

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SEBASTIEN GROLEAU

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Dear Members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada: Your tremendous support over the years has made a significant difference in the missions, most especially through the Catholic Missions In Canada (CMIC) National Voluntary Fund. I have greatly enjoyed the local, provincial and national conventions with you. Your concern for Canada, for our society, is truly reflected in your daily prayer services. The four national conventions I attended (Moncton, Saskatoon, London and Vancouver) have made me proud to be associated with you.

As I write this I struggle with competing sentiments of sadness and joy. The sadness comes from the knowledge that I will not see many of you again, and joy because I am pursuing a direction that will prepare me to serve in a different way.

Over three years ago, His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic and the Board of Governors of CMIC entrusted me with the leadership of CMIC, a task in which I have invested my energies and skills. These have been great years during which I have learned so much. I wish to thank His Eminence Cardinal Ambrozic for his tremendous support and prayers. Thanks to all of you for your support and prayers too.

Looking at financial reports, I believe we have pulled out of the last economic ills (slow economic growth of the last few years, the tsunami and other disasters around the planet, etc.) quite nicely, in fact with a small annual increase in our general and overall revenues.

I'm pleased with the success CMIC has enjoyed despite the challenges. It was achieved through hard work and the dedicated commitment of all the staff, the board and, in no small way, The Catholic Women's League of Canada. I have enjoyed the last three years tremendously. As CMIC is in a positive

growth direction, I have decided that this is a good time to pursue a goal I have been contemplating for some time. By the time you read this, I will be studying canon law at St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

May God continue to bless you and, through you, the children in the missions.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Sebastien Groleau
President (2002-2005)

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH COUNCIL CORNWALL, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



Listen to the Whispers/A Day for Women was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall, sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council. Presentations and demonstrations were made by health professionals on women's health issues such as breast, ovarian and cervical cancers, healthy life choices, arthritis, kidney diseases, organ donation and massage. The title of the day came from the video of the same name offered by the National Ovarian Cancer Association. Prince Edward Island Provincial Education and Health Chairperson Marion Marshall said, "Wow! It was an amazing day that provided information on all aspects of women's health: spiritual, mental and physical. By *listening to the whispers* within our body, we can take greater care of ourselves and be better able to go out and serve others."

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Margaret Bettin, late of Creston, British Columbia

Therese Mackey, late of Beauharnois, Quebec

Frances Murray, late of Smith Falls, Ontario

Stella Niedzwiecki, late of Balzac, Alberta