

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Winnipeg Diocesan Council
98th Annual Convention



April 26 & 27, 2019

St. John XXIII
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Story of Our Lady of Good Counsel - Liturgical Feast – April 26

Devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel is associated with the story of a miraculous icon. Devotion to the Mother of Good Counsel is associated with the story of a miraculous icon. The sacred image is found in a church in Genazzano, a beautiful town thirty miles south-east of Rome. The church dedicated to the Mother of Good Counsel was built there in the fourth century. In 1356 the church was given over to the Augustinians. Restoration started in 1467, when a widow, Petruccia, sold all her belongings to help finance the project. However, funds ran out before the task was completed. That same year, all the residents of Genazzano heard a beautiful melody coming from heaven. As they looked up, they saw a white, shining cloud that descended on the church of the Mother of Good Counsel. The cloud gradually vanished, revealing a beautiful painting of Our Lady tenderly holding her Divine Son in her arms. Immediately, Mary began to cure the sick and grant countless graces. The news spread throughout the country. Two Albanians from Scutari appeared in the town with a curious tale. They had fled from their homeland to escape the invading Turks. Before fleeing, they had stopped in the church and had seen how the icon of Our Lady, wrapped in a white cloud, lifted off the wall on which it had hung for two centuries. They followed the picture until they could see the towers of Rome, when it suddenly disappeared. The mysterious icon of Genazzano was identical to the one in the church in Scutari.

The amazing news reached Rome. Pope Paul II sent two bishops to investigate the story. The prelates reported that 171 miracles were recorded in the months following the icon's appearance. The pope's commission also found that there was an empty space on the church wall at Scutari. An icon that had been venerated there for centuries was, indeed, missing.

The image was painted on a sheet of plaster so thin that it would have been impossible for any human hand to remove it without damage. It had survived the subsequent centuries through the tumult of several earthquakes and withstood the bombing during World War II. Several altars were destroyed, walls caved in, and the roof was crushed. The icon, only yards away from the explosion, remained intact.

In 1753, Pope Benedict XIV established the Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel to promote devotion to Mary under this title. Pope Leo XIII added the title Mother of Good Counsel to the Litany of Loreto. Pope Pius XII dedicated his term of office to Our Lady of Good Counsel. And Pope John XXIII visited her shrine to pray for the success of the Second Vatican Council.

The icon at Genazzano is about a foot wide and eighteen inches high. It depicts a mother figure that is half turned toward her son and half toward the viewer, reflecting Mary's concern for both Jesus and his Church.

If Our Blessed Mother is willing to ask her Son to work miracles to let us know of her motherly concern, Our Lady of Good Counsel is certainly willing to speak words of advice and instruction to help us over the hurdles of our daily lives. *Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!*



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The Catholic Women's League of Canada
calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to
the love of God through ministry and service.



Our Grateful Appreciation to our Host Council
St. John XXIII - Winnipeg, Manitoba

President- Janice Butler

The Members of the Convention Committee

Convention Chair – Janice Butler

Convention Co-Chair: Marilyn Begg

Liturgy – Rose Thomas

Silent Auction – Giselle Simmons / Marilyn Van Achte

Registration/Credentials – Lynda Ann Smith / Florence Weber

Hospitality – Helen Patterson

Treasurer – Lynda Ann Smith

Lunch – Chris Carlyle

Decorations – Louise Dansereau

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National CWL Theme for 2019-2020



Care for our

Common Home

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

A Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

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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

OPENING PRAYER

Teach me, Lord, To Listen

Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest me,
my family, my friends, my co-workers.
Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear,
the message is, "Accept the person I am. Listen to me."
Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me –
the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.
Teach me to listen, O God, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside –
in the deepest part of me.
Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, to your voice –
in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and in doubt, in noise and in silence.
Teach me, Lord, to listen. Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your divine love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen



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Dear Members of the Winnipeg Council of Catholic Women's League,

Greetings to all of you attending your 98th Annual Convention at St. John XXIII Parish in Winnipeg! I bring you greetings and faith filled support from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg during these days of convention. The Catholic Woman's League has played an important role in the life of the Archdiocese for 98 years. There are many stories of faith, joys and struggles throughout the urban and rural communities of the Archdiocese and the CWL has been part of these stories over many decades. I am truly grateful for your continued witness to our Catholic faith.

