



Keewatin- The Pas

66th CWL Archdiocesan Convention

St. Ann's Parish

Flin Flon, MB

May 5th and 6th, 2018

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AGENDA
KEEWATIN THE-PAS ARCHDIOCESAN
66TH CWL ANNUAL CONVENTION
INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT , WOMEN RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL
MAY 5TH AND 6TH , 2018

FRIDAY EVENING MAY 4TH , 2018

7:00 PM Executive meeting St. Ann's conference room

SATURDAY MAY 5TH , 2018

8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00 AM CATHOLIC MISSION IN CANADA SPEAKER PATRICIA GYULAY
10:15 AM HEALTH BREAK
10:30 AM CWL NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING
12:50 PM Gather back in Hall
1:00 PM SPEAKERS HUMAN TRAFFICKING
3:30 PM EVALUATION
5:00 PM EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
6:00 PM BANQUET ST. ANN'S HALL

***FOLLOWING BANQUET YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A
PAINT/CERAMIC NIGHT MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED***

SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018

8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ST. ANN'S HALL
8:00 AM REGISTRATION ST. ANN'S HALL
9:00 AM OFFICIAL OPENING, FLAGS CARRIED IN
BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCE, WELCOMING,
SPIRITUAL PROGRAM, PARISH PRESIDENTS REPORTS
AND CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS
10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK WHEN SUITABLE
BUSINESS CONTINUES
12:00 PM LUNCH
12:45 PM BUSINESS MEETING CONTINUES, ELECTION OF OFFICERS
2:00 PM BLESSINGS, ADJOURNMENT AND LOWERING OF FLAGS

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING IN HALL AND RESPECT THE SCENT FREE

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

For the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

LEADER

O Lord Jesus, through you I humbly beg our merciful Father to Send the Holy Spirit of grace, that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts.

Right side:

May He send us the gift of WISDOM which will make us relish the Tree of Life that is none other than Yourself;

Left side:

The gift of UNDERSTANDING which will enlighten us;

Right side:

The gift of COUNSEL which will guide us in the way of righteousness;

Left side:

And the gift of FORTITUDE which will give us the strength to vanquish the enemies of our sanctification and salvation.

Right side:

May He impart to us the gift of KNOWLEDGE which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil;

Left side:

The gift of PIETY which will make us enjoy true peace;

Right side:

And the gift of FEAR which will make us shun all iniquity and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty.

ALL:

To the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit be given all glory and thanksgiving forever.

(St. Bonaventure)

For the Twelve Fruits of the Spirit

Right side:

Holy Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son, kindly bestow upon us the fruit of CHARITY, that we may be united to You by divine love;

Left side:

The fruit of JOY, that we may be filled with holy consolation;

Right side:

The fruit of PEACE , that we may enjoy tranquility of soul;

Left side:

And the fruit of PATIENCE, that we may endure humbly everything that may be opposed to our own desires.

Right side:

Divine Spirit, be pleased to infuse in us the fruit of BENIGNITY, that we may willingly relieve our neighbor's necessities;

Left side:

The fruit of GOODNESS, that we may be benevolent toward all;

Right side:

The fruit of LONGANIMITY, that we may not be discouraged by delay but persevere in prayer;

Left side:

And the fruit of MILDNESS, that we may subdue every rising of ill temper, stifle every murmur, and repress the susceptibilities of our nature in all our dealings with our neighbor.

Right side:

Creator Spirit, graciously impart to us the fruit of FIDELITY, that we may rely with assured confidence on the word of God;

Left side:

The fruit of MODESTY, that we may act becomingly;

Right side:

and the fruits of CONTINENCE and CHASTITY that we may keep our bodies in such holiness as befits Your temple, so that , having by Your assistance preserved our hearts pure on earth, we may merit in Jesus Christ, according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of His Kingdom.

All: *In the name of the Father , the Son and the Holy Spirit . Amen*

(St. Bonaventure)



Archbishop Murray Chatlain

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February 8, 2018

Catholic Women's League
Diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Greetings and blessings to all of you during the Annual Diocesan Convention of the Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas; this being the 66th year. I am happy to say that I will again be able to be part of the conference this year which is being held in Flin Flon, MB.

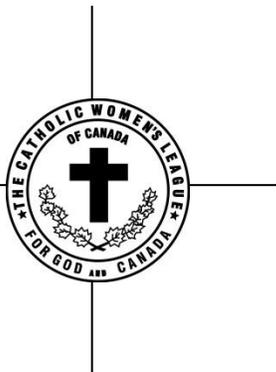
Women throughout history and especially within the Catholic Church have shown great inspiration to us all. Mary, the mother of God, who was called and said yes to becoming the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ; Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist; Anna, the prophetess who prophesized about Christ in the temple, Mother Teresa and her great compassion and caring for the poor, Marguerite d'Youville, who was a wife and mother, and then a religious sister as well as the founder of the Grey Nuns. These women, to name a few, were strong in their faith. They were open to God's call. They were inspired by the spirit to follow the will of God in their lives and were instrumental in God's work.

We too, need to look and be open to the call of the Holy Spirit. We need to search for guidance and inspiration so that we may be more loving and giving within our homes and our communities. We need to find what our God is truly calling us to be. And we ask for the grace and wisdom to follow that road and to respond in our own ways and with our own faith.

May God grant you the courage to continue your lives in ministry and deeds in your homes and in your communities, and as a CWL member within this diocese and country, and may you be inspired by the spirit to follow where He leads you.

In our Lord Jesus Christ,

Most Rev. Murray Chatlain
Archbishop of Keewatin-LePas



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

March 9, 2018

Dear Members of the Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council,

I am delighted to bring greetings on the occasion of your 66th annual convention.

What a wonderful opportunity for members to gather together to celebrate faith, recognize the many achievements of such dedicated, selfless women, share fellowship and deepen their commitment to the League!

Many opportunities will be offered to encounter new ideas, foster new techniques and nourish new hopeful possibilities for the council to undertake. Then inspired by the spirit members can go forth with joy, courage and renewed enthusiasm to respond to God's call.

“Blessed are those whose hearts are ever open to God's inspiration; they will never lack what they need to live good holy lives or perform properly the duties of their state in life.” (St. Francis de Sales, *Treatise on the Love of God*)

May God continue to bless the council and all the lives touched with loving kindness and compassion.

Your sister in the League,

Margaret Ann Jacobs

Margaret Ann Jacobs
National President

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“Inspired by the spirit, women’s response to God’s call”

“Women are the real architects of society “

-Harriet Beecher Stowe

My dear sisters in the League,

It is a matter of pride to pen down the message for the annual CWL booklet. My heart fills with immense pleasure as I perceive the progress being made by our members of CWL.

As the Spiritual Advisor of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas for CWL, I would like to wish God’s blessings upon each one of us who is preparing for the 66th Archdiocesan Annual Convention.

