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***Keewatin-The Pas
73rd Archdiocesan AMM Convention
St. Ann's Parish, Flin Flon, MB
May 3 & 4, 2025***

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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
73rd ANNUAL MEETING of MEMBERS/
CONVENTION AGENDA
Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council
May 3 & 4, 2025**

hosted by St. Ann CWL
at 163 Centre Street, Flin Flon, MB.

Here I am Lord, send me"

Friday evening, May 2, 2025

7:00 p.m. Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan executive Pre-convention meeting

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Registration and Gathering
9:00 a.m.	Pillars workshop
10:15 a.m.	Health Break
10:30 a.m.	Workshop continues.
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00- 3:00 p.m.	Completion of Workshop
3:00 p.m.	Fill out Evaluation.
5:00 p.m.	Holy Mass at St. Ann's Church
6:30 p.m.	Banquet at St. Ann's Parish hall

Sunday, May 5, 2025

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Official Opening, Flags/Banners processed in Business meeting commences, Welcoming, Spiritual program, Memorial, Parish presidents and chairpersons reports.
10:15 a.m.	Health break
10:30 a.m.	Business resumes; Election of new Officers
12 noon	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Business concludes ,Installation of new executive, blessings, adjournment and Flag retired.

Please remember that this is a SCENT-FREE event.

The League Prayer

We humbly pray you, O God our Father,
To bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our
Minds and strength to our wills,
That we may know and fulfill your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad,
The good things You have given us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the Intercession of our Patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Amen.

The League Promise

For the glory of God and the good of God's people,
I promise on my honour as a Catholic woman
To honour, invoke, and imitate our Patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel.

I promise to be a loyal member of the
Catholic Women's League of Canada and to
Promote its interest and growth in every way.

I promise to co-operate with League officers in all
Programs under their direction and to conform to the
Best of my ability, to the By-laws of the
Organization in all League activities.

Amen.



Heavenly Father,

Through the ages, You have called many to serve You.

Abraham, Sarah and Samuel; Martha and Elizabeth,

As well as countless men and women throughout the ages.

All were different, and each brought unique gifts to Your service.

Now today, we too hear Your call to come and follow, to bring our gifts to Your service.

Help us, O Lord to make our reply. "Here I am Lord, Send me" with full and generous hearts,

In order that we may be Your instruments in the building of Your kingdom.

*We ask that You hear and answer our prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen (Bishop Wayne Lobsinger)*

**Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council
Archbishop Murray Chatlain
& Spiritual Advisors**



Fr. Shantha Kumar MSFS



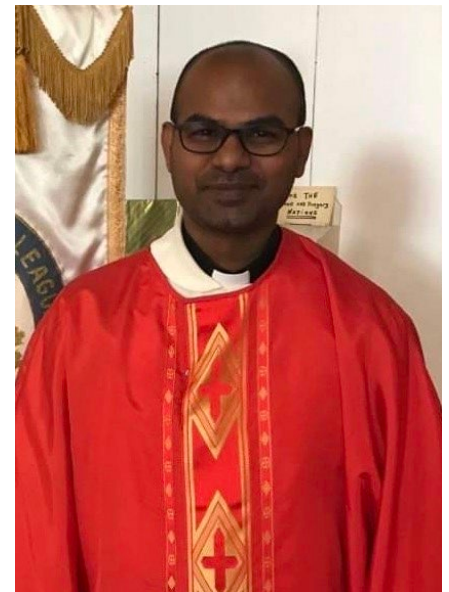
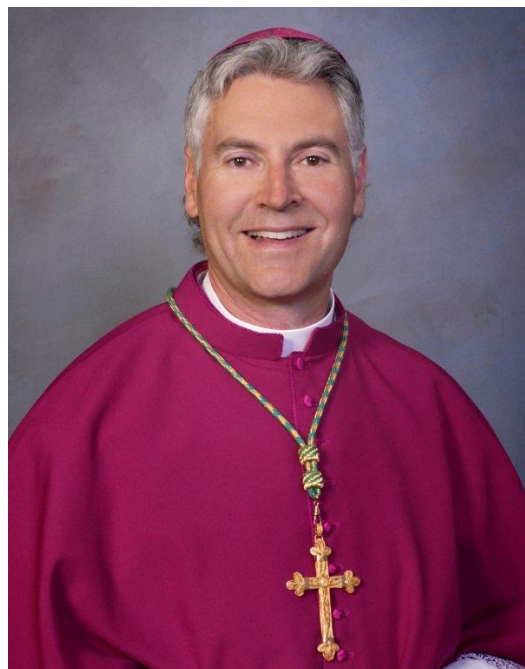
Fr. Paul Bringleston



Fr. Subhash Joseph MSFS



Deacon Clarence Fisher



Fr. Ravikumar Jangam MSFS



March 31, 2025

Dear Sisters of the CWL of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas,

We have spent twelve years together. We are not a big diocese people wise, so I have been able to get to know every one of you and to be present at virtually every gathering. That has been a blessing for me. Your gatherings have been marked by a good spirit, friendly, full of laughter with a good balance of prayer and concern for justice and the poor.

I have loved the different resolutions you have worked on and used to help direct the governance of our province and country. Please keep up that good work.

I have also been impressed with your perseverance. These are times when all organizations are struggling with membership. God does not call large numbers often, but we work with who we have and do the best we can with our age and limitations. God does not call us to retire from serving, but to keep adjusting according to our abilities.

Let us all pray for the discernment of the new Bishop to come. May you finally be blessed with a good bishop!

Thank you for our years together. Thank you for your love and support. Your presence in our parishes and communities does make a positive difference.

Be assured of my continuing love and prayers.

Archbishop Murray Chatlain



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Keewatin-Le Pas Archdiocese



“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ Isaiah 6:8

This verse reflects the readiness of Isaiah to respond to God’s call. It reminds us that God continuously seeks willing hearts to carry out His mission.

After the resurrection of Jesus, we see a similar calling. When Jesus appeared to His disciples, He gave them the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), sending them to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. Just as Isaiah responded with willingness, Jesus resurrection invites us to say, “Here am I, send me,” embracing the new life He has given us and becoming witnesses of His victory over sin and death.

The resurrection is not just an event to celebrate it is a call to action. Jesus’ triumph empowers us to step forward in faith, just as Isaiah did, and take part in God’s plan to bring hope and salvation to the world.

Blessings

Fr. Ravikumar Jangam Msfs

Archdiocesan Spiritual Advisor — Archdiocese of Keewatin-LePas



Diocesan Retreat



Manitoba Provincial Council



February 18, 2025

Dear Members of Keewatin-The Pas

Our national president's theme "Here I am Lord, send me" is in its second year and I often wonder if I have responded positively or enough to this beautiful theme. When we ask God to send us, am I willing to go into uncharted areas that might not be comfortable or a bit hard to do?

I believe that God is always with us in all the actions we do in the name of our league. All the good charitable works done by our ladies in Keewatin-The Pas diocese is commendable.

Even though we are in a northern region and face different issues, we continue to be a beacon of hope for the marginalized and afflicted. When we listen, support, care and help in any way our Lord smiles. God is the one to move mountains, we are the ones to remove the obstacles (pebbles rocks etc.) out of the way to make life better for our brothers and sisters.

As you gather today, be proud of your accomplishments and continue to serve our Lord with joyful hearts.