You have chosen as your theme for this year, "Care for our Common Home". This is a timely theme for society today where environmental concerns are at the fore. Pope Francis has given the world a very significant document dealing with these matters, namely "Laudato Si". Not only does he teach us about a Christian response to concerns over the natural environment but he links all of these things to the environment of the human heart, to human life and the family as a domestic church! It is precisely because of the faith commitment of Catholic Women in Canada today, that the full breath of our "common home" can be explored and shared with others through the various initiatives of the Catholic Women's League.

I pray that this year's annual convention of the Winnipeg Diocesan Council will bring much good fruit to our local Church and our communities both large and small.

A blessed convention to you all!

Yours in Christ,

+Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Greetings to my dear sisters in the Winnipeg Diocesan Council!

It is a privilege and honour to bring greetings to you from the national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada on the occasion of your 98th annual convention.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada through nearly 100 years of service to "God and Canada" has nourished the spirits and bodies of our sisters and brothers through the many acts of charity humbly given, yet requiring nothing in return. The rewards have been marked. You perhaps do not see the big eureka changes inspired by your efforts, but they certainly are there. You have tended the plough, both literally and figuratively, and brought about untold improvements in the lives of your community. Bravo!

Now it is time to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. Inspired by the spirit, you responded to God's call. I now invite you to continue responding to His call through your attention to His creation and *Care of our Common Home*.

May God continue to bless you and all those lives you touch with loving kindness and compassion.

Your Sister in the League,

Anne-Marie Gorman
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Dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League,

Grace and Peace to you all.

As I compose this message, I look forward to the two great Feasts that will bookends our CWL Archdiocesan Convention, e.g., Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (April 21st), and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 28th).

The story of the cure of a leper in Mark 1:40-45, I think, embodies the two great feasts, and our gathering together for the annual convention.

A leper approaches and falls before Jesus, saying, *"If you choose, you can make me clean."* This leper couldn't free himself from his disease. And Jesus chose to heal the leper. Not only did he heal him, but he also touched him. He reached out to the loneliness of that man, and he touched his life, curing him of the disease. He was set free! This reveals Christ's heart so beautifully. His Divine Mercy overflowed to the leper, healed him, and gave him new life, as if he rose from the dead.

During our convention, ALL TOGETHER we pray, listen, read, discuss, decide, sing, eat, celebrate, tell stories, laugh, etc., we basically reach out to each other, and help each other. We become one in Jesus thru Mother Mary. Not anymore many individuals we are but one united archdiocesan CWL council.

As a one CWL family, Jesus is touching each one of us, because he wants to bring life to us all. Nobody is beyond his reach; nobody is untouchable. Jesus comes to touch our lives in a very tangible way, all of our lives, everywhere and anywhere, regardless of our condition.

As Christ said, *"Where two or three gather in my name, I am in their midst."* (Matthew 18:20). At the convention, our lives will be touched immensely by Jesus through the convention organizers and the many delegates from the different CWL councils. The excitement, cooperation, commitment, renewal of friendships, love and hope that we will experience in the convention, are some of the miraculous cures of our busy and fragile lives.

As St. Paul tells us, *"Nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus."* (Romans 8:38-39). Hence, we call out to Jesus, Mary and Joseph to protect our families and Canada.

St. John XIII, pray for us.



Fr. Diosdado Parrenas, Winnipeg Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Winnipeg Diocesan Council Spiritual Advisors