In this season of grace i.e Lent and Easter, I would like to see and meditate on the image of Mary Magdalene as the model for a Christian woman. Mary Magdalene had such an amazing privilege and a huge responsibility to proclaim that the Lord is risen.

Jesus used this garden imagery on the morning of His resurrection, to reverse the curse of Eve in the garden of Eden. Jesus makes it very clear that He was breaking the curse of sin that came on the earth after humankind’s Fall. He was also paving a new way for a new role for women to play in His plan. Under the curse of sin, Eve, the mother of humankind, not only became a slave of but also was oppressed down through the centuries by men. God told her that her husband would rule over her (Genesis 3:16. She is to experience lots of pain, everyday oppression, unlimited abuse and heartache. And she would become voiceless).

Through the grace of Christ, the woman got voice back. Mary Magdalene was commissioned to go and tell. She was asked to preach. She is to be the voice for the voiceless, oppressors and the marginalized. Jesus did not limit her, restrict her but gave her freedom to proclaim. Jesus calls today every woman to be His missionaries and His preachers. Jesus was making it clear that, in Christ, there is “neither male nor female “ (Galatians 3:28).

Our theme “Inspired by the Spirit, Women’s respond to God’s call” is an inspiring call to all of us Christians to walk in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene who ventured out to proclaim the Good News. The CWL, of our Archdiocese must be challenged by Mary Magdalene who went on Easter Morning to see the Lord. Woman in our Archdiocese are challenged to seek the Lord in the work they do and thereby become the witnesses for this wonderful experience of Easter! We are today invited by the Holy Spirit to reach out to the needy and the poor and thereby proclaim to the world that we are the true disciples and apostles of the Good News.

God bless us all. God bless Canada!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Shantha Kumar, msfs
Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

National theme: Inspired by the Spirit: Women Respond to God's Call

Dear sisters in the League and friends:

Greetings and blessings! On behalf of Manitoba Provincial Council, it is an honour to bring congratulations and greetings to Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council's annual convention. You are part of the amazing history of The Catholic Women's League of Canada as it journeys towards marking its 100th anniversary of organization in 2020. We are proud of our sisters of the north who through their membership in the League, led to the formation of Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council sixty-six years ago. Since then, your diocesan presidents have been a valuable link, keeping parish councils of your diocese connected, in addition to being the link to Manitoba Provincial Council by serving as part of its executive.

Conventions are occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our members whose identity in the League is through membership in a parish council. Members of parish councils are the "heartbeat of the League". Your annual reports of service and dedication leave no doubt that Keewatin-The Pas Diocese has been afire in response to our national theme, *Inspired by the Spirit: Women Respond to God's Call*. May God bless you for your good works and advocacy regarding the needs of the marginalized and the many societal injustices that prompted you into action. You've served God and Canada, keeping a balance of faith, fun and fulfillment in your meetings. Congratulations for adjusting to the changing times, especially in the field of technology, where your annual reports are now required to be submitted online. A special 'thank you' to those who share their time and skills to make that transition possible.

Members in Keewatin-The Pas are engaged and continue to benefit from League events, workshops, and leadership opportunities. The future of the League looks bright because of the many capable and enthusiastic leaders that are formed. Continue to affirm and encourage members to serve at the diocesan and provincial levels. They are the future of the League!

Congratulations for having made your voices heard and for having taken part in the strategic planning initiated by national council at its 2017 convention in Charlottetown, PEI. The process has been extensive, and the ongoing consultations will contribute to what our members from across Canada envision for the League of the future. Please pray that members will accept and embrace change with open hearts and minds, believing that every step of the way, the League has been led through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

We are thrilled that some of you will experience this year's national convention as Manitoba hosts this major event. Thank you for volunteering on planning committees. May you be joyful ambassadors of the League and of Manitoba, as you greet the many delegates that will visit our fair city of Winnipeg!

May your convention experience be one of prayer, laughter and hugs as you renew friendships and make new ones. May you benefit from the workshop, speakers, reports, and the fun activities. My hope is that you will be energized and affirmed for having participated and that the Holy Spirit will inspire and help you discern new ways to respond to serving God and Canada through your membership in the League.

With prayerful best wishes,

Rolande Chernichan
Provincial President

**KEEWATIN-THE PAS ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE 2016-2018**

***Spiritual Advisor
President
Past President
Treasurer
Secretary***

***Fr. Shantha Kumar MSFS
Lucille Rossington
Ella Nogier
Bernadette Benson
Donna Coles***

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***Community Life
Education & Health
Christian Family Life
Spiritual Development***

***Dorothy Leblanc
Gail Baker
Angie Fetter
Sr. Bonnie Bryson***

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

***Our Lady of Sacred Heart
Our Lady of the Snows
St. Ann's
St. Lawrence
St. Maria Goretti***

***The Pas
Snow Lake
Flin Flon
Thompson
Lynn Lake***

***Teresa Bodin
Jodie Kowalchuk
Bernadette Benson
Flo Tabin
Pat Campbell***

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



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*TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017*

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Name of Council Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

City or Town and Province: The Pas, Manitoba

Name and Address of Chairperson: Dorothy LeBlanc

Names of sub-committee chairperson and/or committee members:

Dorothy LeBlanc

Number of councils reporting 3 out of 5 = %

COMMUNITY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2017

(a) **dignity and rights of persons:**

- Aluminum pop tabs are collected for Wheel chairs.
- Anointing of the sick is done every June

(b) **Social and economic justice:**

- World day of prayer services were well attended.
- Bursaries were presented to grade 12 graduating students
- Food hampers were given to the needy.
Hosted 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care
Pope Francis' annual 24 hours with the Lord
- Books were collected and taken to the jail for the inmates.
- Donations of food and money was given to the homeless shelters
- Donations were given for the school lunch programs.
- Clothing & non perishable food items were collected at a Christmas meeting and given to the Lord's Bounty Food Bank, Kids first North program and Friendship Christmas gift program
- Non perishable food was collected at a Christmas party and given to feed the Homeless.

Rummage sales, perogie bees

Funeral luncheons

- Members Volunteer at St Paul's Senior home.
- Donation was given to the School Winter Feast for their feast so the Less needy children could also take part.

- Members served lunch for the St. Paul's Christmas/Party.
- At Study Days members served, made a meal, donated dainties, cleaned up and billeted some of the people attending.
- Members made lunch, donated dainties & cleaned up after the Chrism Mass.
- Meals on Wheels are delivered during the year.
One council does a whole month.(Flin Flon)
One council prepares and delivers Christmas Dainty trays.
- Toiletries were collected and donated to the Women's resource centre.

c) refugees, immigration and citizenship:

- Remembrance day services were attended by members and some presented wreaths.
- Members support the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy campaign and some members help
sell the Poppies
- Rice Lunches are held during Lent.