Your sister in Christ,

Lucille Rossington

Lucille Rossington
President
Manitoba Provincial Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

KEEWATIN-THE PAS DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 2023-2025



Fr. Ravikumar Jangam MSFS



Bernadette Benson
President



Teresa Bodin
Vice President



Donna Coles
Secretary



Lucille Rossington
Past President



Pat Campbell
Pres-Lynn Lake



Eloise Gawiak
Pres-Flin Flon



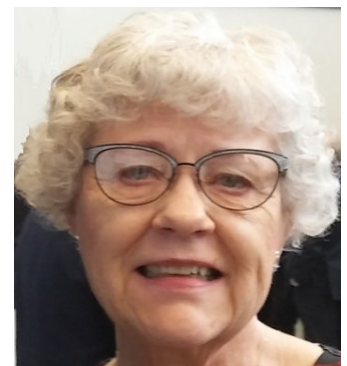
Jacqueline Nogier
Pres-Snow Lake
Council inactive 2025



Geraldine Kennedy
Pres. – The Pas



Bernadette DeCesco
Pres-Thompson



Angie Fetter
Service

KEEWATIN-THE PAS DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Organized on September 28, 1952

FIRST EXECUTIVE

Spiritual Advisor	Rev. J. Garth
President	Mrs. E. Barr
1 st Vice President	Mrs. N. Cyr
2 nd Vice President	Mrs. B. Leduc
3 rd Vice President	Mrs. A. Burns
Secretary	Mrs. J.H. Hartman
Treasurer	Mrs. N. Frechette

“Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us”



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas 72nd Archdiocesan Meeting of Members
Hosted by St. Lawrence Parish Council
At 114 Cree Road, THOMPSON, MB
May 4 & 5, 2024

The AMM began with the Canadian Flag, followed by banners of each parish council, followed by the Book of Life processed in. "O Canada" was sung. We Acknowledge that we are on treaty 5 territory and the traditional homeland of the Cree First Nation and Metis Nation. Bernadette Benson, President declared the 72nd Meeting of Members' Meeting of the Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan open at 9:12 a.m.

MOTION by **Bernadette Benson**, seconded by **Teresa Bodin** that we adopt the 2024 AMM agenda as presented on (page2). **Adopted.**

MOTION by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Eloise Gawiak** that Standing Rules of the 72nd AMM, read by Donna Coles be adopted as read. **Adopted.**

MOTION by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Pat Campbell**, that Robert's Rule of Order of the 72nd AMM, read by Donna Coles be adopted as read. **Adopted.**

Lucille Rossington lead us in the League Prayer, and Spiritual Reflection which can be found in Living with Christ, when God's Spirit is Hidden in Plain Sight—by Raymond Friel & David Wells, from their book called "At Your Side Prayers for Messy, Delightful, Complicated, Outrageous Everyday Life". (Toronto Novalis pages 132-133)

A moment of silence was taken for deceased members Past President Lucille read a prayer and Fr. Ravi gave a Blessing for the departed members.

St. Ann's Parish, Flin Flon: Rose Bazylewski August 24, 2023; Pauline Chornoby December 22, 2023; **Our Lady of The Sacred Heart, The Pas:** Violet Lagimodiere January 7, 2023, and Eileen Lamontagne May 27, 2023

Opening Remarks Bernadette Benson, President:

Good morning! I am happy to see everyone here today and I extend a heartfelt welcome to each one of you. I also wish to extend a thank you, to St. Lawrence Parish Council CWL for hosting this year's AMM.

As I call your name, please stand to be recognized: Most Rev. Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Keewatin-The Pas Diocese; Fr. Ravikumar Jangam, msfs , Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and Pastor of St. Maria Goretti, Lynn Lake; Fr. Subhash Joseph, St. Lawrence Parish,

Thompson, MB.; Rolande Chernichan, Life Member and Faith Chairperson, CWL National; Janet Brunger, Past President of Manitoba CWL and Life Member; Lucille Rossington, Acting President of Manitoba CWL; Lea Colbeck, Chairperson Treasurer & Acting Vice President Manitoba Provincial CWL; Paulette Borgfjord, Manitoba Provincial Legislation; Jacqueline Nogier, Life Member and Liaison, Member of National Implementation Committee; Susan Bernier, Life Member; and Ella Nogier, Life Member. We are so pleased to have Bellelle Guerin award recipients present today: Pat Campbell and Donna Coles
Now would the members from Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan and guests please stand. Thank you so much for being here today.

Roll Call

Executive & Parish Council Presidents

Spiritual Advisor—Fr. Ravi Jangam, msfs	Present
President—Bernadette Benson	Present
Vice President—Teresa Bodin	Present
Secretary—Donna Coles	Present
Past president—Lucille Rossington	Present
Faith—Vacant	
Service—Angie Fetter	Present
Social Justice—Vacant	
President - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, The Pas—Gerry Kennedy	Absent
President - Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake—Jacqueline Nogier	Present
President - St. Ann's, Flin Flon—Eloise Gawiak	Present
President St. Lawrence, Thompson—Bernadette DeCesco	Present
President St. Maria Goretti, Lynn Lake—Pat Campbell	Present

MOTION: by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Lucille Rossington** That the Catholic Women's League of Canada Notice of 72nd Annual Meeting of Members, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council, May 4 & 5, 2024 hosted by St. Lawrence Parish Council at 411 Cree Road, Thompson, MB. be accepted as presented. **Adopted**

Greetings — were brought from Archbishop Murray Chatlain (page 6)
Greetings from Lucille Rossington Acting Provincial President (page 8)

Fr Ravi - Diocesan Spiritual Advisor—Greetings (page 7)

Sisters in the League I am praying for you all daily as you spread Christ's message. Special thanks to the husbands and family members of my sisters in the League for your support and encouragement.

MOTION by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Pat Campbell**, that the minutes of the 71st Diocesan AMM May 6-7, 2023, be accepted as presented. **Adopted**

Correspondence— President Bernadette Benson forwarded to the Executive and all Parish Presidents as information from all levels was received.

An e-mail was read from Faith Anderson — Many Blessings for a successful Annual Meeting Members and I will keep you in my prayers as you deliberate

This weekend. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you as you celebrate your council's accomplishments for the past year, renew relationships and affirm your bond with the League and your sisters in the League across our great county.

FINANCIAL REPORT REMOVED IF YOU NEED A COPY CONTACT PRESIDENT

MOTION by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Pat Campbell**, that the Financial Report pages 26-27 be accepted as presented. **Adopted**

MOTION by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Pat Campbell**, that we pay any outstanding bills. **Adopted**

Chairperson's Reports

Faith - page 30— (Oral Report)

St Anne's Council begin their meetings praying the Rosary and in April we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Each meeting begins and ends in prayer and a reflection the past few months I have spoken about:

The Ten Commandments of How to Get Along with People

How we respond when someone puts the squeeze on us and how Jesus responds when the world puts the squeeze on him. He doesn't freak out, whine, or feel sorry for himself. No, instead he counters the blows, torture, and mockery with elegance, love, and forgiveness. He shows us what it means to be truly human.

Jesus and the Crown of Thrones

Considering what to give up for Lent; Because every time we say "no" to something, we're saying "yes" to something else — even if we don't realize it.

Reported on our new theme Here I am Lord, send me! introduced by our National president, Shari Guinta and prayer which can be found in the winter issue of The Canadian League magazine. We have been closing our meetings with this prayer.

Shared the new prayer Pilgrims of Hope in preparation for Jubilee 2025.

Pope Francis encourages us to study and reflect on the four constitutions of Vatican II and the meaning of these documents for the life of the church today. I joined the webinars and found them way above my understanding; but very interesting.

Shared Christian Unity week schedule in our community

Prayer partners were chosen for the coming year

Shared with council upcoming events and feast days in the past months

Suggested websites for Lent such as Loyola Press and CCCB webinars about the Journey through the Life of Jesus

Every Friday Stations of the Cross were prayed during the Lenten season

Organized and hosted World Day of Prayer with Salvation Army as co-host. The program was developed 7 years ago by the Palestinian Christian women praying for peace in the Holy Land; how appropriate. We had a great turnout and raised a little over 300\$ for Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

St Joseph and his feast day - patron saint of the dying

Divine Mercy Novena and history about our modern-day saint - St Faustina

We gathered for Mass and fellowship Wednesday, April 23rd, to celebrate The Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our patroness, is Friday, April 26th.

Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us —This concludes my report, Respectfully, Catherine Daneliuk

Service page 31 —January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024 (Oral Report)—One Council reporting:

Members provide transportation to seniors who require rides to meetings, mass or special functions. Those in need of rides are encouraged to call if they would like to attend any of the above.

Cards are sent out to council members who are ill or shut in.

Members participated in the Meals on Wheels Program in March; Members visit parishioners who reside at St. Paul's Care Home

Phone calls are made to inform members of upcoming meetings and events

CWL high school bursary applications have been received and reviewed with a recipient to be selected.

The Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Service Chairperson presented the Works of Mercy Prayer Service at the January general meeting

Sponsorship and exchange of letters, small gifts and cards continue with the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Council's sponsored child (Chalice)

This concludes my report — Angie Fetter

Social Justice page 32 —No report

Recording Secretary - pages 28-29 —No report

President's Report — pages 33-35 — January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024 (Oral Report)

My activity for this period has been:

January 20—Zoom meeting with the Diocesan executive

February 09—meeting of executive for National 2027 which will be in Winnipeg, MB

February 10—Day of Celebration at Winnipeg, MB. (Holy Cross parish)

February 11—Provincial CWL executive meeting

March 19—participated in the Lenten Encounter of Prayer and Reflection webinar

March to current—preparing for the Diocesan AMM in Thompson, MB on May 4 & 5, 2024

My home parish, St. Ann's, Flin Flon, is hosting this year's Manitoba Provincial AMM and I have attended all the planning meetings for that as parish council Treasurer.

This concludes my report, Bernadette Benson

Past President's Report—Page 36 January to May 5, 2024 (Oral Report)

Madame President, Fr. Ravi

My activity report since January.

I have attended the Chrism Mass in The Pas, The Way of the Cross with National CWL

I have attended the webinar on "Sowing Seeds of Hope, Investing in our Future Priest" given by Fr. Matthew McCarthy office of vocation Archdiocese of Toronto.

I have also compared our Book of Life with the Provincial Book of Life and found lots of our ladies were missing in their book so I am in the process of adding the names to the provincial book. (88 names, this is from the beginning of their book 1982). The Book of Life is always a work in progress

I continued to support our President when required and I prepared the spiritual program for today meeting.

This concludes my report, Lucille Rossington

Parish Council Presents" Oral Reports

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (pages 37-38) was the May 1-September 23, 2023 report and should have been the annual report for 2023 sorry for the inconvenience —

Catholic Women's League of Canada Parish President's Annual Report

January to December 2023

Name of Council: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, The Pas Manitoba

Diocese: Keewatin-Le Pas —Name of President: Teresa Bodin

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Study of Catholic Teachings

- a) The League prayer and a decade of the rosary are said at the beginning of each meeting.
- b) Fr. Shantha attends all meetings and shares a topic of his choosing at each one.
- c) Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer is said at every meeting as our jar is passed around.
- d) Adult bible study began in March with one member leading and others attending
- e) Led weekly rosary throughout May and October. Members encouraged to watch live streamed mass and Wed. Rosary if unable to attend in person
- f) One council member facilitates Symbolon, RCIA and Bible study. Two members attend Symbolon and 6 attend Thursday morning Bible study.
- g) Two members attended the two day Women's Retreat in April which was offered by Sisters

Delia and Bing.

h) Annual donation to Kee-Pas Missions

Lay Ministries

a) Two members attended the Lay Provider inservice on January 15th.

b) One member attended Diocesan Study Days in September. A monetary donation toward meals for 45-50 registered individuals was given.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Endeavors

a) Two council members attended the planning session for World Day of Prayer. Advertising was done in the parish. Eight members attended and/or participated in the service which was held in April. The Christ Church Anglican hosted and offered a lovely luncheon after.

Role of Women in the Catholic Church

a) Led Stations of the Cross once during Lent and members attended throughout.

b) Members continue with leadership roles within our parish which include Music Ministry, Prayer Chain, Sunday School and Religious Education (Catechism), RCIA, Symbolon, Bible Study, First Communion and Confirmation classes/preparation, Lay Provider services, Welcoming. Others take leadership roles on various committees and church ministries such as Parish Council, Welcoming and cathedral cleaning to name a few. Three council members (all sisters), purchased, cut, sewed and embroidered Confirmation stoles this year. They will be donated to the parish and kept permanently.

c) The Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel was celebrated on Wednesday, April 26th. Posters were printed and an insert was put into the bulletin inviting parishioners to join us for Wednesday evening rosary. Everyone was encouraged to stay for refreshments, cake and desserts

ORGANIZATION

Recruit Members and Maintain Membership

a) We are happy to say that we have welcomed 2 new members in 2023. We have 26 members but not all dues have been paid as yet. No formal recruitment sessions have been carried out in the parish.

b) Cards sent out monthly to members (anniversaries, birthdays and sympathy) A report is also given at meetings.

c) A summer wind up mass and supper was held in June. Membership pins were handed out. We have one member who received a 60 year pin, one 40 year pin, one 35 year pin, one 25 year pin and two 15 year pins.

d) Elections took place in November. The vice president and Social Justice Chair are vacant.

Leadership Development and League Resource Material

a) New structure material printed for President, Chairpersons, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Spiritual Advisor. A copy of the revised Ceremonies booklet and Constitution and Bylaws have also been printed out for our council. I will continue printing revised and new material as needed.

b) I continue to encourage members to go thought the CWL website and to read their League publications.

COMMUNITY LIFE

a) One member spearheaded the "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes this year

b) A collection of items for the Women's Shelter was delivered in May (Month of Mary)

- c) There were 2 collections of non perishable food items, socks, touques, scarves, gloves and underwear for Oscar's Place (homeless shelter). One was a request from Archbishop Murray to end our Cathedral Centennial year and the second was in November for World Day of the Poor.
- d) Ongoing sponsorship for a young girl in Ukraine through Chalice. Extra personal monetary funds from members were sent at Christmas to help out the family. Please continue to pray for Ukraine.
- e) Collect pop tabs for wheelchairs and stamps for D&P. Annual \$50.00 donation sent for D&P.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Marriage and Family

- a) Our council supplied a cake, personalized bows for pews, armbands for the boys and presented gifts to children receiving their First Communion. Gifts were also presented for Confirmation.

Ministry to Seniors, widowed and Disabled

- c) Senior members are offered rides to attend meetings and are also encouraged to get in touch if they need transportation. We are also providing transportation to seniors and disabled individuals that need a way to get to mass and have contacted us for assistance..
- d) Prayer for Vocations is included at some of our meetings

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- a) Our annual donation was sent to Coady International and any education opportunities/sessions through Coady are passed on to members.

Scholarships and Bursaries

- a) Grade 12 Graduation Bursary was decreased to \$300.00 this year because of a lower balance in our bank account. Our recipient was a member's granddaughter.
- b) Donations collected at our Diocesan AMM (\$381.00) went to the Religious Education Programs.
- c) Education and workshop opportunities/webinars emailed or passed on to members

COMMUNICATIONS (vacant)

- a) Members encouraged to read the Canadian League magazine and to use the CWL website to access all of the revised and newly developed resources that the Strategic Planning committees have been working on.
- b) Encourage members to approach ladies from the parish to think about joining the league.
- c) CWL announcements are made by email, word of mouth, church bulletin and/or phone calls.

RESOLUTIONS (vacant)

- a) Communiques shared at meetings and forwarded by email/paper

LEGISLATION (vacant)

- a) Communiques shared at meetings

OTHER : Parish Council Activities Liason

One member attends all of the Parish Council meetings and shares information back and forth. This concludes my report —Teresa Bodi

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Council

Parish President's Oral Report for January 1, 2024-April 30, 2024

Our council presently has 26 members and have welcomed 4 more this quarter. We will be having their Reception ceremony at our June wind-up.

Faith:

- a) CWL members led RCIA with 2 people entering the church this year
- b) Symbolon "The Catholic Faith Explained" was used as part of the RCIA program which is continuing til June in the Mystagogy portion
- c) Our members are coordinating the Children's liturgy during Mass.
- d) Our members finishing up First Holy Communion and Penance preparation for 12 children to receive their sacraments May 12, 2024
- e) The CWL members initiated a 3 pm prayer service on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- f) Our Council sponsored a Women's Retreat on April 20, 2024. We had more than 25 women participate and our members contributed the health breaks and lunch. Sr Delia and Sr Bing along with the Archbishop Murray Chatlain facilitated the retreat. We had enough lunch left over to feed the Saturday 5 pm mass crowd.
- g) A women's bible study is still in progress after a winter break with up to 10 participants. We are studying the Book of Luke.
- h) Our council lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent and some had their feet wash on Holy Thursday
- i) April 26th - Celebrated the Feast Day of our patroness Our Lady of Good Counsel with a mass and cake afterwards.
- j) One of our members leads a prayer chain and other members belong to it.

