallowfield) Parish Council President Susan Burnett. Welcome and congratulations! We look forward to meeting and working with Susan in the very near future.

Moving forward, our Ottawa Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members has been postponed to Saturday, October 2, 2021. Moreover, Ottawa has been advised that we will not be able to host the 2021 Ontario Provincial Annual Meeting of Members due to the restrictions imposed on us by the ongoing pandemic. However, The Ottawa Diocesan Council will be hosting the provincial convention next year!

We've had to be flexible, adapt, and change to our new reality. The challenges imposed on us made us resilient and adaptable. Just look around. It is this resiliency and adaptation that has put us in a good place for future change. We are always learning and we should keep honing those skills. It is important as a sister in the League to positively manage our creativity and innovations. We have changed our mindset and it's important to be that way as we learn to make decisions for the future of the League in its *Strategic Planning*.

As the weather gets warmer and our church doors open up for the faithful to attend in-person Eucharistic celebrations, let's take a moment to take it all in and pray for each other.

Love, peace and joy,
Lynn Lavictoire

FROM THE DIOCESE

WE'RE OLDER THAN THE QUEEN

DIOCESAN TREASURER – Diana Baines

It's a fact. The Ottawa Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League was formed in 1923; we're 98 years old this year. That is something to celebrate! Look at what has happened in the world in the last 98 years: women's suffrage, the great depression, World War II, the baby boom, the swinging sixties, the great changes in the 70's to the 90's as technology changed our world, and now, the pandemic. Through it all, the CWL has remained a constant presence in the lives of Canadian Catholic women.

We all love to celebrate milestones in our lives and those of family and friends. Throughout this past year and continuing for who knows how much longer, we haven't been able to get together to celebrate these milestones due to COVID-19 restrictions. Getting together to celebrate makes every occasion better; it's wonderful to share memories with those we haven't seen in a while, Zoom is great, but it's just not quite the same as face-to-face. I recall the 100th Anniversary of my high school, St Vincent's Girls school in Saint John, NB in 2002. All graduates were invited to a reunion that summer. At the banquet, 1,057 former graduates showed up, and there was a waiting list because the Convention Centre couldn't accommodate any more. Graduates came from all over the world. One graduate, a long-time friend (I met her before I started school), drove from Port Alberni, BC. Mary Ann was also a long time CWL member from the Comox Military Ordinariate Council so we were in touch over the years through meetings and conventions. There were seven graduates from the 1920's; a few of them actually were able to attend and others sent letters.

Imagine the history members in Ottawa share from their years in CWL. Many moved here from other parts of Canada and the world, some were members from Catholic women's organizations in other parts of the world and brought their experiences to share with us, making for a richer experience. Many of our members are second or even third generation members of the CWL.

Our anniversary will occur in 2023, hopefully, by then we can get together to celebrate this momentous achievement. Something to think about.

RAISING AWARENESS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT – Lynn Lavictoire

During the week of June 7-12, I participated in a one week course entitled, "Church and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples: Framing the Ecclesial and Theological Questions." This was the first of what is expected to be a yearly summer course offered at Saint Paul University. The timing of this course could not have been better especially in light of the discovery of the remains of the 215 Indigenous children in Kamloops. You could participate in the course for credit (essay required) or just to audit (no essay). Either way, it was an amazing course with many interesting and knowledgeable speakers, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, making it feel more like a symposium than a university course. When the course ended, I was truly transformed by the experience.

One of the most important themes that emerged for me was that despite all the blame, shame anger and pain, Indigenous people want us to walk with them. This doesn't mean getting in their way by trying to fix their problems. Rather it means truly listening to what they need by being in

respectful dialogue and developing friendship. It also means acknowledging the whole truth of our history even when it is painful for us. Reconciliation and healing won't happen unless we face this truth.

The most amazing thing about reconciliation and healing is that it not only benefits the Indigenous people we've hurt but engaging in this process also enriches our own culture and spirituality. Children and young people seem to understand this from the stories I've heard about their displays of love and compassion for Indigenous people (the pictures below show one example).