(d)Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP):

- Annual monetary donations are sent to Development & Peace and some members also give a monthly donation.
- Used stamps are collected for Development and Peace.
- Donations are made to Catholic Missions
- Keewatin-The Pas Diocese receives yearly donations

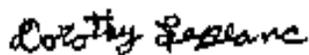
(e) **developing countries:**

- Donations were given to Share Lent, Samaritans purse and Christmas Child Shoebox Program
- Food for the Hungry – one member donated money to buy 2 pigs for a family.
- Stamps were collected and sent to the White Fathers in Africa.
- Donations were given to Coady.

(f) **other**

- Many members participate in cleaning the church and hall on a regular basis.
- The Cathedral was cleaned from top to bottom after the renovations by many members.
- Parish spring cleaning was done with the help of many members
- Flowers were purchased and given to the children that attended the Christmas eve Family Mass, At the offering the children brought the flowers and laid them in the Nativity Scene.
- One council invited anyone who volunteered for their Tea or Carnival to their Christmas party to show their appreciation. They said it was so nice to see the teenagers interacting with the ladies and showing respect for their elders.
- The Diocesan President of our Council did an CWL education day in The Pas

This concludes my report,



Dorothy LeBlanc
Community Life chairperson.

Before I speakTHINK....

<i>T</i>	<i>is it True</i>
<i>H</i>	<i>is it Helpful</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>is it Inspiring</i>
<i>N</i>	<i>is it Necessary</i>
<i>K</i>	<i>is it Kind</i>

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: KEEWATIN-THE PAS DIOCESAN

City or Town and Province: Lynn Lake Manitoba

Name and address of Chairperson: Sr. Bonnie Bryson csj,

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2017

a) Spiritual growth of members: Materials for reflection during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter were provided for members and parishioners. We had Stations of the Cross during Lent and the rosary in the months of May and October.

Councils discussed these topics, Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, Fasting and Feasting, Divine Mercy revelation from St. Fautina's diary, Typology, Reflections of the Holy Spirit, Station of the Cross, our Guardian Angel, prayer partners chosen, meetings begin and end in prayer, RCIA classes were attended, Lenten Mission attended, mass celebrated for Our Lady of Good Council, bible studies were attended.

b) Study of Catholic Teachings: Members give baptism classes for parents wishing to have their children baptised. RCIA classes are provided for adults wishing to receive sacraments. Classes for children preparing for Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation are provided. Marriage preparation classes for adults preparing for marriage are given, booklets of Way of the Cross and Pray the Rosary given to catechism class.

c) Role of Women in the church: Members take communion to the residents at the hospital on Sunday; are lay presiders, lectors,

communion ministers; look after baptisms and funerals, some members attended Diocesan Study Days

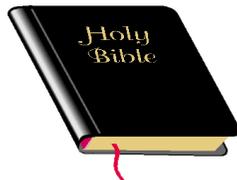
- d) Evangelization and mission assistance:** As we are the only church in town we invite the folks from the former Protestant church to join us for service if they wish; we donate as we are able both locally and worldwide; gifts are given to the children receiving sacraments(Lynn Lake)

- e) Lay Ministries:** Members are presiders, lectors, look after the music, and Eucharistic ministers.

- f) Ecumenism and interfaith endeavours:** We have a service for all people (whether they still live here or not) who have passed away during the year with members of the other church; we have an Advent service for all

Most parishes have participated in the world day of prayer, Christian Unity week and Least coin service.

One council hosted a luncheon for about 50 people who had lost a loved one ,this is an annual event sponsored by Dadson's Funeral Home this year it was St. Ann's being the host.



*Not once in the Bible does it say, worry about it, stress about it, figure it out,
but time after time it says to put your trust in God.*

Keewatin -The Pas Diocesan Council
Education and Health convenor Gail Baker

Annual report for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Number of councils reporting four out of five.(Three from president's report)

Lisa Pearson of St. Ann's Council has sent a detailed report on her work this past year. I shall summarize it for you by describing the various topics she has brought to our CWL meetings and let you imagine the interesting discussions these topics brought to our meetings.

- The secrets of Sardina; home to the largest population in the world whose people mainly live to over 100 years.
- Reference to obesity and food marketing practises.
- Discussion on the genetically modified foods (GMO'S) and the unfair marketing practises
- world day of the sick instituted by Pope Francis
- 12 hours of prayer for palliative care; a vigil was arranged. And the arrangement for the CWL bursary and who qualifies.
- Blood type and your health; discussing the lifetime studies by Dr. Peter James D'Adamo and how eating properly improves your life
- Explanation on the left and right brain in relation to how it affects personality and expression.
- there was a discussion on the increase of STD's in retirement communities and the lack of counselling
- A talk on age friendly communities and where they get their funding to start. It appears that our health care funding falls short when providing thriving senior care.

Special thanks to Lisa for bringing such interesting topics to liven up our meetings!
Well Done.

I received an informative notice from Fran Lucas, National First Vice-President and Chairperson of Education and Health.

She stated that after a national executive meeting; it was felt that the focus for the next twelve months should be on mental health.

Although Euthanasia and assisted suicide will remain a focal point; the seriousness of increasing mental health problems among all ages of our community cannot be ignored.

We need to become more aware of the challenges that are being faced and work toward reducing this health issue.

We must promote mental health through children, teens, midlife and seniors.

Confidence; the solid belief in one's self gives people hope.

Competence; the ability and know-how to handle situations.

Connection; with close ties to family, schools and community give a person a sense of security.

Character; giving a person a solid sense of right and wrong thus helping to make the appropriate choices.

Contribution; everyone needs to feel needed and useful. Coping; people who learn to cope effectively with stress and overcome life's difficulties develop positive strategies like relaxation, sports and service to others.

Control; when people realize they can control the outcome of their decisions and actions; can they realize what it takes to overcome and go forward.

The Pas Council states they held CWL Education Day and Workshop on March 18th, 2017. Welcome kits were made and given to all who attended. Mass followed and new members were presented with their pins by our Diocesan President Lucille Rossington. Lucille organized our workshop and did an amazing job for us. Many members helped and attended the Diocesan Convention and workshop in The Pas and three members were able to attend the provincial convention in Virden.

Most councils report giving a bursary to a graduate.

There is a challenge in Education and Health to go out into the world and make it a better place and remember “good mental health affects us all!”

Sincerely in Christ,

Gail Baker,

Ed and Health convenor for Keewatin-The Pas Diocese.

Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters. Think about it !

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: **Keewatin- The Pas Diocesan**

City or Town and Province: The Pas, Manitoba

Name and Address of Chairperson: Angie Fetter

Number of councils reporting 2 out of 5 = 2.5 %

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2017

(a) marriage and family

One council reports gifts and cards are given to individuals through the RCIA program, Confirmation and also to those receiving First Communion.