Service:

- a) Some of our members continue to visit at the St Paul's care home
- b) Some members assist Fr Shantha at Mass in the seniors homes
- c) Rides are offered to members to get to Mass and meetings
- d) Our high school graduation bursary has received applicants
- e) Our council is still giving a donation through Chalice to a young girl in Ukraine with and exchange of letters with our members.
- f) Our council facilitates donations of food and other needs for the homeless shelter and Rosaire house.
- g) We have set up a cabinet full of religious articles for purchase as a service to our parish. Some of the articles were donated by a Winnipeg CWL council.

Social Justice;

- a) All members were mailed information on the Bill C-63 which could heavily impact our freedom of speech in this country if passed. They were encouraged to write to their MP.

This concludes my report —Geraldine Kennedy

Our Lady of the Snows - Jacqueline Nogier (page 39) Oral Report January -April 2024

We have continued having a meeting every second month; as we are fewer in numbers there is less need to meet on a monthly basis. On alternate months we host a prayer service that is open to all members of the parish. The prayer services last between 20-30 minutes and are created using League Resources. Most often these prayer services are attended by 3 or 4 women plus our spiritual advisor. Going forward we are going to be singing a few hymns and saying the rosary.

Our spiritual advisor attends our meetings and shares a spiritual reflection with those attending. He also helps with the prayer services. We have 7 members with 3 members attending our meetings. The membership of two longtime members is paid for by our parish council.

We baked and delivered buns, biscuits, and scones to 21 seniors and shut ins in our community for Valentines Day. Cards were included with the delivery.

Historically there have been 3 annual ecumenical services in Snow Lake. These events had fallen by the wayside since 2020. Our council wanted to renew this practice so we reached out to the churches in the community to see if there was interest. I am happy to share that our council organized and hosted the World Day of Prayer Service on March 1. Members of the Snow Lake Anglican-United Church and Christian Centre joined us for the service and fellowship. A second ecumenical service was hosted by the local Anglican-United Church on Easter morning.

We have been unable to host our Fall Children's Carnival for the past number of years due to lack of members. We have approximately 800 small toys that had been used as prizes to give away. We have donated these prizes to the local school counsellor.

Jacqueline Nogier —President, Our Lady of the Snows Parish —Snow Lake

St. Ann's Council —Eloise Gawiak (pages 40-43) **President's Report January to April 2024**
Eloise Gawiak Box 211 Flin Flon, Manitoba R8A 1M9

Our general meetings are the first Monday or Tuesday of each month except for July and August. I spent three months in Arizona and participated in executive and general meetings by messenger which did not work great at times so would have to switch to telephone.

Spiritual Development – Cathy Daneliuk

- Attends the rosary readings, held before the general meeting, and usually reads a portion of the rosary
- General meetings start with a scripture reading, reflection and prayer.
- Organized prayer partners for our members
- Organized and hosted World Day of Prayer with Salvation Army as co-host. The program was developed 7 years ago by the Palestinian Christian women praying for peace in the Holy Land; how appropriate. We had a great turnout and raised a little over 300\$ for Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
- We gathered for Mass and fellowship Wednesday, April 23rd, to celebrate The Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our patroness, is Friday, April 26th.
- Brings wonderful insight to us through spiritual readings

Christian Family Life – Lisa Crone

- 4 Birthday cards for milestone birthdays & Mass Intention cards to CWL members with one member being 101 years old!
- A birthday card and stipend send to Father Paul
- Sent 1 Get Well Wishes card to a member due to a recent surgery
- Sent 1 sympathy card to the family of a member who passed away

Organization – Donna Coles

- St. Ann's Council has a total membership of 55 members, and 1 Spiritual Advisor, Father Paul Bringleston. As of January 17th, 2024, 52 members have paid their 2024 CWL membership dues.
- We lost a long-term member, Pauline Chornoby, and National has been notified. 3 members have not renewed at this time.
- Our membership dues remain at \$50.00; of which National Fees are \$25.00; Provincial Fees are \$6.00 and Diocesan Fees are \$3.00. 50 cents is paid for each paid member for insurance.
- Quoting from, Shari Guinta, our National President's message "League members working parishes and communities to help, to make things better, to serve and to offer a voice to those who have no Voice..... "Here I am Lord send me"
- Completed the CWL Eligibility Survey on line and sent in.
- Attended on line webinar re: Lenten Encounter of Prayer and Reflection on March 19, 2024.
- Attending a full day Women's Retreat hosted by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral I can make a difference & Time is Precious

Education and Health – Maria Benko

- Maria Benko received bursary request and information from the high schools. Maria is willing to act as liaison and advise Eloise of results. Many thanks Maria for looking after this.

Fundraising – Bev Zollen / Funerals – Gail Bakers

Held two perogie bees, February 19 & 20, and March 11 & 12, big thank you to all the ladies who helped.

- We served two funerals during this time frame with the service requirement being different for each

Communications – Denise Davis

- email members a newsletter once a month
- email a reminder of the upcoming monthly meetings
- put notices in our church bulletin
- put notices in our local newspaper
- share information from other members through email
- put copies of our newsletter at the entrances of the church for those members that don't have email

Community Life – vacant

- Thank you, ladies: Sandra Garinger, Bonnie Bowes and Donna Coles, who prepare snacks and desserts weekly for the Lord Bounty Food Bank

Legislation – vacant

Treasurer – Bernadette Benson

- Keeps books and reports the balance of our accounts monthly.

Secretary – Cathy Daneliuk

- takes notes and record business of our executive and general meetings
- keeps a binder with these reports
- Minutes recently have been circulated online instead of being read at our meetings.

President – Eloise Gawiak

- Started having Provincial AMM planning meetings following our executive meetings. We are fortunate to have a few ladies with a lot of experience to help lead us through the planning. Everyone Manitoba sister is invited to Flin Flon for Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd 2024.
- We sent \$300 to Provincial Council for support in hosting the 2027 National with two more annual payments of at least \$300 each year to follow.
- Spring Tea was held April 6, 2024 with a wonderful turn out.
- K of C and CWL family brunch to be held with a tentative date of Sunday, May 12th
- New executive:
 - o Eloise Gawiak was elected for the office of President;
 - o Bernadette Benson was elected to the office of Treasurer;
 - o Catherine Daneliuk, Lisa Crone, Denise Davis, Donna Coles, Bev Zollen, Maureen Persadsingh were elected as chairperson of standing committees
 - o Nobody wants to take the new condensed positions as the sub committees are what they are used to

St. Maria Goretti —Pat Campbell (page 44-45) Oral Report for January to April 30,2024

Good Evening Dear Members:

We have a total of (7) paid up members signed up this year.

Spiritual Development- members of participated in Mass and lay-led services as readers and providing music and have assisted in lay led services wakes, graveyard services, funeral services, and I have been commissioned and done wakes, graveyard and funeral services in Leaf Rapids and Lynn Lake, as well as having been called to do prayer service for emergency Baptism of 1 month old infant in danger of not surviving trip to Winnipeg. I was also called to do prayer service and blessing of body of a premature infant that lived only 30 minutes after birth and to do prayer service and blessing of body of an unresponsive elderly male. Three members assisted in Lay-led service at the reserve. These services were all done in the absence of a priest and being commissioned to do so by the Bishop.

We presented a monetary donation to a member to assist with funeral expenses in the death of her daughter.

We provide cake and refreshments and fellowship after Mass or service to acknowledge those that had a birthday during the month and provided cake after Mass in Leaf Rapids and South Indian Lake services and also distributed decorated eggs at Easter after Mass in Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids and South Indian Lake to represent New Life or New Beginnings.

This concludes my report—Pat Campbell

St. Lawrence Council —Bernadette DeCesco (page 46) **Oral Report January - April 2024**

Greetings Fellow CWL Sisters

February 9 & 10, 2024, there was a Youth Retreat which was very successful. One chaperon came from Sandy Bay, Saskatchewan by the name of Brenda Montgrant, she also assists Bishop Murray and Father Shanta with the mass and music in Cree the first Sunday of each month in The Pas, Manitoba. We asked her if she could do the same for us for Saturday and Sunday mass.