We need to have the same open hearts as these children and a willingness to be transformed to embark on the healing journey. It starts by educating ourselves on the reconciliation efforts that have already been made and learning from the lessons of these efforts. It means talking, listening and walking with Indigenous people as friends on the same journey, and it also means supporting the [94 Calls to Action](#) published by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015.

As a more immediate action, parish councils could also begin by including a territorial acknowledgment at the beginning of their meetings and events. There are various acknowledgments that have been used in Ottawa by different organizations which could be used (such as found at [Guide to Acknowledging First Peoples & Traditional Territory | CAUT](#)). Even better would be to develop one for the parish council as a group effort. This would require doing some research which, in itself, would help raise awareness and understanding. [Native-Land.ca | Our home on native land](#) is a helpful starting place.

Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair Jennifer Jones and Holy Redeemer Council member Sylvia Lama have both suggested praying 215 Rosaries for the 215 Indigenous children who died in Kamloops. It is a very spiritual way to honour the memories of each of these children.

Although recent news has been deeply disturbing, by embarking on the journey of reconciliation and healing with Indigenous people, we help ensure that the lives of those who suffered and died had meaning. We also have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DAY

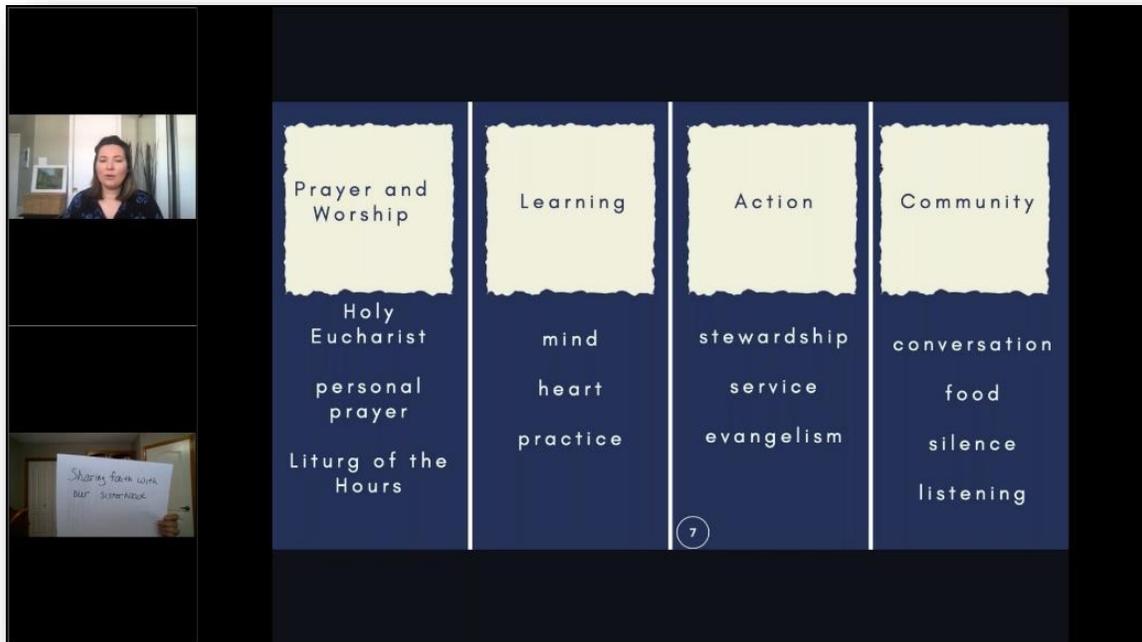
Our League Development Day (LDD) 2-Part Session was successful. This was our first attempt at hosting a virtual event. These sessions were led by Professional Facilitator Leslie Giddings.

Our excitement grew when the registration had taken a turn as our event went viral. It seemed as though the Holy Spirit was at work and God was pointing us in a new direction. Were we nervous? Absolutely! Our sisters across the country showed us there was a thirst and a need to reach out to one another even virtually. We matter.

The LDD was held on Saturday, February 13 and 27, 2021. Both sessions were from 10:00 to 11:30am. Approximately 190 members attended the two sessions. Since this was our first time doing it virtually, and the first time many attended an event virtually, it was definitely a learning experience.