1921-23	Fr. William Heffron
1923-26	Fr. Thomas W Morton
1926-28	Fr. William Heffron
1928-30	Fr. Joseph A. Webb
1932-34	Fr. Cornelius B. Collins
1938-39	Fr. Auguste Dorion Rheume
1939-40	Fr. Frank Ryder Wood
1940-44	Fr. Gaston J. St. Jacques
1944-46	Fr. Charles J. Kelly, S.J.
1946-48	Fr. Christopher Keenan, S.J.
1949-55	Fr. Joseph E. Campbell
1955-63	Msgr. Ignatius Edward Zielonka
1963-70	Fr. Eugene Ludwig Oroskovits
1970-75	Fr. Arthur F. Seaman
1975-77	Fr. Alois Justen, S.A.C.
1977-82	Fr. Christian H. Soeterbock
1982-87	Fr. Louis J. McCloskey
1987-92	Fr. Stanislaus A. Jaworski
1992-97	Fr. Leo M. Fernandes
1997-98	Fr. Samuel N. Argenziano
1998-03	Fr. Terrance P. McGrath
2003-13	Fr. Barry D. Schoonbaert
2013-17	Fr. Michael M. Wollbaum
2017-	Fr. Diosdado Parrenas

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him In his sorrows, strengthen him In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.



Winnipeg Diocesan Council Presidents

1921-22	Mrs. M. G. McNeill	1964-66	Mrs. Patricia Johnston
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1924	Mrs. Donald McKenty	1967-69	Mrs. Viola Specht
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1926-27	Mrs. Janet Phillely	1971-73	Miss. Bernadette Russell
1928	Mrs. Katherine McPike (Wpg, Dst Sub Div)	1973-75	Mrs. Katherine Komatich
1926-28	Mrs. J. Hughes (Wpg. Dst. Sub Div)	1975-77	Mrs. Elsie Litwin
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1962-64	Mrs. Mary Pungente	2017-	Mrs. Rose Anne Seymour



Ultimately, leadership is not about glorious crowning acts. It's about keeping your team focused on a goal and motivated to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences really matter. It is about laying the groundwork for others' success, and then standing back and letting them shine.

-Chris Hadfield



Life Members

Faith Anderson – St. Boniface
Susan Bernier – St. Boniface
Dolores Blanchard – Winnipeg
Monica Brechka – St. Boniface
Rolande Chernichan - St. Boniface
Rayleen De Luca – Winnipeg
Beatrice Gross – Winnipeg
Suzanne Kiazzyk – Winnipeg
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Alice Belanger
Donna Candelaria
Georgina Cielen
Jacqueline DeCorby
Joyce Ewatski
Barbara Hamm
Yvonne Levandoski
Bernice Mandzik
Inge Rau



Please remember in your prayers, our Deceased Members of 2018



Maria Adamo

Sr. Therma Ajoc

Flora Aquin

Joyce Brazan

Doreen Bourget

Josephine Desorcy

Bernice Deurbrouck

Maryellen Edwards

Marjorie Feher

Carol Fournier Dicks

Dianne Gaborieau

Josefina Goze

Amanda Halek (2017)

Rita Hay

Odelia (Tillie) Heather

Katicia Hren

Rose Kerbrat-Whittington

Ivy Kolbuch

Lena Kozera

Rose T Kuharski

Anne Kuyp

Loretta Langlois

Rose Lindsay

Anne Maclsaac

Barbara Magnusson

Emily Miebel

Elizabeth (Libby) O'Driscoll

Maria Pacula

Kathleen Pelechaty

Plony Ruigrok

Wilma Schoonbaert

Jean Starodub

Gabriel Teetaert

Sabina Thompson

Pat Todd

Rita Wheeler

Mary Yaskowich

Wanda Zygmunt

Loving God, you promised fullness of joy to those who seek your face. Trusting in your Word, we pray to you for our sister (N.) who sought to further your reign on earth by her service in the Catholic Women's League for God and Canada. Though we are saddened that she is no longer with us, we entrust her to you with confidence. May she now live in peace, joy and happiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus who is God. Amen.