Thankfully she agreed and the Mass was well attended. We did the drumming songs and they were put up on the screen so parishioners could follow. The same was done at Sunday Mass, only this time we did the round dance led by Father Joseph. The parishioners really enjoyed this event.

February 23rd, the Catholic Women's League ladies did the Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary.

March 29th, on Good Friday, Stations of the Cross was performed in which myself and CWL participated.

On April 27th, the Knights of Columbus hosted a Parish Supper and the Catholic Women's League ladies assisted and prepared the desserts.

This concludes my report—Bernadette DeCesco

Unfinished Business

Collection from the Business meeting (brown bags on the table) amounted to **\$253.00 ??** And will be donated to the Women's Shelter in Thompson.

New Business

- (1) **Registration and Credentials**—Voting **5** Accredited **4** Clergy **3** Life Members **6**
Total Attendance **20**
- (2) Lucille Rossington had on display the Vision, Faith and a Dream 100 years of service which is for sale for \$50.00



(3) **MOTION** by **Donna Coles**, seconded by **Teresa Bodin** that the Minutes of the pre-convention meeting May 3, 2024 be accepted as presented. **Adopted.**

(4) Presentation of Resolution—**MOTION** by **Teresa Bodin**, seconded by **Pat Campbell** that **Resolution 2024.01 Expand Bill C64 to include prescription drugs for mental illness** be brought forward to Provincial Catholic Women's League Annual Meeting of Members.

(5) Provincial AMM — Personal Invitation was extended to all present by Lucille Rossington to come to Flin Flon, MB June 1 & 2, 2024

(6) National Convention —Saskatoon, SK August 11—14, 2024

(7) 2025 Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan 73rd AMM —May 3 & 4, 2025 —Eloise Gawiak of St. Ann's Council, Flin Flon, MB — Extended an invitation.

(8) Fr. Ravi —Gave the Blessing & Closing Prayer — Let the healing touch of Jesus Bless everyone--Be the life givers to others—Go forth to spread the Good News. Have a safe journey home!

Bernadette Benson—adjourned the meeting at 12:13 PM

The Canadian Flag was lowered and this year's Annual Meeting of Members was declared closed.

“Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us”

Donna Coles—secretary



Happy Birthday, Fr. Ravi!



Executive members



2024 AMM attendees at St. Lawrence host council, Thompson, MB

KEEWATIN-THE PAS DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN REMOVED IF YOU NEED A COPY CONTACT THE PRESIDEND

REPORT REMOVED

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

City or Town and Province: **Flin Flon, MB**

Name and Address of Chairperson: Donna Coles

Box 402, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N1

Recording Secretary Standing Committee

**Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2024**

Notice of meeting sent to all Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor prior to all zoom meetings and Diocesan Convention.

Zoom Meeting held January 20th, 2024 at 10:04 a.m. Agenda circulated prior. Minutes of September 23, 2023 circulated by email to CWL Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council, Fr. Ravi Jangam, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and Parish Presidents.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan 72nd Pre-Convention Meeting was held May 3rd, 2024 in Thompson, Manitoba minutes taken. Minutes of the Zoom Meeting January 20th, 2024 circulated by email to Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor and Parish Presidents. (prior to pre-convention meeting).

Keewatin-The Pas 72nd Archdiocesan Convention was held May 4 & 5th, 2024 hosted by St. Lawrence Parish Council, Thompson, Manitoba May 7th, 2024 minutes taken. Standing Rules of the 72nd AMM along with the Robert Rule of Order for the 72nd AMM were circulated prior and read at the Keewatin-The Pas 72nd Archdiocesan Meeting of Members.

Prepared the Mass Pamphlet and Banquet Pamphlet program for the 72nd Archdiocesan Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Convention with the approval of Diocesan President, Bernadette Benson and Archbishop, Murray Chatlain.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Zoom Meeting held Saturday September 21st, 2024 minutes taken. Pre-convention Minutes of May 3rd, 2024 circulated to all Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons, and Spiritual Advisor and Parish Presidents. (prior to Zoom Meeting).

A Mass intention was sent to Richard LeBlanc, on the passing of his wife Dorothy, a 48 year member of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish and a long standing member of Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council Executive. I had the privilege of attending her funeral on September 30th, 2024 in The Pas, Manitoba.

This has been a year of much sadness along with many new changes within the Catholic Women's League. St. Ann's Parish Council lost a great sister, Rita Fortier, 67 plus years, may she rest in peace.

May Our Lady of Good Council continue to pray for us during these new times.

I wish You and Yours Many Blessings of Peace, Joy, Happiness and New Beginnings for 2025!

This concludes my report :

Donna Coles
Secretary-Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

FAITH Standing Committee

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2024

Our Council does not have a Chairperson for this committee. I have taken notes from the reporting Council Presidents are submit the following:

A parish prayer service is held in February and May. They are open to the women of the parish and the community. The services are created in part with resources from the national CWL website.

Councils join in the non-denominational World Day of Prayer Services.

Spiritual Advisors attend the monthly meetings and bring reflection, plus prayers and blessings.

The Rosary is prayed before the monthly meetings. General meetings start with a scripture reading, reflection and prayer.

Prayer partners are picked by the members and remembered throughout the year.

CWL members led RCIA classes. They also coordinate the Children's Liturgy during the Mass for young people

Members help with the teachings for those receiving the Sacraments.

One council sponsored a women's Retreat in April, 2024 The theme was "Here I am Lord, send me"

Members lead in praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel was celebrated with a Mass on April 26, 2024

Many members take part in the Liturgy and Eucharistic celebration at Mass.

Mass Intentions are given to those members who are celebrating milestone birthdays (65, 70, 75, 80, 85. Those who reach 90 receive a mass Intention each year after that.

Mass Intentions are offered for those suffering a loss of a loved one or who are suffering from a long-term illness. A special Mass is held in November commemorating the deceased members of the parish council.

This concludes my report.

Bernadette Benson, President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

SERVICE Standing Committee

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2024

Members minister to seniors, widowed and disabled. These members are offered rides to attend meetings and mass. Cards are sent to members who are ill or shut in.

Prayers for vocations are included at some meetings.

Visits, either in person or by phone, are made to Personal Care Homes.

Members are kept informed, by phone call or emails, of upcoming meetings and events.

Donations are made to a young girl in Ukraine. Members also donate to 'Operation Christmas Child', homeless shelters, the local Food Banks, breakfast programs for children in the schools, Christmas hampers for those in need, the Coady International organization.

Can tabs are saved for the 'Tabs for Wheelchairs' program.

Congratulatory messages are sent, via local radio stations, for those graduating from Grade XII.

Members are recognized for those Years of Service in the League with pin presentations for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70 years.

This concludes my report.

Angie Fetter

Service Chairperson

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

SOCIAL JUSTICE Standing Committee

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2024

Our Council does not have a Chairperson for this committee. I have taken notes from the reporting Council Presidents are submit the following:

Approximately 1000 small toys were donated to a local school counsellor. The toys are used as prizes for different contests and activities organized by the counsellor.

Members received information on the Bill C-63 which could impact our freedom of speech in this country if passed. All are encouraged to write to their MPs.

Our Diocesan Council held a Workshop at its AMM in Thompson May 4 & 5, 2024 and created a resolution 2024.02 National Universal Pharmacare Program to include coverage for Drugs Prescribed for Mental Illness. We are very happy to report that it was passed at the provincial level in June and forwarded on to National in August, 2024, where is also passed. Now we can only hope that our national government gives it much consideration and include it in their Pharmacare Program.

Several members participated in the 'bracelet' exchange with those who have suffered from human trafficking and we all are reminded to continue to pray for those less fortunate than ourselves.

This concludes my report.

Bernadette Benson, President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

President Bernadette Benson, Flin Flon, MB.

Diocesan President's Report

For the Period January 1 to December 31, 2024

This is my fourth year as Diocesan President and I am very grateful for the support of the executive and the parish councils. I regret to report that we are now down to four Councils: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, The Pas; St. Ann's, Flin Flon; St. Maria Goretti, Lynn Lake; and St. Lawrence, Thompson. Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake became an inactive council, effective December 31, 2024.