Our facilitator, Leslie, inspired us with new concepts on diversity of talents, growth, hospitality, etc., and led us into a new way of thinking. The energy shone through the chat with such amazing speed! Just what we needed in the moment. If you want to see it again, the links to both sessions are available on the [Ottawa diocesan website](#).

Gratitude goes out to all the Ottawa Diocesan Officers for their support in this endeavour as we wanted to instill some sense of normalcy during the ongoing pandemic. Moreover, it was a way to be with you!



LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Our Lenten Morning of Reflection was held on Saturday, March 13, 2021, via Zoom. The Ottawa Diocesan Council attempted to create an atmosphere that would remind us, somewhat, of how our morning would normally begin. It was also an opportunity to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey as we prepared for the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord at Easter. A journey that, when shared together, lightens our burdens, lifts our hearts, and helps us grow in God's love.

Our morning began at 9:00am with daily Mass at Holy Name of Mary Church in Almonte. This virtual Mass was presided by our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Gaudet. When Mass ended, we went for refreshments in the comfort of our homes. We were also able to take time and chat before we gathered again at 10:00am.

At that time, Fr. Paul Gaudet gave a reflective talk on "Our Biases." Afterwards, our Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair Janet Warren led us in prayer, in a quiet time of virtual Adoration from Melbourne, Australia, breakout sessions, and finished the morning with the Stations of the Cross. With 70 members in attendance, it was nice that we could journey together as sisters in Christ even if it was only for a short time.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Plans to celebrate the feast, of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, and memorial was organized by our Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair Janet Warren. This event was held at Annunciation of the Lord Parish. The Eucharistic celebration was held on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00pm. The Mass was livestreamed and received approximately 500 views between YouTube and Facebook.

Council President Michèle Hundertmark and her members made this feast come alive quietly working in the background. These members were also part of the ten people in attendance who made this feast memorable while keeping everyone safe.

Annunciation of the Lord Council Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Likozar CC celebrated the Mass. He led us in the liturgy and kindled our love for the Lord. Parish Council Spiritual Development Chair Sharen Reynaert proclaimed the reading.



Parish Council Presidents and their council members were invited to participate virtually. This invitation was also extended to the families of our deceased members.

The Mass was solemn, especially when our Diocesan President Lynn Lavictoire read all the names of our deceased members for 2019 and 2020. The icon of Our Lady of Good Counsel, which was donated to us by the Life Members of the Ottawa Diocesan Council on our 80th anniversary, was displayed prominently in the sanctuary. The flowers in front of the altar represented each of our deceased sisters. There were eighty yellow and blue carnations. In addition to honouring our deceased members, we honoured all members who received service awards in 2019 and 2020. It was truly a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist.



MOTHER'S DAY

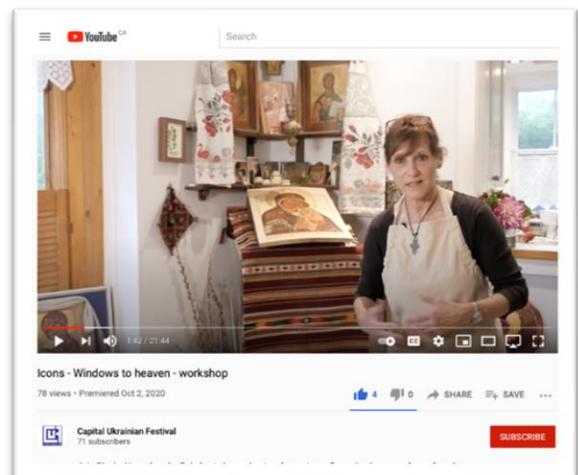


The flowers which were displayed for the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel remained beautifully in full bloom for over three weeks. These same flowers were again displayed on Mother's Day at the foot of the altar. The altar seen here is at Annunciation of the Lord Parish and is used for their drive-in mass. The love that Our Lady of Good Counsel has for all of us is timeless.

