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Englefeld CWL council celebrates 50 years

By Audrey Zimmerman

A 50th anniversary celebration for Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Women's League in Englefeld was held May 14.

Members and former members gathered in the afternoon for a social in the decorated church basement. Displays of photo albums, scrapbooks and other memorabilia sparked much reminiscing. The rosary was then prayed in the church proper, honouring the CWL patroness: "Our Lady of Good Counsel."

Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, Rev. Daniel Muyres, OSB, and Rev. Darryl Millette concelebrated Mass. Millette spoke of those who go unnoticed working behind the scenes, and stated that the works of the CWL are noted and appreciated.

A banquet followed in the Englefeld school gymnasium, catered by Lani Best of the Englefeld Coffee Shop. Holy Guardian Agnels CWL president Alice Radoux was MC for the program, which began with songs performed by Jayde Ronvel and Crystal Kawolski.

Greetings were presented by CWL provincial president-elect Tillie Aessie, who presented a plaque of recognition; CWL diocesan president Susan Melchiorre, who presented merit certificates to charter members; Mayor Darrel Athmer; parish council chair and Grand Knight Michael Miskolczi; and Sacred Heart, Watson CWL president Irene Gabriel.

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Guest speaker for the evening was Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, who spoke with humour and appreciation for the work of the CWL within the church and the community. He encouraged CWL members to move forward in their work for God and Canada, citing Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" as a model to follow.

The formal program ended with God Save the Queen and the exit procession of the flags. Local entertainment concluded the evening.

Englefeld pioneer women had a large and strong Christian mothers group in the early years, when the parish was still part of St. Peter's Abbey. When Fr. Alphonse Ludwig, OSB, came to Englefeld, he encouraged the women to form a CWL council and helped organize the first meeting with diocesan convenors. The charter council saw 93 members sign up in 1961. Today the council has some 62 members from the village and surrounding farming community.