Two councils report they give Birthday cards and Mass Intentions are given to members who celebrate special birthdays/anniversaries. One council also reports they also give Mass Intentions for 90t birthdays.

One council purchase flowers for children to present at the crib in the Nativity scene at Christmas eve mass.

One council also give Sympathy and Farewell cards.

One council reports that a monthly mass is offered for deceased members.

One council report members they spearhead funeral and many volunteer to help with setup, serving and cleanup.

One council reports they help raise monies by helping at bingos.

One Council reports that it is mandatory for members to wear their CWL pins and that they are also encouraged to wear their pins and scarfs for special occasions/masses.

Two councils report members are involved in Mass services as Readers and Eucharist Ministers.

One council reports members lead The Way of the Cross and the rosary in May and October.

One council reports they have purchased subscriptions to Catholic magazines, videos or books for use.

One council reports they give bursaries and a certificate to a Grade 12 graduate at the end of June.

One council reports they have given Sympathy cards, Birthday cards, Christmas cards and Mass Intentions to priests and the Arch-Bishop.

One council reports members attend/participate in the annual World of Prayer and Fellowship of the Lease Coin services.

One council held a mass for **Life and Family**.

(b) sanctity of life

There were no active activities although one council reports they laid out pro-life pamphlets for the interested at the back of the church.

(c) ministry to: youth, disabled, seniors, widowed, separated and divorced

One council reports members take the Holy Eucharist to shut-ins at home and in the hospital.

One council reports two members assist parish priest with masses in the community.

One council reports they send Encouragement and Thank You for past years of service.

One council reports there is a CWL member who is the Youth Co-ordinator whose main objective is to encourage the youth encounter Christ. She also has a seat as a Convenor for Parish CWL.

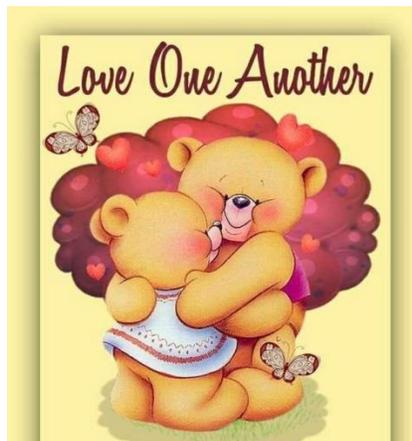
(d) vocations

One council reports members are encouraged to invite and welcome members of clergy into their homes and to join them for brunch Sunday after mass.

One Council reports members frequently pray the Prayer for Vocations at the end their meetings.

This Concludes my report

Angie Fetter



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: **Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council**

Secretary

City or Town and Province: FLIN FLON, Manitoba

Name and Address of Chairperson: Donna Coles

Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2017

Notice of meeting sent to all Diocesan Executive, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor prior to all teleconferences and Diocesan Conventions.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Teleconference Meeting held Saturday January 7, 2017 at 10:00 am - minutes taken. Minutes from Teleconference Meeting October 1, 2016 circulated by email to all Diocesan executive and chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to teleconference).

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Pre-Convention The Pas, MB held May 5, 2017, minutes taken. Minutes of the January 7, 2017 Teleconference meeting circulated by email to Diocesan Executive, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to pre-convention meeting).

Keewatin-The Pas 65th Archdiocesan Convention The Pas, MB May 7, 2017, minutes taken. Minutes of 64th Archdiocesan Convention circulated and read at Convention.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Teleconference Meeting Held Thursday September 28th at 7:00 pm minutes taken. Pre-Convention Minutes of May 5, 2017 circulated to all Diocesan Executive, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to teleconference).

Purchase paper for Convention Booklet as required. Help with Convention Booklet as required. Help with Mass/Banquet Program pamphlet as required.

Send cards/and or flowers and visited CWL members when under the weather.

This concludes my report,
Donna Coles - Secretary

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin – The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: **Vacant** Lucille Rossington

Organization Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2017

(a) recruit members and maintain membership

All councils do a drive or do personal contact or by phone to women of their parish and invite them to check out the league , they are invited to attend a meeting with “no strings attached”.

Awards are given out and pin presented for milestones

There is total of 146 members in Keewatin-The Pas .

(b) leadership development

Members are encourage to attend workshop.

One workshop “ development day “was done by diocesan president to The Pas Council and with an overview of the National theme to Thompson council also.

(c) League resource material

Executive manuals are keep up to date , articles from the league magazine are discussed at meetings.

(d) annual reports

Resent all reporting templates to all councils .

Convenors are encourage to send their reports to diocesan and provincial chairpersons, in the calendar time frame. They were also notified of the online survey deadline.

(e) life membership

We have 2 life members and 3 BelleElle Guerin recipient

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: **Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan**

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, Mb

Name and Address of Chairperson:(Vacant) Lucille Rossington ,

COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2017

(a) *The Canadian League* magazine

The Canadian league is read by most of our members and some bring articles to their meetings to discuss.

Encourage members to share their info with “on the spot” on our CWL National website.

Pass on communiques and information on upcoming workshop .

Make copies of meeting minutes for those members who do not have email or unable to attend meetings.

(b) media: for evangelization; to promote the League; evaluation and promotion of good content and newsletters and bulletins

When articles received from other levels it is mentioned at meetings and if indicated in memo published in bulletins or copies put on church CWL wall section.

Monthly meetings executive and regular dates are published in the parish bulletin .

Monthly newsletter sent out to members either by email or regular and copies left at back of church in CWL section.

(c) media relations

Special events are mentioned to the radio or papers.

Newspaper called to cover 65th year pin and scroll recipient who is also a charter member In The Pas.

Christmas wishes are aired on radio and adds to congratulate grads at the end of the year.

(d) pornography

Wrap campaign is still going strong in most councils.

"The biggest communication problem is we don't listen to understand, we listen to reply"

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council
Resolution
Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2017

Position :Vacant

Lucille Rossington ,

The year 2017 brought one resolution to diocesan council which was gifted to us by Our Lady of Sacred Heart Council in The Pas.

The Resolution "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and Environmental Sensitivities " generated a lot of discussions at all levels but was not brought to the floor of National Resolution dialogue but it was sent to Education and Health chairpersons to make this issue known by all levels.

We thank the efforts made by Our Lady of Sacred Heart council and for all their good research.

It is good to see interest in resolution.

The next provincial workshop on resolution will be **November 17,2018 SAVE THE DATE !**

This concludes my report,

Catholic Women's League of Canada
Inspired by the Spirit ,Women Respond to God's Call
Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council
Legislation Annual Report :January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2017
Position : *Vacant* (Lucille Rossington ,)

The following is a summary of emails received from provincial Chairperson of Legislation and shared with parish councils.

