

**ANNA KACINEC RECEIVED HER 50 YEAR CWL SERVICE PIN IN APRIL 2018**



**\* KACINEC, Anna**

Anna was born May 27, 1929 therefore she is 89 years young. She was born in a small town outside of Warsaw, Poland. She was the 4<sup>th</sup> in a family of 6 children. After WWII ended Anna's parents believed their family's future was in North America. At the young age of 19, Anna, along with a girlfriend, Stella, left her family and boarded a ship bound for Canada. She was sponsored by a family in Winnipeg where she worked as a domestic/nanny for a year.

Anna, during her first year in Canada, learnt the English language at night school and took classes to become a seamstress. She eventually sponsored her sister to come to Winnipeg while the rest of her family ended up in Chicago, Illinois. It was a few years later in Anna's life that she considered moving, with her sister, to join the rest of her family. It was then that she met her future husband Joseph "Joe". They were married on October 9, 1954. They became parents to 3 daughters Deloree, Aiden & Karen. In June 1968 the Kacinec family moved from St. Edward's parish to Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

After losing her husband Joe in 1978 she found herself more actively participating in the CWL. Since Anna's education was broken due to the war, she was sensitive to what she felt comfortable doing. Thus she gladly helped to make sandwiches for the luncheons served after funerals, as well as contributing her baking for bake sales. Every Wednesday morning she spent time with the Lord during Adoration at OLPH. Anna lived for a time at Fairmont Woods.

In 2015 her health started to fail and by 2016 Anna would reside in Golden West Nursing Home in St. James. She is currently confined to a wheelchair and has difficulty with her speech. Anna is able to receive communion every Sunday thanks in part to Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Manuela DaCosta. Anna last attended mass at OLPH to receive her 50 year pin from CWL and was very thankful and proud to receive it. Thank you Anna for your service in the Catholic Women's League.

We pray for Anna and we ask that Our Lady of Good Counsel intercede for her.

Respectfully submitted

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