

Ss. Peter & Paul UCWLC, Canora Branch

Celebrates 70th Anniversary

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On November 20, 2016, Ss. Peter and Paul UCWLC, Canora Branch celebrated its 70th anniversary. The celebration began with liturgy led by Rev. Fr. Joachim Rac, followed by a banquet at the hall. Guests were greeted at the hall by Hospodynna, Gloria Demchuk and Hospodar, Alan Demchuk. Second Vice-president, Debbie Dutchak emceed the celebration. Greetings came from MLA Terry Dennis, Mayor Gina Rachochoy and President of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Council, Dave Popowich. Marlene Bodnar, president of the Saskatoon eparchy for UCWLC presented a plaque commemorating the 70 years of service to Frances Bartko, branch treasurer and representative.



UCWLC Canora Branch
Centre: Sister Sophia, Rev. Fr. Joakim Rac,
Marlene Bodnar, Eparchial President

Jean Zarazun and Stella Diakow, both members of UCWLC for 60 years were honoured to share the history of the league since its inception in 1946 on December 8. Alice Derow was applauded at the banquet for her award of Honorary Life Member, which she received earlier in the year at Winnipeg. Alice has been a member for 54 years and has held many executive positions throughout the years.

Alice Derow had the honour of introducing the guest speaker, Sister Sophia. Sister Sophia spoke to guests about “God’s Love” and that “everyone embodies God’s Love”.

Veselka Dancers from Canora entertained the crowd with a Dance from Volyn.

The banquet closed with the traditional hymn “Always Protect Us”.



Dave Popowich, Sister Sophia and Rev. Fr. Joakim Rac



Emcee Debbie Dutchak, Second Vice-president



Stella Diakow and Jean Zarazun share history of Canora Branch UCWLC



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