At the legislation workshop in November questions from members ,

1. What happens to bills when Parliament dissolves?

Answer: All Chamber activities ceases with dissolution, and all incomplete business is terminated, including government bills and Private Members business. A list of these items may be found in the document called Status of House Business at Dissolution, which is published shortly after dissolution is proclaimed.

When Parliament is prorogued (delayed) , the House is adjourned. All government bills that have not received Royal Assent cease to exist. In order for government bills to be proceeded with in the new session, they must be re-introduced as new bills or they may be reinstated, if the House adopts a motion to this effect.

Provincial Legislation:

Bill-34 The Medical assistance in Dying(protection for health professionals and others) act received Royal Assent on November 10,2017 This act comes into forces on the day receives royal assent.

Federal Legislation:

B-249 An act to amend the Public Health Agency of Canada Act (National Alzheimer Office) is in its first reading and proposes the establishment of a National Alzheimer office with the Public Health Agency of Canada. This would support the League's ongoing call for compassionate care for the sick.

B-C-350 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (trafficking and transplanting human organs and body parts) is in its first reading and supports the League's human trafficking resolutions.

BOTH THESE BILLS HAVE BEEN IN FIRST READING FOR A WHILE. If they are of personal interest to you, write a letter or send e-mail to remind your MP that you would like to see these bills move forward.

Bill C-277 Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act received Royal Assent on

December 12,2017

With regards to the bill receiving Royal Assent.

- 1) The minister must initiate the consultation within six months after the day on which this Act comes into force.**
- 2) 2) The Minister of Health must prepare a report setting out the framework on palliative care and cause the report to be laid before the House of Parliament with one year after the day on which this Act comes into force.**
- 3) 3) Within five years after the day on which the report in 2 is tabled in Parliament The Minister of Health must prepare a report on the state of palliative care in Canada.**

Bill C-243 An Act respecting the development of a national maternity assistance Program strategy remains in Second Reading in the Senate.

Legislation sub-committee chair, Ann Devlin brought to our attention the dissenting report by the conservative government regarding M – 103. It is a very interesting report and can be found in both English and French. You can find them by clicking on the below links(20 page report)

http://www.davidanderson.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018-01-30-CPC-MINORITY-REPORT-OF-THE-STANDING-COMMITTEE-ON-CANADIAN-HERITAGE-ON-SYSTEMIC-RACISM-AND-RELIGIOUS-DISCRIMINATION.pdf?utm_source=Religious+Freedom+Updates&utm_campaign=dc45e79d36-C51_09_11_2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96fd06846a-dc45e79d36-1211812157

Check out League Magazine Nancy Simms’s article Mental Illness and Legislation

Federal government website is www.parl.gc.ca

Information on Manitoba bills can be found at LEGISinfo

Our MLA’s and MP’ s work hard on our behalf. I join our Provincial Chairperson to encourage you to send emails or letters acknowledging their efforts.

Next Legislation and Resolution workshop November 17,2018 *SAVE THE DATE !*

This concludes my report,

Lucille Rossington

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Diocese
Ella Nogier Past President
Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2017

Again another year has passed and we are still here to report!

Diocesan Book of life

The Book of Life has been kept up to date. We can now remember our deceased sisters, as we should, each year at our convention. Councils have sent in names of our dear deceased sisters so that we can remember them with prayer.

Meetings

There have been 2 regular teleconference meetings that were attended in 2017, Jan. and Sept. Each takes about an hour and our work always gets done in that time. There are also many emails, texts and phone conversations that keep us connected.

Archives and History

Two years ago plastic bins were purchased for the archives. They continue to be updated as time and meetings go on. The bins are here and ready to be passed on.

Conventions

Conventions are a highlight as it is often the only time to see our diocesan sisters face to face. The convention in The Pas in the spring was a joy to attend. As past president the duties are pretty low. The organizing of the convention was well done. One could tell as it went off without a hitch. Very much enjoyed.

Elections

As I write this report in early Jan. the work has begun for a new executive. With hope and anticipation there will be sufficient names on the list. I hope you have prayed about this and have allowed yourself to do some very important "God's work"!

Ideas for next year

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

Saint Mother Teresa

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" *St. Catherine of Siena*

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." Pope John Paul II

This concludes my report,



Ella Nogier

Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council
President: Lucille Rossington
Annual Report
January 1st 2017 to December 31, 2017

Our National Theme “Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God’s call” which gave us an opportunity to reflect on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and to ponder on those gifts that each of us are given , are we using them fully as intended by our Lord ? We have several ladies in our diocese who have done just that ; they were honored by their council for their years of service, a time to recognized all the work done , time shared and friendships made. The following is a list of pins received and which council gave them.

- 1 x 5 years The Pas
- 1 x 10 years The Pas
- 1 x 15 years The Pas
- 4 x 25 years Flin Flon
- 3 x 35 years Flin Flon
- 1 x 40 years Flin Flon
- 1 x 50 years Flin Flon
- 2 x 60 years Flin Flon
- 1 x 65 years The Pas (plus scroll she is a charter member)

Our diocesan council is blessed with 2 Life Members and 3 BelleElle Guerin recipient .

It is always good to celebrate these accomplishments , without the dedication from each member ,our league would cease to exist . So if you have just started as a CWL member we thank you for joining us and hope that by your presence at meetings or conventions you too can focus on your Catholic faith by serving your God and Canada. We are here to serve our God with the gifts He has bestowed upon us, let us use them for the betterment of our parishes and communities and I say *Thank You to all members who responded to God’s Call.*

As your reports tell the tale of the accomplishments made by each council we know that God is smiling down every time we help the seminarian, the missionaries , soup kitchens, the needy, the homeless, the lonely , the sick and the less fortunate abroad that money is sent to.

In 2017 , your reports indicate *Spiritual growth* :

Some of you attended the diocesan convention and participated in The Bible and the Mary through Scripture.

Reflected on the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fasting and Feasting

Divine Mercy revelation from St. Fautina's diary

Your Guardian Angel

Bible study(book of Mark)

RCIA classes

12 Hour of Prayer for Palliative Care

Joined other denominations in prayer for World day of Prayer, Least Coin, Christian Unity Week. You have invited all community members to join you in prayer on Sunday because their church has closed down.

You remembered to celebrate Our Lady of Good Counsel in a special way with your council. You lead the Rosary in your parishes in May and October and also on Wednesday morning prior to mass.

You are lay presiders , lectors, parish council members and part of music & choir ministry ,you help your parish priest when needed.

You have improved your *Education and Health* by reflecting on :

Blood types and your health

STD an increase in retirement communities and lack of counselling

Modified foods (GMO) and unfair marketing practises.

Obesity

Difference between right brain and left brain thinking.

You attended CWL Education Day and Workshop .(The Pas)

You donate bursaries to a graduate.

Through *Organization* you have brought new members and encourage women from your parish to come and see what the CWL is all about by attending a meeting without pressure.

You help your parishes with funerals .