ICONOGRAPHY PRESENTATION

On Saturday, June 12, 2021, the Ottawa Diocesan Council hosted a presentation on Iconography. The officers wanted to do something different for June as there seemed to be no end to the ongoing pandemic restrictions. A personal invitation was made to our sister Diocesan Council Alexandria-Cornwall. Our presenter, Olenka Galadza, is a Ukrainian Catholic catechist, retired OCSB teacher, and life-long student of Byzantine iconography. There were approximately 70 registrants and together we learned about the history, meaning, and interpretation of a wonderful spiritual art form. Olenka's presentation was fascinating and informative. You can also see her presenting on YouTube at:

[Icons - Windows to heaven - workshop.](#)



2021/2022 PROVINCIAL CONVENTION NEWS



From top left to right and top to bottom:

- Moira Matthews, Marilyn Olsen, Rita Lemay, Cindy Zorgel,
- Lynn Lavictoire, Angela Gaudet, Roxanne Leblanc-Lemieux, Lynn Pomainville,
- Gerda Franssen, Feilan Xiabaker, Sue Ann Soulliere, Theresa Schopf, and
- Sonya LaRocque.

As we say goodbye to the 2021 Ontario Provincial Convention Planning Committee, we say hello to the 2022 Ontario Convention Planning Committee as the Ottawa Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League were gifted with and have welcomed another opportunity of hosting this event in keeping with the tradition of hosting the provincial convention in the home town or city of the provincial president in her last year of office.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 10 -13, 2022

The members of the Ottawa Diocesan Council and the 2022 Ontario Provincial Convention Planning Committee look forward to start afresh in the fall with new and former committee members. Please watch for our advertising at the Ontario Provincial Annual Meeting of Members which will be held in Cornwall. See you all at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre next July 2022!

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact:
 Lynn Lavictoire at odcpresident2019@bell.net or call 613-833-1742 or
 Moira Matthews at moiramattews@rogers.com or call 613-421-4476.

Join us!

HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE LEAGUE!



At our recent executive meeting held in May, it was decided that a tree would be planted to commemorate the League's 100th anniversary. Much discussion went into deciding where the tree would be planted. Our Diocesan Christian Family Life Chair Jennifer Jones took on this project. She recently received an email confirming that her request to have a tree planted at the new Archdiocesan Centre was approved. Details of the procedure or what comes next will follow in the next couple of months. A Canadian Maple will be planted and a plaque will be made in honour of The Catholic Women's League of Canada for its 100th anniversary. Congratulations and Happy 100th Anniversary!

AWARDS

In the morning of Monday, April 26, the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Ottawa Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada sent a bouquet of flowers to our new Life Member Joanna Sisk. This was to celebrate her award which she would have liked to have been presented in person. Since we don't know when in-person meeting restrictions will be lifted, Joanna asked for her award to be mailed to her. The diocesan council felt it wasn't enough of a celebration, so on the feast day, we sent her flowers. The bouquet was quite large and Joanna was thrilled to have received it. She also wanted everyone to know that she was truly thankful for the gift. Congratulations Joanna!



FROM THE PARISHES

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD – Council President Michèle Hundermark

When Juliette was about to celebrate her Centennial birthday, our Council arranged for our members to either call, drop her a text or send her a birthday card the week before her big day. We sent a dozen blue and yellow roses with chocolates to her home. When they arrived, they weren't alone but in the company of a minimum of 100 red roses blossoming all around her living room with several helium balloons with either numbers on them or well wishes floating from dining room chairs. Her home seemed to be transformed into a flower shop and a celebration hot spot.

We were greeted by her beautiful daughter and handsome son who were prepared to greet all well-wishers as the birthday girl herself sat in her chair in a beautiful red (her favourite colour) suit answering long distance phone calls of well-wishers and greeting a steady flow of family and friends paying their loving respects. What a special occasion to have been an eyewitness to!

Juliette Cyr has been a member of the CWL since 1988 – and for all of you who are still wearing socks, that's 33 years! Up until just a few years ago, Juliette was a very active member coming to meetings and participating in all of the Council's events until her eyesight began to fail. Each time we would hold our Bazaar, Juliette would help out at the jewelry section. We are very blessed to have Juliette as a member of our Council. She is a blessing to us all.



HOLY REDEEMER – Council Member Sylvia Lama

RAISING INDIGENOUS AWARENESS

I am an occasional teacher with the OCSB (Ottawa Catholic School Board). I was devastated and heart broken when I heard about the 215 innocent buried children at the Kamloops Residential School. 😞.