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

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| 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Opening Ceremonies- |
| | Procession of Flags and Banners |
| | Welcome |
| | Housekeeping |
| | Spiritual Program |
| | Roll Call |
| | Accreditation Report |
| | Adoption of: |
| | • Agenda |
| | • Robert’s Rules of Parliamentary Procedure |
| | • Standing Rules of Convention |
| | Approval of 2018 Annual Convention minutes |
| | Greetings |
| | Spiritual Advisor’s Remarks |
| | Presentation “5-year CWL Strategic Plan” |
| | Stretch Break |
| | Parish Presidents’ Reports |
| | Treasurer’s Report |
| | Correspondence Report |
| 5:00 p.m. | Opening Mass at St. John XXIII Church |
| 6:30 p.m. | Gathering & Banquet at the Holiday Inn West |

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Business Resumes Welcome Housekeeping Spiritual Program Roll Call Credentials Report Health break Greetings (if anyone missed) Parish Presidents' Reports (if required) Diocesan Executive Reports Mass Collection Donation to Charity
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. – 1: 35 p.m.	Registration Report
1:35 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Questions and Matters of Concern
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Speaker- Stephen Carlyle "Our Home...Our Responsibilities...Canada's Prairies"
3:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m.	Stretch Break
3:15p.m.– 3:45 p.m.	Skit - "Care for our Common Home"
3:50 p.m.	Elections
4:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks, Closing Prayer
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment, Lowering of Flags
5:00 p.m.	Mass followed by Installation of New Officers

AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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Christian Family Life	Jacqueline Derksen
Community Life	Monika Bingham
Education & Health	Chris Carlyle
Communications	Mary Bibik
Resolutions	Alane Cason
Legislation	Judy Albiani

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world,
seeking the demise of souls. Amen.

Winnipeg Diocesan Councils 2017-2019

W1	Sacred Heart - <i>prayer council</i>	Melita
W3	Holy Ghost	Winnipeg
W7	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Winnipeg
W9	Our Lady of Victory - <i>prayer council</i>	Winnipeg
W10	Notre Dame	Selkirk
W11	Sacred Heart	Virden
W13	St. Antoninus - <i>prayer council</i>	Deloraine
W14	St. Anthony of Padua	Winnipeg
W15	St. Augustine of Canterbury	Brandon
W16	Our Lady of Lourdes	Winnipeg
W17	St. Columba	Swan River
W18	St. Edward the Confessor	Winnipeg
W19	St. James-Assiniboia	Winnipeg
W23	St. John Brebeuf	Winnipeg
W24	St. John Cantius	Winnipeg
W28	St. Mary's Cathedral	Winnipeg
W29	St. Joseph's	Winnipeg
W30	St. Joseph the Worker	Russell
W32	St. Theresa's - <i>prayer council</i>	Middlechurch
W33	St. Michael's	Gimli
W34	St. Peter's	Winnipeg
W35	St. Vital	Winnipeg
W38	St. Viator's	Dauphin
W41	St. Dominic's	Neepawa
W42	Good Shepherd	Portage la Prairie
W43	Sacred Heart	Roblin
W44	St. Gianna Beretta Molla - <i>prayer council</i>	Winnipeg

Winnipeg Diocesan Executive Reports



The following report is taken from information provided by the national summary of presidents' annual reports.

I am pleased to report that out of 27 councils (5 being prayer councils), 17 councils took the time to fill out the President's annual survey for 2018. Four councils were from out of town while 6 were from Winnipeg. Sixteen councils have the president's position filled while one does not.

Inform the Membership

The Canadian League magazine was used the most to inform members. CWL National communiques and diocesan newsletters were also used quite frequently. It was nice to see that the Manitoba Provincial website was being used to inform parish council memberships of the League on current issues and priorities. That is a wonderful use of the electronic communication devices we have at our fingertips. The councils were introduced to and discussed or acted upon current national priorities. The top three were palliative care/hospice facilities, conscience rights of healthcare professionals and labelling for products deemed "flushable". These topics were introduced to the membership through discussion at meetings. Here I saw communication obtained through the internet or the League magazine and councils taking the time to discuss the topics which effect all of us.

Foster Open Communication

It is important that the council president foster open communication with the spiritual advisor on all League matters. Councils reported that monthly meetings were the most scheduled but also many rarely met with their advisor. One council met with him once a year while another council never met with their spiritual advisor. The majority said that the spiritual advisor was supportive of the CWL even though meetings with him were rare. Reasons given for the spiritual advisor not meeting with councils ranged from him serving on a number of ministries to other duties outside the parish and lack of tradition of having the advisor at meetings. I know that spiritual advisors are extremely busy tending to the needs of the parish, but open communication between the spiritual advisor and presidents must be maintained even though it might not be on a regular basis.

