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Blessed CWL Sisters;

Drum roll please, we are delighted to announce, that our 2016 Military Ordinariate Catholic Women's League Provincial Annual Convention will be on the only tri service base, training army, air force and navy personnel in a multitude of Officer and Non – Commissioned occupations. It is the birth place of Canada's Air Force and location of the first purpose built aircraft hangers which is recognized as a National Historic site. Have you guessed yet? If you deduced it is CFB Borden, you would be correct. They have graciously offered to host our 49th Annual Convention and the estimated time frame is the 29th April – 1st of May, 2016 accommodations on base across from the chapel. Thank you to our St. Josephs Chapel, CFB Borden sisters and Base personnel. There will be more news to follow at a later date, get your dancing shoes on and start your preparations.

Remembrance Day: I would like to thank all our military men and women here and abroad for their dedicated service to our beloved country of Canada. Hopefully, your base council or CWL representative will have the opportunity to display your respect by attending a Remembrance Day ceremony and perhaps mark the visit with a flower or wreath. Wear your poppy with pride. I would like to highlight this special day by quoting from an article that I viewed.

Remembering with Pride
November 11th, 2015
A short biography of Dr. John McCrae

In May 1915, one of Dr. John McCrae's closest friends and comrades was killed in the trenches near Ypres, Belgium. He was buried in a humble grave with a simple wooden cross. Wild poppies bloomed between the crosses marking the many graves. The next day, unable to help his friend or any of the others who had died, Dr. McCrae gave them a voice through his poem.

On January 28, 1918, John McCrae succumbed to pneumonia and meningitis. He died not knowing the outcome of the war, but with a full understanding of the cost of it. Before he died, Dr. McCrae had the satisfaction of knowing that his poem had been a success. Soon after its publication, it became the most popular poem on the First World War. It was translated into many languages and used on billboards advertising the sale of first Victory Loan Bonds in Canada in 1917.

In part because of the poem's popularity, the poppy was adopted as the Flower of Remembrance. The symbolic poppy and John McCrae's poems are still linked and the voices of those who have died in war continue to be heard each Remembrance Day. – Veterans Affairs Canada

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, through poppies grow
In Flanders Fields. – John McCrae*

Lest we forget

God Bless Canada and its' people!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

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