A few things came to mind in order to heal and to help our community to understand the Indigenous Native Community and educate our children, young people and older generation to live in harmony with each other.

We could start by acknowledging the fact that we are living on Indigenous land. Catholic schools in Kanata and Ottawa start their day by saying this on the PA. All of the students and staff say it as well. We say the words below before the national anthem and prayer.

We respectfully acknowledge that our schools are located on the ancestral, traditional and unceded Indigenous territory of the Algonquin Peoples, on whose territory we pray, learn, play and work.

Maybe our churches can start their masses by reciting it as well?!

One teacher at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Kanata (where I worked) introduced and taught Aboriginal/Indigenous studies (a description is included at the end of this article). It was a great success and a lot of students enrolled and participated in it. This teacher taught everything about the Indigenous people: their life style, history, education, art, food, etc.



She invited Indigenous people to talk to the students. She took the students to visit them on their land. They saw how they live and learned some of their traditions. They made dream catchers and made cut out dresses in red and posted them all around the school to represent all the missing Indigenous people. Student hearts and minds acknowledged and loved to know and study the life of Indigenous people.

The teacher got a teepee and they put it in the Atrium of the school with a lot of written information around it and carpet inside it to show and teach the school community the way the Indigenous lived.

This is only one teacher in one school doing that. if we all adopt this subject and teach it in all schools the newer generation will have a much better understanding and acceptance.

Let us learn from the Parable of the Mustard Seed which Jesus talked about in the Bible (Mark 4:30-32).

May God Bless you

May God have Mercy on the Souls of the innocent 215 children.

ABORIGINAL/INDIGENOUS STUDIES BY CECILIA DIFELICE

Holy Trinity started offering this course in 2015 and it was offered to me the year before. I took many courses and did much research to prepare for it. I taught it until I retired in June 2020.

The Catholic Board and the Ministry of Education left the guidelines for the course very open so that each area could tailor it to the needs of the students and demographics. The course was called an art course but I used the art to explain Indigenous culture, spirituality, and society.

I created the course to be different every year and each year we focused on a different issue.

- First year: socio economic inequality of Indigenous groups and individuals.
- Second year: history and colonization of the Indigenous peoples.
- Third year: missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.
- Fourth year: land treaties and unresolved justice issues.
- Fifth and last year: education/60's scoop, residential schools, intergenerational trauma.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA – Council President Jean Anderson

FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH

Our Lady of Fatima Council wanted to honour St. Joseph on his feast day in a special way. We became aware that about 100 carpenters were working on the completion of a high rise across the street from our church. The council sisters baked 250 items for the work crews going in on the day shift on Friday March 19, 2021, and they were delivered by a small team at 6:30am. The reaction of the workers and engineers was amazing! They were thrilled to bits and so appreciative. One sister has also paid for an April mass for their safety and general needs.



SWAMPED IN SWEETLAND

May 15, 2021 found our council collecting men's and women's clothing to support the homeless by attending the emergency resource at the Tom Brown Arena. With Jenn's trunk fully loaded with clothing of every description and half the back seat covered with home baking, she and Marie-Lynne (a friend) and I were ready to hit the trail. Upon arrival, we groaned to see a notice posted that indicated they were now closed on weekends! After a quick tête-à-tête, Jenn offered to bring the clothes before work early that week and we would bring the baking to The Shepherds of Good Hope, as it was their lunch hour.

Ten minutes later, we arrived to view the saddest collection of humanity possible waiting about for the lunch bell. Jenn stayed in the car while Marie-Lynne and I stepped onto the sidewalk with our brownies and tea biscuits. In a loud voice I said, "who's up for homemade brownies and tea biscuits?" The reaction was like a bomb of joy going off! The homeless brothers and sisters came alive with laughter and excitement as the baked treats evaporated into the fray! Some of the comments went like this: "Hey, can I have more than one?" "Can I bring an extra for my wife?" "This is unbelievable; are three allowed?" "Don't forget those around the corner!" Just a sampling of our conversations as despair melted into sweet joy. Eventually Marie-Lynne and I worked our way to the kitchen door and delivered about half of what we started with but with our hearts full of the gratitude that we had received from this homeless family there.