You congratulated members on their milestones. Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan has 141 members thanks to your efforts.

You encouraged your members in their *Christian Family Life* by;

Reading the reports in our CWL magazines

Tune in the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's daily television mass

You attended a mass for National Week of Life and Family

You visit manors, hospital and do home visits.

You attended Chrism Mass

Send mass cards on special birthdays and anniversaries as well as on the loss of a loved one.

In your Community Life you have:

Filled shoeboxes for the Samaritan's purse

Sponsor a child through Chalice in the Ukraine

Sponsor a child through Plan International in Bolivia

Sponsor a child through Save a family Plan

Donate food hampers to the friendship center

Food bank donations and monetary donations as well

Adopted a bunny and filled a basket with goodies at Easter for the Health Auxiliary.

Colored Easter eggs had them blessed and passed them out at Easter

Joined in a Multicultural supper

Hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

Donated to the Resource Center

Collect stamps for development and peace and send annual donations

Pop can tabs for wheelchair project

Donate to the 1% program

Host Our Lady of Guadeloupe parish pot luck lunch

Co-host with Knight's of Columbus annual Holy Family Brunch

Host St. Pat's Tea, carnivals, bazaars etc.

You communicate your events by publishing in the parish bulletins, on radio, and local papers. You also do personal invitation to women of your parish. You send newsletters to all your members that have email and print for those that do not have email.

You have presented a *Resolution 2017.01 Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and Environmental Sensitivities*(gifted by Our Lady of Sacred Heart The Pas) which was passed at Diocesan and Provincial but not brought to the floor of National but sent to Education and Health to share the knowledge collected.

Information was shared by email and booklet on Legislation.

As you can see your councils have been busy and we acknowledge all your efforts that you make in order that the homeless, the hungry , the lonely and the sick do not feel that they are alone and forgotten. You are God's hands, feet, eyes and ears He too sees your efforts.

Our diocesan convention (May 2017) was hosted by the ladies of Our Lady of Sacred Heart. They welcomed us and made our stay very enjoyable. The workshop on *The Bible and the Virgin Mary Journey Through Scriptures* was held on the Saturday and was well attended and by the responses appreciated.

Our Diocesan Parish Councils are shrinking as you will see by the numbers below. We thank you for your efforts in recruiting new members.

Our diocesan council consist of 141 members following are the numbers for each council:

Our Lady of the Snows	Snow Lake	10
St. Ann	Flin Flon	66 members (20 over 80)
St. Lawrence	Thompson	09
St. Maria Goretti	Snow lake	15 members
Our Lady of Sacred Heart	The Pas	41

Through your efforts and your gifts we can continue to serve our Lord.

As your diocesan president my duties are to share information received by all levels to all parishes and also to my diocesan executive so they can be informed of the activities of all convenorships . Email has and will continue to be a major form of communication, this is the new and faster way of doing business.

I have represented you at meetings in Winnipeg, Provincial convention and at National convention in PEI.

I have organized and chaired two tele-conferences, the pre-convention meeting plus the annual convention. I have also prepared reports and submitted to our provincial executives. Prepared an Education Day Workshop for The Pas council. Went to Thompson and did a presentation of our National Theme.

Prepared the application for National Development Fund and submitted the reports required by the due date.

I have prepared the workshop for “The Bible and the Virgin Mary Journey Through Scripture and organized the leaders for same.

Kept in consultation with Our Lady of Sacred Heart regarding the 2017 convention.

Contacted the St. Ann’s council in Flin Flon who will host the 2018 diocesan convention.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to Guide and Bless us.!

This concludes my report,

Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Lynn Lake, MB

President: Pat Campbell

Annual Report for 2017

We have 15 paid up members. Two are out of town. Several are seniors and are unable to attend meetings and several have a young family and are kept busy with them so that leaves 3 or 4 of us that are active on a regular basis.

We have presided at funerals and wakes in absence of a resident priest. We take communion to the shut-ins at the hospital.

We donated a filled stocking to the Health Auxiliary.

We donated for a food hamper at the friendship center and we adopted a bunny and filled a basket with goodies at Easter for the health auxiliary. We also colored and decorated eggs to be blessed and Passed them out at Easter.

We hosted the pancake supper on shrove Tuesday and we held a Multicultural supper.

We presented gifts and certificates and children's missals to children making their first Communion, being baptized and presented a gift to our RCIA candidate.

We travel to Leaf Rapids and South Indian lake with Father and Sr. Bonnie so they wouldn't have to travel alone.

As well as this we are busy with lay presiding, reading, and presenting the reflection at lay led Services.

**This concludes my report,
Pat Campbell**

Catholic Women's League of Canada
Parish President's Annual Report
January 1 to December 31, 2017

Council Name: Our Lady of The Sacred Heart Parish

Council Address:

Name and Address of Chairperson: Teresa Bodin

Contact Telephone Number: (204) 623-2184

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Spiritual development:

- Meetings begin with either the prayer to "Our Lady of Good Counsel" or "League Prayer" followed with a decade of the rosary with personal intentions. We conclude with a prayer that is usually from our "League Prayers" booklet.
- Four members attended and participated in the World Day of Prayer service 2017.
- Members organized and prepared lunch for 100 people following the Diocesan Chrism Mass.
- Members led Stations of the Cross during one week during lent.
- Donated "Way of the Cross" and "Pray the Rosary" booklets to catechism class.
- Some members attended a Lenten Mission presented by Bishop Sylvain Lavoie.
- Mass was said for Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day and cake served afterward
- Three members attended RCIA classes with Father Robert instructing.
- Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care was observed on May 3rd with the Rosary being prayed at the cathedral. A petition was kept in the cathedral and signatures collected were sent in.
- Four members attended bible study class (the book of Mark) led by Fr. Father Robert Laroche

- Mass continues to be held monthly for deceased CWL members. These masses alternate between St. Paul's Residence and Pineview Manor where we have members residing.
- "Great Need, Great Hope" video shown at September meeting. The popcorn was great.

Organization: (position vacant- Dorothy LeBlanc is doing membership)

- We currently have 41 members in our council and will be having a reception of one new member in the new year.
- Meeting attendance ranges anywhere from 8-14 members usually.
- One of our long time members passed away in June. We assisted at mass, prepared and served the funeral luncheon and held an honor guard.
- Pins were awarded at our Christmas mass/supper (1 X 5 year pin, 1 X 10 year pin, 1 X 15 year pin and 1X 50 year pin and scroll) We also presented a 65 year pin and scroll this summer to a charter member who wasn't available to receive it last year (when it was due). A gathering and lunch took place at her residence with our local newspaper featuring the event.

