

Marmora's fund-raiser gets AC boost

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For its annual Supper and Bazaar on Sunday, July 16, Sacred Heart Parish put together all the tried-and-true elements of past successes, but added something new and appealing: air-conditioning in the parish hall. Almost 560 meals were served, 61 of them take-outs. The beef and pork came from Nick's BBQ, but other responsibilities were shared around: Doug Lynch (overall convener), Deena MacCauley (kitchen) and Jean Shannon with Cathy Tilley (main hall).

People lingered on the grounds to enjoy games (including bingo), a craft booth, white elephant table and a fish pond for the kids, plus Harold McAvoy's old time fiddlers from the Belleville area.

As always, the supper drew many fans from surrounding areas and resorts. In fact, five of the 10 raffle prizes went to out-of-town winners from as far away as Mississauga. The raffle was handled by Joe MacCauley. Fr. John Brennan thanked residents, visiting priests and out-of-town guests for their patronage and acknowledged his parishioners' hard work. (*Marg Monk*)

*Aug-Sept 2000**Jubilee Day for Women unites generations*

Marmora CWL sponsors new Catholic Girls' League

BY ANITA BEDORE

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The main focus is to encourage, support and teach Catholic girls about their faith, their personal and community spirituality, and their place within the Church. We have been blessed with a membership of 17 girls and, with considering this spring's First Communion, we expect to see our membership increase in the fall.

We see this youth program as a way of uniting generations of women in our parish in an atmosphere of spiritual development that one day will lead them, young women, into the CWL with a fuller understanding of women's blessed position in the Church.

In the development of the Girls' League, the importance of CWL members cannot be underestimated. The women of the CWL have many remarkable talents to share with these young girls, who are the future of the Catholic Women's League.

With support from the CWL and Youth Ministry, the girls planned and prepared for this Jubilee celebration and were eager to read, decorate the stage, assist with the lunch, and hand out programs. The Beatitudes for Women and League Prayers were printed on the program to encourage parishioners to continue to reflect on the women of faith present in their lives throughout this Holy Year of Jubilee.

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No summer off here

Marmora's CWL is keeping busy all summer, Every third Friday afternoon of the month, even July and August, CWLers host a birthday party for residents at Caressant Care Nursing Home. A musical sing-along of old melodies is followed by Happy Birthday sung to as many patients as have birthdays during the month. League members take turns providing a special cake, which the visitors share with residents as they visit over tea. (Editor: All of us who have loved ones in nursing homes know how much such faithful visits from CWL members and other pastoral care visitors are appreciated.)

Another summer tradition for Sacred Heart's CWL is a picnic for special people (physically challenged). The most recent, the 26th, took place June 12 on the grounds of Bev Maloney's Crowe Lake cottage. Fourteen members barbecued hot dogs, served sandwiches and sweets, and organized bingo games with prizes, music and dancing.

One CWL hostess says, "We were blessed; we picked the one day of that week that was sunny with no down-pour of rain." A thank-you card from one of the special guests expressed the hope that the CWL will continue this summer tradition for years to come. (Thanks to Marg Monk)

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Resolution re embryonic cells

At this year's Convention, a normally busy part of diocesan business hardly made the agenda; only one resolution was presented and approved. It came from St. John's Council in Gananoque and requested that the Federal Minister of Health strike a viable Ethics Review Commission for the study and possible establishment of appropriate standards pertaining to harvesting, research and development and use of embryonic stem cells. Marmora's CWL presented the Diocesan Convention with an excellent recommendation regarding procedures for petitioning various levels of government.

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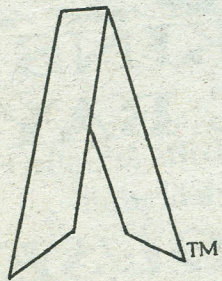
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Churches support White Ribbon Against Pornography Week

White Ribbons will be handed out in the churches of Marmora the weekend of October 21-22. They will be worn in support of the 12th Annual White Ribbon Against Pornography Week, October 22-29. Petitions will also be available which will be sent to the provincial and federal governments requesting their support of laws and just penalties that ensure all individuals in our society are protected from sexual exploitation in its various forms such as print, photographs, video, and internet.

The campaign is promoted by C.A.S.E., Canadian's Addressing Sexual Ex-



ploitation out of Scarborough and is in its 12th year. Material provided by C.A.S.E. states: "Fight-

ing pornography's proliferation is not censorship but rather the regulation of a potentially hazardous product. There is no freedom of expression when addiction to pornography or loss of childhood innocence occurs. This is a public health and safety issue."

The strength of the W.R.A.P. Campaign is that it allows ordinary citizens to express their opposition to the degrading and demeaning pornography so easily available. These united voices are powerful.

Submitted by Bev Maloney