Marie-Lynne told us on the trip home that she had always wanted to serve the poor but didn't think she had it in her to do so. After today, she knew that the grace required was there for her asking like the rest of us! She is also considering joining our council now to give life to this desire.

Under the mantle of Our Lady of Good Council, let us continue sisters to clothe the naked, feed the poor and befriend the lonely, all in the name of our gentle Jesus, who loves us into action! God bless you all.

ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR – Council President Lillian Martineau

Because of COVID-19, our CWL activities were put on hold. It was a disappointment missing the Ottawa Diocesan Convention – but I decided not all would be lost. I used the statue of Mary (that I had not yet completed some repairs and touch up work). I made a small crown of 'roses', prayed the rosary, and quietly sung the Hymn "Immaculate Mary."

**ST. MARY'S ALMONTE – Council Secretary Ruth Dubois**

Many years ago, my seven-year-old daughter was preparing for her First Communion. In church while we waited for Mass to begin, she wiggled her way to face me in the pew. Very seriously in a stage whisper, she asked me "What IS the Holy Spirit anyway?" I made some attempt to wisely answer her, but her eyes grew even more confused and skeptical. A moment later, she asked "Well, does It live in your armpits?" Flummoxed, I paused. She quickly demonstrated making the sign of the Cross and saying, " You know, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!" her little hands ending up in her armpits.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE – Council Community Life Chair Kati Lyon-Villiger

THE TRIP AROUND THE WORLD: AT SEA WITH GOD IN HIS HEAVEN OF MANY MANSIONS



Voyager 1 live position and data.—Right Ascension: 17h 11m 04.2s—Declination: 12° 23' 36.8" (J2000)—
Magnitude: N.A. Constellation: Ophiuchus

Sun Distance: 20,816,321,593 km [17.0 km/s] Earth Distance: 20,727,489,176 km [40.7 km/s]

Dinner was formal tonight. We attended the elegant affair by candlelight on Deck Three, Grandpa in his tuxedo and me in a long gown, pearl regalia and shawl—and golden dancing shoes.



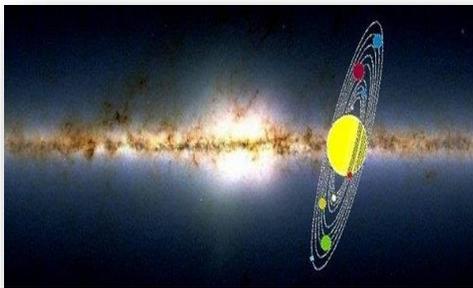
Six courses in the happy company of our English, Turkish, and Uruguayan table companions, all in formal attire and reflected in the gigantic mirror at the end of our table. After dessert, we attended the piano and orchestra concert with Maestro Franz in the magnificent Rex Theatre on Deck Five. We sat on a comfortably upholstered double seat, half-way up the grand theatre. I snuggled up to Peter as the lights were dimmed, and the Maestro played Mozart, Chopin, and Beethoven, and from *Bert Kaempfert's "Wonderland by Night"* to "Blue, Blue, My World Is Blue...." by Paul Mauriat, and Henry Mancini. Their music was part of our lives—our memories.

Then we danced in the Conte di Savoia Hall on the Genova Deck where the band played *The Romantic Night*. Like in a pictured tale, we slipped away to *Deck Eleven* to hear the roaring of the sea again out there in the unfathomable darkness of the Queen of the Night, unvarnished, without deceptive illusions, just as she is, over the railing and far below. We came to see the moon, too, hanging in the sky, lighting it up, and above all, look up to the stars so profligately strewn over the black velvet of the night sky.



Tonight, we see them differently, for the Captain has told us in his charming Italianate English that the International Astronomic Union divides the sky into 88 official constellations with precise confinements, so that every point of the celestial sphere belongs to only one constellation.

We tried to make sense of the constellations visible from the northern hemisphere, where we still were. They are mainly based on those of the tradition of ancient Greece, and their names recall mythological figures, such as Pegasus or Hercules.