Christian family life:

- Members are encouraged to read the Christian Family Life reports in The Canadian League magazine. Awareness of various events taking place in the community, on television and in general.
- Members were encouraged to tune into the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's daily television mass in February.
- A mass was held on May 16th to celebrate the National Week of Life and Family (May14-21)

- A December Christmas/Birthday party is organized by our council and done on an annual basis for St. Paul's Residence. The Pas Community Choir provided our entertainment.
- Two members visit residents at St. Paul's weekly.
- There was a total of 18 baptisms this year in our parish(5 in October) and 1 confirmation

Community life:

- The Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child" Shoebox program was organized by one of our CWL members. The catechism class was invited to participate this year as well and did a great job of packing their boxes.
- We received a letter from our sponsored child in Ukraine (through Chalice). A letter, picture and small gifts were sent to her for Christmas.
- Members were encouraged to pick a tag from a Christmas tree at the back of the cathedral and to purchase a small gift (as suggested in the tag) for a resident at St. Paul's.
- Our spiritual advisor spoke on Manitoba's Bill C-34 Medical Assistance in Dying (Protection for Health Professionals and Others) Act. A letter was passed to our members and we were encouraged to write to our MLA.
- Two boxes of non perishable food items were collected and taken to the soup kitchen in Dec. .
- Ongoing stamp collection for Development and Peace as well as an annual monetary donation
- pop can tabs collected for wheelchair project.

Education and health: (Position vacant)

- CWL Education Day and Workshop held on March 18th. Welcome Kits were made and given to all who attended. Mass followed and new members were given their pins by Lucille Rossington (Diocesan President). Lucille organized our workshop and did an amazing job for us!
- The Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Convention was held in The Pas. Three members attended the provincial convention in Virden
- Communiqués shared with members through email and at meetings. Workshop, education events and convention information is passed to members and members are encouraged to attend.
- Presented a grade 12 student with our CWL bursary
- Financial support is given to Coady International Institute on an annual basis
- Members attended Diocesan Study days. We also sponsored and prepared a meal, baked desserts/muffins and assisted at meal times with set up and clean up.

Communications: (Position vacant)

- Council meetings are announced in our parish bulletin
- Members are encouraged to read The Canadian League magazine and go to our CWL website for information and resources.

Resolutions/Legislation: (Positions vacant)

- Our council's resolution 2017.01 Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and Environmental Sensitivities did not pass at the national level. It did however, bring awareness to an issue that many people have little or no knowledge of.
- All communiqués are shared with members and the resolutions workshop is advertised annually

This concludes my report,

Teresa Bodin

Catholic Women's League of Canada
Our Lady of the Snows
President : Jodie Kowalchuk
Reporting period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Our Lady of the Snows began the year with 6 members attending meetings on a regular basis. Positions were filled and meetings were well attended by our active members. Unfortunately, we have lost 2 of our members as they have moved to different communities. Both members were very active in our in Our Lady of the Snows sharing the treasurer's position. One of these ladies has spent many years in the CWL and her presence will surely be missed.

We presently have 4 active members who attend meetings on a regular basis with one elderly lady joining us when weather permits. Our meetings began with a prayer followed by a presentation of a spiritual article or activity. All cards of sympathy and well wishes were recognized at our meetings. We discussed old and new business then we ended our meeting with another prayer.

Spring was busy with members attending "World Day of Prayer" and the CWL convention. Our annual Spring Tea was held in April in which many of our local Catholic women volunteered, donated items, and brought baking. The tea was well attended by members in the community.

In June, we had our annual grad mass for the graduated class of Joseph H. Kerr. Graduates attended and enjoyed cake following the service. Our Lady of the Snows offered a \$500 bursary to a local graduate. This year's recipient was a young lady going into the area of education. The bursary was presented to Katie Spruyt who has been actively involved in our church and has volunteered many hours for our events.

We did not attend meetings during the summer months as most of our members go on vacation. However, our meetings resumed in September. Our annual carnival was held in September. Prizes were purchased for the carnival to be given out at all event s. Many children wait for the carnival each year. It was well attended by young parents and their children. Ella Nogier spent countless hours organizing, preparing, and volunteering for this event. She brought new ideas to the table and created new games for the little ones to enjoy. This was an event that required a great deal of assistance from local volunteers.

In October, we received communication from the child that we sponsor through Plan International. Our Lady of the Snows sponsors a young boy from Bolivia. He does not live with his father and his mother is a peasant farmer. The communication reconfirms the good that we do as women, in hopes of helping others have a better life.

November involved planning for Remembrance Day and the annual Christmas party. One of our members attended the local Remembrance Day service. Our member laid the CWL wreath in honor of our Canadian soldiers.

In December, Our Lady of the Snows held a Christmas party for anyone who volunteered for our tea or carnival to show appreciation for their services. We had new volunteers that attended our meeting which was a welcome addition to our evening. It was nice to see the teenagers interacting with the ladies and showing great respect for their elders. Those in attendance discussed and decided to donate money to our local Resource Center.

This concludes my report,

Jodie Kowalchuk

God has no phone but I talk to Him
He has no facebook but He is still my friend
He does not have twitter but....I still follow Him

“My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me” -Jesus (JOHN 10:27)

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
St Anne's Council
Annual President's Report 2017**

“Inspired by the Spirit, Women respond to God's call”

I remember being so excited to write my first annual report on the computer. Copy, cut and paste were reinvented; spell check made it so much easier; no more typewriters, erasers and whiteout. Would you believe that is 30 years ago!

The changes we have seen in our council are really something. Banquets catering to 400 plus at the community hall involved many women lugging the food and equipment to cook and serve and all the dishes being washed by hand; now we have commercial dishwashers and do not cater. Hours were spent hospital visiting; but with privacy issues we are not allowed to pop in with a friendly hi and a prayer for a speedy recovery. Membership for many years was around 140 and today we have 66. Many of us are fortunate enough to be able to travel; but that means there are less hands to help with CWL projects and commitments.

Weekends were spent on the road travelling for meetings; thank goodness for the internet, texts, tweets and one hour conference calls today. Phone bees to get the word out; now Denise spends five minutes and keeps us in the loop. As you can see I have been reminiscing and it brings lots of smiles to my heart. It also brings sadness. There is something to be said about the hours spent together laughing, preparing food, washing dishes, travelling and sharing our concerns. We relied more on each other and were part of our sisters' lives.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT topics Gertie shared with our council:

- Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Prayer partners chosen
- Stations of the Cross
- Fasting and Feasting
- Divine Mercy revelation from St Faustina's diary
- Typology
- Reflections on the Holy Spirit
- Our Guardian Angel

Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God

ORGANIZATION

Membership sits at 66; over 20 of our members are honoured with a free annual membership as they are 80 years and older.

All chairpersons of standing committees completed the online reporting; great job.

P&P Manual updated .