FAITH

All councils report working closely with their parishes and Spiritual Advisors.

--The League Prayer and Rosary are prayed before each regular meeting. A Bible passage and reflection are also given.

--Members assist at Masses as Lay Presiders, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Music. Members are also involved in Catechetics, prayer services, Bible studies, RCIA programs.

--Members led in praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

One council sponsored a Women's Retreat April 20, 2024; 25 people were in attendance. The theme was "Here I am Lord, Send Me"

--A member of one council initiated the Traveling Rosary; a family offers to take the statue of Mary, 10 rosaries and 10 rosary pamphlets home where they recite the rosary with their family and friends.

--Senior members are offered rides to attend meetings as well as Masses.

--Members are encouraged to attend and participate in community gatherings for World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least Coin.

--one council assists their priest when he attends outlying parishes.

--Mass Intentions and cards are sent to members in times of special occasions as well as times of sorrow. A special Mass is held in November commemorating the deceased members of the parish council.

--feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel was celebrated on April 26th.

--children receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation are gifted with candles, crosses or bibles and also are celebrated with coffee gatherings

--Honour guards are held at Funeral Masses of deceased members

SERVICE

--monetary donations made to a homeless shelter and the local Women's Shelters.

--food was distributed to shut-ins, elderly, homeless

- working with the Food Banks by baking and donating items of food items
- Christmas hampers and gift items were donated for those less fortunate
- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled and donated
- items of clothing and personal hygiene items were given to homeless shelters, the Women's shelters, and the Red Cross for Ukraine
- tabs are saved for the 'Tabs for Wheelchairs' program
- donations to the Coady International are sent; bursaries are presented to Grade XII students at graduation. Congratulatory messages are aired on the local radio station for those graduating.
- Christmas greetings are paid for on the local radio station and are aired Christmas Eve
- members are recognized and given pins for their Years of Service (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, ...etc
- members are kept in touch with newsletters, emails, phone calls
- members work closely with the parish fundraisers
- one council held a "Christmas Market" with all proceeds be donated to their parish church

SOCIAL JUSTICE

All communiques received from National and Provincial are forwarded to the parishes for their information.

Our Diocesan Council drafted a resolution 2024.2 National Universal Pharmacare Program to include Coverage for Drugs Prescribed for Mental Illness and it was passed at both Provincial and National levels!

All five councils are very generous with their time as well as monetary donations, which totalled \$6684.18 for 2024.

ONLINE SURVEY REPORT

Three of the five Councils participated in the survey this past year.

Thank you, again, to each Council, for everything you do "for God and Canada"

ACTIVITY REPORT--2024

On a personal note, I attended the following:

January 20th—Zoom meeting with our Diocesan executive

February 9th—Zoom meeting with 2027 National Convention committee

February 10th---Day of Celebration at Winnipeg, MB

February 11th-- provincial executive meeting

March 19th—Lenten Encounter of Prayer and Reflection webinar

May 3rd—preconvention meeting in Thompson, MB

May 4th & 5th—Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan in Thompson, MB

June 1st-2nd—Provincial AMM in Flin Flon, MB.

Aug. 10th-15th—National Convention in Saskatoon, SK.

Aug.24th—provincial zoom meeting

Sept.16th—2027 Convention committee zoom meeting

Sept.21st—Diocesan zoom meeting

Sept.30th—attended funeral in The Pas for Dorothy LeBlanc and was part of the Honour Guard as well as assisted as a Eucharistic minister during the Mass
Oct. 4th—2027 National Convention committee meeting
Oct. 5th—Day of Reflection, St. Boniface Diocesan
Oct. 6th—provincial executive meeting
Nov.25th—2027 National Convention committee meeting
Dec.15th—‘Walk Through Salvation History’ Advent Webinar

Goals:

To attend the Day of Celebration on February 8, 2025 in Winnipeg, MB.
To complete all items necessary for our Diocesan AMM on May 3rd & 4th in Flin Flon, MB
and to assist the incoming President as she takes over.

May our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us and grant all of us guidance.

God bless.

This concludes my report,
Bernadette Benson, President

The photo below was taken at the Christmas meeting of St. Ann’s Parish Council
December, 2024

All 3 presidents (Lucille Rossington, Provincial, Eloise Gawiak, Parish & myself, Diocesan)
belong to St. Ann’s Parish Council, CWL, Flin Flon, MB.



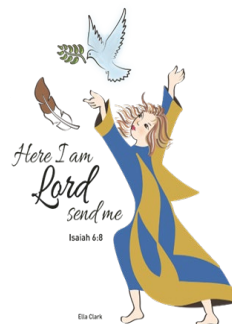
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-Le Pas Diocesan
Vice President's Annual Report
January to December 2024

I was fortunate in 2024 to have had the opportunities to attend our Keewatin- Le Pas Diocesan AMM Convention in Thompson, Manitoba; the Provincial AMM in Flin Flon, Manitoba and the National AMM in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. By attending all three levels of the AMMs, I was able to follow the course of Resolution 2024.02 National Universal Pharmacare Program to Include Coverage For Drugs Prescribed For Mental Illness, which was initiated in Flin Flon. The evolution of the initial Resolution and continued discussions at Provincial and National levels was not only interesting but a great learning opportunity.

I continue to familiarize myself with the updated resources and manuals available on line and am presently focusing on the Welcome Program. I discovered the video presentation

“The Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships” and feel this should be shared within our councils.

The importance of meeting with like minded Christian women within our communities is important, now, more than ever.



This concludes my report,
Teresa Bodin

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council:

Keewatin The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Manitoba

Name of Chairperson:

Lucille Rossington

PAST PRESIDENT

Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2024

- (a) I have served in a consultative capacity to our President and council as needed.
- (b) I have kept the archives up to date including the Book of Life and I have updated the Provincial Book of Life of names from our councils that was missed in the previous years.
- (c) When inquiries came supplied information on the Constitution and Bylaws
- (d) Our Policy and Procedure will be in review in the coming months which will have the new directives for elections on candidates needing a letter of good standing .
- (e) other duties as assigned by the president such as the zoom meeting links sent to all participants and be the administrator of zoom meetings. Preparing for the upcoming elections in May.

This concludes my annual report,

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart —Parish President's Annual Report January 1-December 31, 2024

Our council presently has 29 members. We began the year with 26, received 4 new members and sadly lost a long time valuable member in September which leaves us with 29 members. The death of Dorothy LeBlanc has left our council with a large void to fill.

Faith:

a) CWL members led RCIA with 2 people entering the church at Easter and 1 person presently preparing to enter the church.

b) Symbolon "the Catholic Faith Explained" was used in conjunction with RCIA and the 10 sessions of Part one have been completed with Part two beginning in 2025. This is an adult education program.

c) Our members are coordinating the Children's Liturgy during Mass for young children.

d) Our members taught and facilitated 12 children making their First Holy Communion, first Reconciliation, 4 families prepared for the Baptism of their children. Currently there are 42 children from kindergarten to Grade 9 involved in Religious Education. 8 are preparing for First Holy Communion in the spring and 7 are preparing for Confirmation. Baptism preparation, Marriage preparation and Marriage Enrichment weekends will be held on demand.

e) Our Women's Bible study is studying the Book of Luke.

f) Our council sponsored a Women's Retreat April 20, 2024 at the cathedral from 8:30 am to 5pm finishing off with lunch for the 5pm mass crowd. The retreat was facilitated by Srs Bing and Archbishop Murray Chatlain. We had 25 people join in our retreat. The theme was "Here I am Lord, Send Me".

g) Our members led the Stations of the Cross during Lent and had their feet washed on Holy Thursday.

i) On April 26th we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel" with Mass and cake afterwards.

j) One of our members led the "Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary Rally" on Saturday October 12th for the conversion of Canada. 20 people prayed the Rosary, did the Litany and sang on the steps of the cathedral from noon til 1pm then went in for refreshment

k) On Saturday, May 25, 2024 our council celebrated members who were married 50, 60 or 65 years with a Mass and luncheon with cake. There were 8 couples in this category but only 6 were able to be with us. We had enough food to invite the 5pm mass crowd to celebrate and eat with us.

l) Ladies from our council led the Rosary every Wednesday at 7 pm at the cathedral in the months of May and October.

m) A member of our council initiated the Travelling Rosary in our parish starting in the month of May a family offers to take the Stature, 10 rosaries and 10 rosary pamphlets home where they recite the rosary with their family and friends. It is hoped that this can continue throughout the year.

n) Our council helped with and All Saints Party held for the children of the parish. Each child picked a saint, read their story and dressed up as the saint. At the party they gave 3 clues as to who they were. If they were guessed they got a prize. Games and bible bingo and lots of food were enjoyed. 50-60 people attended.