Since we are not crossing the equator, we shall not see the constellations visible from the southern hemisphere. They were named much later, in the Age of the Enlightenment, and their names are often tied to inventions of the time, such as the clock, or the microscope. I did not know. The twelve constellations that intersect the ecliptic compose the zodiac. Captain Massimo had explained to us that the *ecliptic* meant the great circle on the celestial sphere representing the *sun's apparent path* during the year, so called because lunar and solar eclipses can occur only when the moon crosses it.

The constellation that appeals most to my sense of galactic romance is Orion. It is perhaps the one we know best. To the ancient Greeks, Orion was a great hunter, the child of Zeus. But when Orion was killed by a scorpion, sent by the insanely jealous Gea, Zeus, as a gift to the child of the immortals, turned him into a constellation. It allowed him to live in the sky and with him also his faithful dog, Sirius, from which comes the name of the star of the same name, the brightest of the heavens.

Tell me, Captain, about Orion!

The Voice of Massimo, the Seadog, responds again.

He tells me that the constellation of *Orion* is formed by different stars that look more than any other like the figure of a man: The stars "Saiph" and "Rigel" form its feet, "Betelgeuse" the shoulder, and "Bellatrix" the hand that grasps the sword. "Bellatrix" was the warlike star. With its red colour, it reminds us of the colour of Mars, God of War covered in red blood. To the center of constellation, we see three stars, of which only two,

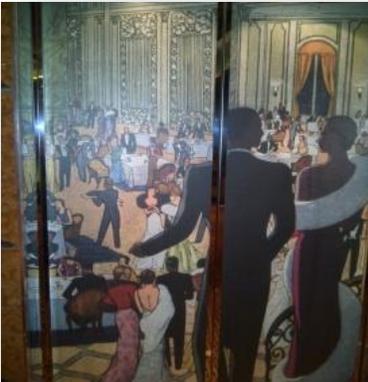


"Alnilam" and "Alnitak" are useful to sailors. Lined up, they are reminiscent of a belt, tightening the suit of the hunter.

I already knew that for a long time Orion and his Sirius tried to capture Ursa Major, but this time, I learnt a little more, namely that so far, they have not yet succeeded because "Arturo," her keeper, guards her. In addition, Orion has an enemy in the heavens. When Zeus put him into the sky, angry Gea sought revenge. She turned the scorpion that struck him into a constellation as well, and "Scorpio" always stalks Orion across the sky, trying to strike him with its sting, the star "Shaula." What a fertile imagination the Greeks had.

In more recent times, some additions have been made to the list of constellations, and *Voyager I* continues to send back photographs of deep space, after decades of traveling through it, finding more periodically. How little we know about that wondrous journey. That little machine hurtling itself through space decade after decade, helps us fill the gaps in the "tolemaici" layouts. The Greeks considered the sky as "compendente" constellations with empty spaces between them. And there is more. It helps us fill the southern hemisphere, to complete the list the European explorers, on their trips, were able to see.

Truly as it says in John 14:2: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"*



However, tonight, we are human, and we need sleep.

Hand in hand, then arm in arm, darling Grandpa and I wander through the universe that is our ship on spaceship Earth. Like the two charmed creatures on the elevator door, we wonder at our beautiful world, as we walk slowly, fanned by the gentle zephyrs of the Red Sea, down the deck and over to the colourful elevators, and we ride down, tightly embraced, to our beautiful home on the sea, cabin 1415 on the Rio de Janeiro Deck.

"TEA FOR TWO"

A friend is someone with whom to laugh,
But that is yet not half enough.
A friend shares tears, fears, all that's life heavy,
Also, ev'ry joy that binds souls together!
What's new under friendship's sun?
How about a deep Love for everyone?!
'Specially those who feel alone,
Waiting to hear the ring of their phone, with a:
"Hey, how's it going, what's new? Got something you'd Love to do?
"Tea for two, just me n'you?"
Good-bye sorrow and senseless fears,
Hello sunshine; great, tea for two,
RIGHT HERE!

- *Jean Anderson*

**As we move from June into July, the Ottawa Diocesan Council wishes you
Happy Canada Day!**



Have a safe and God-filled summer!