SERVICE PIN RECEIPTS FOR 2017

25 YEARS

Clarita Duazo

Monica Kozar

Elizabeth Sochan

Beverley Zollen

35 YEARS

Catherine Daneliuk

Blanche Gira

Dona O'Brien

40 YEARS

Patsy Vielgut

50 YEARS

Rose Weber

60 YEARS

Rita Fortier

Josie Hodgson

COMMUNICATIONS

Denise emailed the following to our members:

Monthly agendas, minutes, notice of events, meetings, newsletters and updates

Graduation and Christmas greetings through CFAR

AED information and training for members

MAiD (physician assisted death) petition

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Mass cards for the loss of our members loved ones or special birthdays and anniversaries

Memorial Mass for our deceased members

COMMUNITY LIFE

Hosted 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

Pope Francis' annual 24 Hours with the Lord

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Perogie bees

Rummage sales

Funeral luncheons for eight families

Parish picnic, Fall supper, Bazaar

Transportation of Meals on Wheels Program for the month of September

Paperback books collected for The Pas Correctional Centre

Prepared Christmas baking trays for shut ins

The League magazine recycled into our parish community

SPECIAL EVENTS IN OUR COUNCIL

Co-host with Knights of Columbus the annual Holy Family brunch

St Pat's Tea profit of 1601\$

Our Lady of Good Counsel feast day

Children present flowers to Our Blessed Mother on Mother's Day and Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve

Diocesan and Provincial Conventions

June awards and windup and Christmas Party

Remembrance Day Service and laying of a wreath
Our Lady of Guadeloupe parish pot luck
Attended Fellowship of the Least Coin and World Day of Prayer

EDUCATION AND HEALTH topics Lisa brought to our attention:

The Mediterranean: Sardinia's secret to long life
Obesity of our children and hazards to their health
Genetically modified foods; Blood type and eating
Difference between right and left brain thinking

DONATIONS AND GIFTS 5300\$ in donations to programs and our community

Kitchen stove repairs
Supplies for 6 shoeboxes for Samaritan's purse up to 200\$
Bishop's appeal 300\$, Salvation Army soup kitchen 500\$
750\$ Bursary for graduating high school student awarded to Brandon Kolt
Children's Sunday missals
Parish 1000\$, Bazaar 500\$
Fellowship of the Least Coin donation through our monthly lunch 133.37\$
Donations of breakfast programs for our 3 elementary schools 600\$,
Lord's Bounty Food Bank, KeePas Missions and EskOmi Missions, 200\$ each,
Save a Family Program 240\$
Women's Resource Centre, Kids First North Program, Inner Wheel, annual
Christmas Children's gift program
Birthday and Christmas gifts for Fr Paul
National 2018 Convention fund 3,863.52\$ to be used towards shared travel and
accommodations
Christmas card fundraiser

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to my/our executive.
I think we made a great team and worked well together. I hope you enjoyed your
two years as much as you were an inspiration to me and helped me fill a big void in
my life. I was very comfortable saying my yes and taking a turn at being your
president knowing I was surrounded by so much love and support.
There were times we had to fill in for each other or take over duties and you were
remarkable and did a wonderful job. We as a council should be very proud of our
sisters and I am very proud of each of you and how willing you are to give of
yourself and how we all work together for our parish and communities. The Spirit of
God made us, the breath of the Almighty enlivens us.

Congratulations to Bernadette Benson, our new president and executive for the
coming term. Bernadette brings many skills and experiences through Lodge to our

organization and I know we are in good hands. Enjoy your term Bernadette it goes very quickly.

We all have been given gifts by God; and you were given them to give them back to God out of love. How can you offer your work to the God, serving Him happily? What gifts do you have? May we always remember the Holy Spirit is working below the surface of what is happening in our lives.

May Our Blessed Mother guide and bless us in our endeavours to God and Canada. May I encounter your grace in so many ways today, Holy Spirit, and may I live in that grace

This concludes my report,
Blessings, Catherine Daneliuk

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Lawrence Parish Council
President Flo Tabin
Annual report : January 1,2017 to December 31, 2017**

There is no report for January, February and March of 2017.

April meeting : Plans and discussions for a walk and procession of Our Lady of Fatima in May. Two of our CWL members attended the Diocesan Convention in The Pas on May 6th and 7th, 2017. We purchased our 4th Memorial Plaque as a fundraiser for our Parish church renovations. Discussions were brought up for a Fall Christmas Craft Sale.

May meeting : The CWL gave one of our alter server \$ 200.00 gift for special work he has done for the church. We had our Walk and Procession for our Lady of Fatima on May 13,2017, the 100th Jubilee Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima appearing to the three children of Fatima. Bishop Murray Chatlain and other priests and religious attended from the North. It was a great and beautiful celebration.

June meeting: Sister Andrea has a spring rummage sale every spring, the CWL members are greatly involved in organizing and helping out.

July and August: No meetings

September meeting: The CWL decided to cover funeral lunch expenses for CWL members and their immediate family. The children from our Parish donate money at the Sunday Mass and with that money, we decided to buy Christmas gifts for the younger children and give them to the Salvation Army at Christmas.

October meeting: Every fall before Christmas the CWL purchase \$ 100.00 worth of groceries and donate to the Salvation Army for the food hampers collection.

November meeting: We had our Christmas Craft Sale which turned out very good. We have a pie auction , sell chilli on a bun. This goes over very well. The CWL always has a bake sale table and that is a very good fundraiser for us . We also have a silent auction plus rent out other tables to different vendors.

December meeting: The CWL purchased all the Poinsettias for the church for Christmas decorating. We had our Christmas get together with our parish Fathers and Sister Andrea and other people who helped us throughout the whole year. Had a beautiful Chinese supper and a lot of homemade dainties, enjoyed by all. We had a sing –a-long afterwards which everyone joined in.

This concludes my report,

*Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice,
because the flow that has passed will never pass again.
Enjoy every moment in your life*

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council
Standing Rules of 66th Annual convention**

Each convention sets its own standing rules in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*. They are applicable for the duration of the 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 convention.

At the beginning of the business session of a convention, the rules are read and a motion is proposed, discussed and voted on to adopt the standing rules of the convention. This motion requires a two-thirds vote. To rescind or amend the rules once they have been adopted requires a two-thirds vote. To suspend a rule requires a majority vote.

1. Each person attending the 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 the Keewatin-The Pas Diocese) 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 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 convention shall be considered for presentation to the 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 convention without the prior approval of the Chair.

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.



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

<i>Wisdom</i>	<i>(Proverbs 2:6)</i>
<i>Understanding</i>	<i>(Psalm 119-34)</i>
<i>Right Judgement</i>	<i>(Isaiah 28-29)</i>
<i>Courage</i>	<i>(Ephesians 6:10)</i>
<i>Knowledge</i>	<i>(Isaiah 11:9)</i>
<i>Reverence</i>	<i>(1 Peter 3:15)</i>
<i>Wonder & Awe</i>	<i>(Isaiah 29:23)</i>

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control,
Humility, Chastity, Generosity*
Galatians 5:22