Service:

- a) Some of our members continue to visit at St Paul's care home and assist at mass.
- b) Rides are offered to members for Mass, meetings and gatherings.
- c) A high school graduate Joseph Tomas received our \$300.00 bursary. Joseph plans to attend university in Saskatchewan in sciences and work toward a degree in Pharmacy.
- d) Our council is still giving a donation through Chalice to a young girl in Ukraine. Letters are also exchanged with our members.
- e) Our council facilitates donations to Oscar's Place (the homeless shelter), Rosaire House (addictions help), and the Women's Shelter.
- f) Our members also participated on "Operation Christmas Child". A shoe box sized box is filled with necessities for a child including a toy and possible a monetary donation. The children brought them up during Mass where they were blessed by Father.
- g) We have set up a cabinet full of religious articles for purchase as a service to our parish. Some articles were donated by a Winnipeg council.
- h) Our Past President attended the diocesan, provincial and national conventions, bring back a lot of great ideas for our council.
- i) Some of our members donated to the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary Project for our 102nd anniversary of the cathedral. 20 (14"x20") canvases depicting the 20 mysteries of the rosary were purchased and hung around the front of the choir loft. They are very beautiful.

Social Justice:

- a) All members were mailed information on the Bill C-63 which could heavily impact our freedom of speech in this country if passed. All were encouraged to write their MP.
- b) Members read and voted on the legislation being put forward at the diocesan, provincial and national levels asking the government to include mental health medications in their Pharmacare bill.

This concludes my report,
Geraldine Kennedy

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

Our Lady of the Snows

President's Annual Report

2024

FAITH

We hosted a parish prayer service in February and May. These prayer services are open to the women of the parish and the community. The prayer services are created in part with resources from the national CWL website. The spiritual advisor reviews the prayer services. We organized and hosted the 2024 World Day of Prayer ecumenical service on March 1. It was the first World Day of Prayer service that had been held in Snow Lake since 2019.

Our spiritual advisor attends our monthly meeting and prayer services. He brings a spiritual reflection to our meetings and offers a closing prayer and blessing.

SERVICE

Cards are sent to members of the community in times of celebration and sorrow. In February cookies, dainties, biscuits and buns were delivered to seniors and shut ins.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We donated approximately 1000 small toys to the local school counsellor. She will be using them as prizes for different contests and activities that she organizes.

IN CONCLUSION

In the last few years we have struggled to attract new members and to entice our inactive members to attend events or meetings. It had become increasingly difficult to maintain any kind of activities beyond three executive members and our spiritual advisor meeting once a month. It was with great sadness that at the October 2024 parish council meeting a motion was passed that we become an inactive council.

We notified national office and started taking the necessary steps. Our bank account was closed with the remaining funds donated to the Keewatin The Pas Diocese Catholic Women's League. All documents have been collected and are being stored for safe keeping. We are transferring our membership to our inactive council with 5 members.

Jacqueline Nojier

Jacqueline Nogier, President
Our Lady of the Snows
St. Ann's Council, Flin Flon

President's Report Full Year 2024

Eloise Gawiak
Box 211
Flin Flon, Manitoba R8A 1M9

Our general meetings are the first Monday or Tuesday of each month except for July and August.

Vice President

Organization - Donna Coles

- St. Ann's Council has a total membership of 52 members, and 1 Spiritual Advisor, Father Paul Bringleson.
- Our membership dues remain at \$50.00;
- Had the pleasure of presenting our league pins award night at our December supper

Congratulations to the following Sisters who are receiving CWL Service pins & Thank You for all your dedication to St. Ann's Parish, God & Canada!

5 Years—Lisa Crone

10 Years—Diane Russell & Johanna Shortreed

15 Years—Crystal Kolt, Lisa Pearson & Natasha Ward

20 Years—Jill Diakow

25 Years—Gail Baker, Bonnie Bowes & Katherine LeBlanc

30 Years—Patricia Hall & Mildred Mansell

35 Years—Rhonda Chaisson, Eloise Gawiak, Joan Gillis & Lucille Rossington

40 Years—Darlene Winfield

50 Years—Jo-Ann Turner

60 Years—Anne Chrupalo & Blanche Kryschuk

65 Years—Josie Korte & Josie Hodgson

- Continues to bring our sisters' birthdays to our attention!
- We lost two sisters in this past year.
- We are also blessed to have the three Presidents from our local council: Manitoba President, Diocese and St. Ann's Council. We took a picture to document this moment in history.

Treasurer – Bernadette Benson

- Keeps books and reports the balance of our accounts monthly.

Secretary

Secretary – Cathy Daneliuk

- takes notes and record business of our executive and general meetings

- keeps a binder with these reports
- Minutes recently have been circulated online instead of being read at our meetings

Communications – Denise Davis

- email members a newsletter approximately once a month
- email a reminder of the upcoming monthly meetings
- put notices in our church bulletin
- put notices in our local newspaper
- share information from other members through email
- put copies of our newsletter at the entrances of the church for those members that do not have email
- CFAR Christmas greetings
- Order religious Christmas Cards to sell to our parishioners.

Faith

Spiritual Development – Cathy Daneliuk

- Attends the rosary readings, held before the general meeting, and usually reads a portion of the rosary
- General meetings start with a scripture reading, reflection, and prayer.
- Brings wonderful insight to us through spiritual readings
- Organized prayer partners for our members

Service

Christian Family Life – Lisa Crone

- 7 Birthday cards for milestone birthdays & Mass Intention cards to CWL members with one member being 101 years old!
- A birthday card and stipend sent to Father Paul
- Sent 1 Get Well Wishes card to a member due to a recent surgery
- Sent 3 sympathy cards to the families of a member who passed away
- A Christmas card and stipend sent to Father Paul

Community Life – Vacant

- Denise Davis organized our memberships commitment to Meal of Wheels for the month of September.
- Bernadette Benson laid the wreath at the Remembrance Day Service.
- Sandra Garinger, Bonnie Bowes and Donna Coles prepare snacks and desserts weekly for the Lord Bounty Food Bank
- Collected donation to the Lord Bounty Food Bank and Women's Safe Haven at our Christmas Supper.

Education and Health – Vacant

- Maria Benko concluded there were no candidates for our bursary.
- Best wishes for graduates sent through CFAR

Parish Activities – Vacant

Funerals – Gail Baker

- We provided a variety of services to 11 funerals.
- We also served a lunch following the Grant Funeral Home Memorial Service.

Fundraising - Bev Zollen

- We held two perogy bees in the spring and four in the fall. We found having perogies for sale around Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas really increases sales. Eventually we raised the price to \$7 per dozen to keep up with the market!

Social Justice**Resolutions and Legislation – Vacant**Past President – Gail Baker

- Attended, along with other members, such services as funeral lunches, meals on wheels, sending birthday and funeral cards to many of the parishioners, supplied food to the food bank as well as bought various gifts for the parish activities. Also made visits to our senior citizens of the parish.

