

Catholic Women's League meets in Corowa

The Diocesan Conference of the Catholic Women's League of Wagga Wagga was held in Corowa on April 29, with 63 members in attendance.

The conference commenced with mass concelebrated by Bishop Gerard Hanna, Bishop of Wagga Diocese, Father Terence Maheedy, CWL Spiritual Director and Father Paul Hart of Corowa.

In his homily Bishop Hanna referred to the gospel reading of Luke and likened this to members of CWL and their work.

Later during the conference he spoke of the relevance of the league in today's society, often the group speak against public opinion but they also contribute in many ways in our community and they are very much aware of the future generation.

After the mass, the conference continued at the Corowa Golf Club where Diocesan president, Mrs Margaret Corbett welcomed Mrs Jeanette



The new committee members of the Catholic Women's League are president: Carolyn Ryan, vice president: Sue Gooden, treasurer: Kath Farrelly, secretary: Francis Murphy, representative: Marian Skehan, Sylvie from Yoogali, Jeanette Sheahan with Bishop Hanna and Father Maheedy.

Sheahan, general president of CWL for Wagga and Victoria, she also welcomes members, visitors' clergy and the Deputy Mayor of Corowa, Mrs Fiona Schirmer.

One recommendation was presented to the conference regarding

sexually explicit advertising, members where urged to register a complaint to the radio, television station, newspaper or magazine where these advertisements appear.

Father Hart presented a reflection segment after lunch, speaking of Je-

sus presence in our faith community. He urged the group to be people of prayer and reconciliation.

Other guest speakers included Sister Marie McAllister who works as a pastoral assistant in Holbrook and in her address she said that people who have a relationship with God are people of deep faith whose salvation comes from God alone – be silent, listen and accept God's love.

Farther Brendan Lee is a youth worker in the Wagga Diocese and he reminded the conference of the World Youth Day in Sydney 2008, since remembered as a once in a lifetime event that saw many young people embracing their faith and reaching out to one another.

Merian Kerly who is also a youth worker on the Dioceses mentioned the results of the World Youth Day and the privilege she felt to be a part of it.

Three representatives if the CWL

social questions committee alerted members to matters of concern that are being currently working on.

One is being Australian Human Rights commission proposal for a freedom of religion bill.

Our general president, Mrs Jeanette Sheahan congratulated the Diocese on a faithful conference and announced the members and executives of the Diocesan Committee for the coming year.

Father Maheedy gave a final blessing to conclude a successful conference.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Carol Packer of the Corowa branch and to Anna Battocchio, Yugal branch for their work on the Diocesan committee.

Carol also received the same award from the executive of the general committee of Victoria and Wagga Wagga CWL.