Preside at Meetings

The president shall preside at all meetings and conventions of their council. The presidents that responded on the survey used the council policy and procedure manual followed by the Constitution and Bylaws, and the executive handbook. National manual of policy and procedure was also used along with Roberts Rules of Order. Therefore, I can see that most meetings were presided in accordance with good resources from handbooks to manuals.

Signing Authority

The president shall be a signing officer for all official documents and that was the case in all of the presidents' reports. Cheques, banking documents, letters directed within the CWL and outside of the CWL were the main documents under the signing authority of the presidents.

Provide Active Leadership

Seventeen of the presidents responding represented their council at church functions. There was major representation at the World Day of Prayer, diocesan meetings and conventions. Since the National CWL convention was held in Winnipeg last year, 11 council presidents attended. As for council subsidies for the presidents' costs to attend these events, it was nice to see that a majority of the presidents had their cost paid 100% to the diocesan convention, provincial convention and four had their costs paid wholly to conferences, fundraising dinners and events, workshops and the National convention. On the other end of percentages, with 0% being paid, 11 presidents had to pay their own way to conferences, while 10 paid their own way to workshops. The numbers were higher for nothing being paid than for 100% or even 50% expenses paid. It was unfortunate that workshop and conference attendance was not subsidized by councils. Conferences and workshops are wonderful tools to learn something new every time.

Initiate Policy

As stated on the survey, the presidents shall initiate policy in consultation with the officers of the council concerned. Fourteen councils have a parish policy manual. One council said it would be helpful to have one while 2 said it would not be. One council said it would need assistance in developing a parish policy manual while 2 said no. As for developing new policies last year, 3 said they did while 11 said they did not.

Keep Informed

Presidents shall keep fully informed on the operation of the league and report annually to the membership. This is done by reading the executive handbook and understanding the duties of their executive team. The majority of presidents have followed through on this and reported that the handbook assisted them in the responsibility of overseeing the operations for their council. Only 7 provided an annual summary of the council's activities to all members while 10 said they did not. It is extremely important to communicate with your council and being transparent is vital. Reporting was done via an oral report or email. One council used a newsletter and some used the parish bulletin.

Advisory Capacity

A question was asked of the presidents as to what committees, other than standing committees, does their council have. The majority of councils (13) stated that funeral lunches were their number one committee. Others in order of number were annual events such as teas, bazaars, scholarships or bursaries and visitation of the sick members.

Official Spokesperson

As for the council president being the official spokesman for her council, 6 presidents have not spoken on the issues mentioned in the survey. Four spoke about memberships and 2 on palliative care. Other topics like mental health, rights of indigenous offenders and standards for flushable products were not mentioned. The majority of councils reporting have used their League letterhead when corresponding and 8 out of 17 referenced only the membership total for their council when doing so. The final question on the survey asked the presidents what makes them the most proud of their council. I was happy to read about how the councils are working to stay together. Presidents are proud of their councils and their dedication of their members to

serve God and their parish. Many councils have older members but the presidents keep them involved in the league by offering rides to meetings or informing them of issues discussed at meetings when they cannot attend. Some councils find it difficult to find people willing to take on a leadership role. One council thought they could do something to interest younger people and the diverse ethnic cultures that make up their parish community, but they could not and are frustrated. Even though some council members cannot be active they are supportive. The one phrase that resounded through the presidents' comments was that council members are a very good group of members to work with and very supportive. Some of the councils are smaller and are trying to keep the council going.

Summary

It was nice to see that former past presidents and immediate past presidents provided the greatest assistance to the president when they assumed the role of president. Also the current executive was of great assistance. The presidents had many challenges when they assumed the role of president. Number one was keeping members interested. This was followed by feeling overwhelmed, not having a full slate of officers and amount of paperwork. It was beneficial to have a National theme and /or logo through which they could focus their council activities. Twelve out of 17 agreed while 5 said no. A majority of presidents liked the change of theme with each new National president. I really enjoyed reading the summary of the 17 presidents' reports. It put things into perspective and gives me a snapshot of council life. It would be a perfect world if all 27 councils responded but I know there are issues with filling out reports especially on the computer. Congratulations to the 17 councils that took the time to fill out the survey and next year the other 10 hopefully will complete the survey so we can see the true picture of council life.