President's Report – Eloise Gawiak

- I am away for the first three month of the year. I try my best to keep the council going from afar but I could not do it without the help of the wonderful ladies that stay local for much of this time. Without them, I would not be able to keep this position.
- We started having Provincial AMM planning meetings following our executive meetings in February of 2024. We are fortunate to have a few ladies with a lot of experience to help lead us through the planning. Everyone Manitoba sister was invited to Flin Flon for Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd 2024.
- We sent \$300 to Provincial Council for support in hosting the 2027 National with two more annual payments of at least \$300 each year to follow.
- Spring Tea was held April 6, 2024 with a wonderful turn out.
- I attended the Diocesan AMM held in Thompson May 3-5, 2024. It was a constructive meeting with a resolution being proposed to Provincial. Thanks to the ladies of their council for a nice weekend.
 - We created a Resolution 2024.01 Expand Bill C64 to include prescription drugs for mental illness which will now go on to CWL Provincial *Bill C-64, An Act respecting pharmacare (Pharmacare Act), which proposes the foundational principles for first phase of national universal pharmacare in Canada and describes the Government of Canada's intent to work with provinces and territories (PTs) to provide universal, single-payer coverage for a number of contraception and diabetes medications.*

- Archbishop Murray's Homily at Mass was around mental health which mentioned how we must work to take away the stigma of mental illness
 - Brenda Montgrand, and friends, from Sandy Bay Sk performed / played music at Mass in English and Cree
 - Cathy's Spiritual Development report was read by myself as it was such a great report- great job Cathy
 - St. Ann's Parish will host the Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan AMM May 3 & 4, 2025
 - K of C and CWL family brunch was held on Sunday, May 12th. It was well attended.
 - Continued having Provincial AMM planning meetings following our executive meetings and eventually the ladies just did their things and everything turned out well. The AMM was held Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd 2024. The resolution started in Thompson was edited at this meeting and forwarded to National. National approved the resolution and will now work to get it recognized at the government level.
 - I joined the Manitoba CWL Provincial Council as Treasurer.
 - We held our June meeting on June 3rd with Mass and a pot luck supper. We mentioned the summer birthdays and sang Happy Birthday to our sisters.
 - We had a special cake to congratulate Lucille Rossington on becoming the President of Manitoba CWL
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- I attended the Annual Day of Reflection in Winnipeg October. They had some informative guests to help us understand why reconciliation is needed.
 - November is our Month of Remembrance which we celebrated with a Mass by Father Paul and read our Book of Life.
 - We had a catered Christmas Supper as a part of our December General Meeting: rosary, mass, pin presentation and supper.
 - CWL & Parish ladies held a Christmas Market in December which raised money for the Parish
 - Our members also volunteer for other organizations within our community

This concludes my report,

Our Lady of Good Council, pray for us,

Eloise Gawiak

ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH COUNCIL
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CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

DEAR SISTERS OF THE LEAGUE:

HERE AM I LORD; SEND ME:

We had seven paid up members in our league this year. Three members are elderly and we wish to keep them on our membership list because in their younger years they were very helpful with the activities of the league. For example, making and donating Bannock for the teas, sorting and folding items for the rummage tables, assisting with the Christmas Pageant, leading rosary in May and October and assisting with The Way of the Cross every Friday during Lent and they were very reliable and eager to help, this includes the member from the Philippines. The rest are also active in activities in the church and community.

These include reading and providing the music at Sunday services and accompanying Father Ravi or Archbishop Murray on their trips to the Black Sturgeon Falls Reserve, Leaf Rapids and South Indian Lake reserve. I myself am Lay Presider at Sunday Services, as well as Eucharistic Minister and presenting the Reflection in the absence of the priest, as well as providing Wakes, graveside services and funeral services seven times in Lynn Lake and one in Leaf Rapids. I was also called upon to do emergency Baptism to a child that was in danger of death, as well as blessing an infant that lived only a half hour after birth.

One member assisted the youth workers with their activities. Three members attended and assisted at the Diocesan Annual Membership meeting in Thompson and the Provincial Annual Meeting in Flin Flon. We assist the members who have funeral in the family with a monetary donation to assist with immediate expenses.

After the last Sunday service of the month we host a little luncheon and present cake to any parishioner that had a birthday during the month.

We assisted the church with their Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. We hosted two successful fundraisers, the St. Patrick's Day Tea and the Fall Tea, as well as assisting the school with their grad teas. We held fundraiser 50/50 draws during the Chase the Ace night and assist the Share It on Sherritt group with their giveaways of gently used clothing and household items with providing the turkeys and hams and the trimmings for New Years and Thanksgiving.

On November 11th, I was requested by an elder at the Black Sturgeons Fall Reserve {Irene Linklater Moose and her Husband Denny Moose} to join her and her husband in smudging and blessing the community of Lynn Lake and the reserve with Holy Water and smudge of sweet grass and sage. I requested permission from Father as he was not in town at the time, and we drove through and blessed and smudged all the streets and houses and the school, hospital, RCMP building, and business of Lynn Lake, the road to the reserve and all the streets and houses of the reserve. Irene even went in and smudged the houses at the reserve before I got there. We also started and ended with prayers. I had never heard of that being done but I felt honoured to be asked to join them in this venture. Irene said they do this in Pukatawagan every year.

This my dear members is our report for 2024.
Respectfully submitted
Patricia Campbell

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council
St. Lawrence Parish Council CWL
Thompson, MB.
President: Bernadette DeCesco

No report was received from this Council for the January to December, 2024 term.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CAADA

Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council

Standing Rules of the 73rd Annual Members' Meeting/Convention

Each AMM/ convention sets its own standing rules in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

They are applicable for the duration of the AMM/convention in session only. Even though the standard rules may be the same from one year to the next, the rules must be adopted by each new AMM/convention.

At the beginning of the business session of an AMM/convention, the rules are read and a motion is proposed, discussed and voted on to adopt the standing rules of the AMM/convention. This motion requires a two-thirds vote. To suspend a rule requires a majority vote.

1. Each person attending the AMM/convention shall register at the convention registration desk and shall be required to wear the official convention badge for admission to all meetings.
2. Voting cards shall be issued to the voting members of Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan and these cards must be exhibited when a member votes.
3. Voting and accredited delegates shall sit within the areas designated for them at all business sessions of the AMM/convention unless prior arrangement has been made with the Chair.
4. No member shall speak more than once, or longer than two minutes, on the same motion, without permission of the Chair, but the mover may reply before the vote is taken.
5. Only resolutions submitted to the Resolution Standing Committee in advance of this AMM/convention shall be considered for presentation to the AMM/convention.
6. No member shall speak longer than two minutes on any issue without prior authorization of the Chair.
7. No goods shall be distributed, displayed or sold at this AMM/convention without the prior approval of the Chair.
8. All provincial public health Covid-19 guidelines must be followed.

Roberts Rules of Order

The League follows Robert's Rules of Order. A booklet entitled "Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance" by O. Garfield Jones, based on Robert's Rules of Order is available from CWL National Office (Item No.53)

Section 1- The chair shall (a) state all questions, motions and resolutions to the meeting before they are open to discussion; and (b) put all questions, motions and resolutions to the meeting before the vote is taken thereon.

Section 2- All motions shall be submitted in writing before they are presented to the meeting except

- (a) to postpone the reading of the minutes;
- (b) to suspend the order of business;
- (c) to lay on the table
- (d) to postpone a discussion'
- (e) to call the previous question;
- (f) for a vote of thanks;
- (g) to adjourn'
- (h) to nominate.

Section 3- Every motion shall have a seconder except a motion to nominate. A motion that is not seconded shall not be put to the meeting and shall not be recorded in the minutes.

Section 4- Members when speaking shall stand, address the Chair and endeavour to be terse and audible.

Section 5- The mover shall have the privilege of speaking first to a motion and the seconder next.

Section 6- When two or more members stand at the same time to speak, the Chair shall determine the order in which those members shall speak.

Section 7- During the discussion of a question, each speaker shall be limited to three minutes.

Section 8- A member may request that the question or motion be repeated or re-read but must not interrupt a speaker.

Section 9- No member shall speak more than once to the same question or motion without the consent of the Chair, but the mover may reply before the vote is taken.

Section 10- No member shall speak to a question or a motion after the Chair has asked for the yeas and nays.

Section 11- Only one amendment to the amendment shall be allowed, but when an amendment to the amendment has been disposed of, another amendment may be proposed. An amendment to the amendment shall be voted on first, the amendment next and the motion last.

Section 12- When a question has been decided, any member who has voted in the majority may move for a reconsideration of the question at the same meeting or, subject to previous notice being given, at the next regular meeting. No discussion of the main question shall be allowed unless the motion for consideration has been carried by a vote of two-thirds of the member present at the meeting.

Section 13- There shall be no circulation of material, petitions or solicitation of funds during any meeting without the prior authorization and /or approval of the Chair.