This concludes my report,



Rose Anne Seymour, CWL Winnipeg Diocesan President



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This concludes my report,



Bev Struch, Treasurer



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Number of Councils reporting 16 out of 27 (59%)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

A few councils studied the theme with reflections, prayer services, used resources on website, 4 Created their own. Five councils were unaware of available services. Only a handful reported that a third of their meetings are spent on a spiritual aspect of membership. Many councils organized various liturgical programs for their councils from stations of the cross to living rosaries. Many participate in funeral honour guards, deceased member services Mass intentions and prayers at meetings. The most used resource used was the Living with Christ missal, while others used The Word Among Us, CWL Prays booklet and 1 used the CWL Ceremonies booklet. Only a couple enrolled in lay formation programs for their own personal Growth. Only 8 councils reported celebrating the Feast of our Lady of Good Counsel in some way. Eleven councils are privileged to have their spiritual advisor attend meetings and 14 are able to attend Mass before their meetings.

STUDY OF CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

None of the councils reported studying the encyclical Evangelii Gaudium or Laudato Si' and only a small few formed groups or encouraged members to enroll in groups that study and share information from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCCB, Vatican website and lay formation programs.

ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Only 2 councils have done any studies of women in scripture, and 6 promote an awareness of women's place in church and society found in scripture. Many of our women are involved in their parish with leadership rolls on parish councils, finance councils and other ministries, but only 4 reported joining their liturgy committees.

EVANGELIZATION AND MISSION ASSISTANCE

Eight councils worked with their K of C in the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. Seven councils contacted Catholic Missions in Canada or other Canadian Missions and offered assistance by way of monetary donations and clothing drives. Twelve councils have a subscription to Catholic Missions in Canada magazine. Nine councils support other Canadian Missions, 2 of which are Esk-Omi and Kee-Pas.

LAY MINISTRIES

Many Spiritual Development chairs participate in lay ministries in their parish and many council members participate as well. Quite a few are leaders of these ministries that range from catechists and decorating to eucharistic Ministers and Ushers.

ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH ENDEAVOURS

Very few councils reached out to women of other denominations or faiths but many participated in and promoted Fellowship of the Least Coin, prayer for Christian Unity Week, Women's Inter-Church Council, World Day of Prayer and a couple promoted WUCWO Day.

SUMMARY AND FINAL THOUGHTS

One council concentrated a lot of effort in encouraging participation in organization of National Convention held in Winnipeg in August.

During Lent, another council invites members and parishioners to attend Mass at 7:30 am followed by a breakfast. This has become a tradition that has continued 35+ years.

Another council attended a banquet and conference focused on how to reach pro-choice individuals and defend pro life positions. They also had members draw names for their 'secret sister'. I would love to know more about that!

PERSONAL NOTE.

It is encouraging to see how involved the ladies are in their parishes and ministries. I would love to see and encourage everyone to work on their own spiritual growth as well as spiritual growth as councils. I would love to see how we change the world as our spiritual journey grows and spreads because of our joy in the Lord!

This concludes my report



Colleen Zaluski, Spiritual Development Chair



RECORDING & CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Council Reports: 16 Councils out of 27 (59%)

The Winnipeg Diocesan council has 27 member parish councils. Of these fourteen are within the City of Winnipeg; thirteen are outside of Winnipeg. Sixteen parish councils completed the secretary survey. Of those sixteen, seven were from within the city of Winnipeg; the remaining nine are outside of Winnipeg.

Of the sixteen reporting councils four have a recording secretary, five have both recording and corresponding secretary and in seven councils, one person holds both positions.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Sixteen of sixteen reporting councils have a recording secretary.

All reporting councils indicate that the recording secretary attends both executive and general meetings of the council, five of sixteen distribute copies of the agenda; twelve of sixteen take the roll call; all bring the minutes book to meetings and take the minutes; fourteen transcribe and distribute minutes of the previous meeting for approval; ten are signing officers; nine assist the president with the compilation of the annual report; fourteen know where the council charter is located, and sixteen maintain a list of the executive with their contact information.

Regarding the motions book, two bring the book to meetings, two do not, and twelve do not have a motions book. Nine secretaries receive written reports from the executive, three said no, and four said sometimes. Regarding how minutes are taken, fifteen take hand-written notes, and one uses a laptop or tablet. Regarding distribution of minutes, nine said by email, thirteen said they are handed out, and three said none of the above. This adds up to more than the number who completed the survey, so it is likely that some councils use a method of email and handing them out. Regarding approval of minutes, six said they send them out before the meeting, six read them at the meeting and six hand them out at the meeting. This too, adds up to more than the number who completed the survey, so some councils must use more than one method. This question relates to the number of years council minutes are kept in the Minutes book before being put in archives. The answer was 16, possibly reflecting the number of secretaries that responded to the question, not the number of years minutes are kept. All reporting councils have recording secretaries who take the minutes. Fourteen of sixteen reporting councils have the '*Handbook for Secretaries*' from National.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Ten of sixteen councils have a corresponding secretary. The answer written, 10, is likely the number of councils that answered the question, not the number of years that the corresponding secretaries have held that position. Seven of ten councils said they notify members of upcoming meeting and events, three said no. Methods used to advise members of meetings and events include: parish bulletin-8; telephone-5, email-4, parish bulletin board-2, newsletter-1, parish calendar-1, other-1. Seven of ten councils who have a corresponding secretary provide a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence for each meeting. Three said *no*. Nine councils read the correspondence received and sent, and one does not. Five councils said *yes*, five said *no* as regards sending out occasion cards. Eight Councils said *yes*, eight said *no* to the question asking if they have a copy of the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide* from National.

Four councils shared about their tasks as secretary.

This concludes our reports,



Carol Mackenzie-Gruber

Recording Secretary



Maria Mikawoz

Corresponding Secretary

ORGANIZATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Council Reports: 17 councils out of 27 reported (63%)

Thank you to the Councils that did their reports electronically! Well done, CWL councils electronic reports has improved from last year with 17 out of 27 reports received online. We are looking forward to an even a higher number next year. We encourage each and every council to make the online reporting a part of their annual report every year.

RECRUIT MEMBERS AND MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

There is continuing concern with CWL Membership declining. We have to continue to be strong and recognize the value of the Catholic Women's League. Recruiting members and maintaining membership remains a priority of all members.

Recruiting members by personal invitations has always been the best method of recruitment and still remains so today. Other suggestions from Council reports received suggested presentations at Masses; advertising in church bulletins or bulletin boards and social events are ways of attracting new members. It is important to keep in touch with members both current and former with newsletters, sending members minutes of the CWL monthly meetings and current events happening, and contacting members personally.

The Snap Survey from National Office indicated that the percentage of members participating in fundraising and social events are 21-40% and 1-20% at meetings. This reflects a higher number of members participating in activities (put on by their council) than attending monthly meetings.

In recognition of their services some members are recognized with presentation of service pins and also with the maple leaf pins. Recognition is given with reaffirmation ceremonies, new member ceremonies and presentation of certificate of merit. A couple councils awarded their members with the honour of receiving the Bellelle Guerin Award.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Members are encouraged to attend all levels of the Catholic Women's League, starting at their Parish Council level, to Winnipeg Diocesan Convention, Manitoba Provincial Convention and also to our Annual National Convention. We were pleased with the attendance by Manitoba councils at the Annual National Convention. Many of the Winnipeg councils fundraised to have their members attend this event.

One member, Regina Ramos-Urbano was one of the 2018 National Bursary Fund recipient. Her council was very proud of her receiving this fund.

Now just a recap on a few of the questions asked within the survey:

Did members of your council participate in the planning strategically session provided at your diocesan/provincial convention? 11 answered yes, with 6 no.

Do any members of your council play a role on another level of the League? 9 answered yes, with 8 no.

In the spring 2018 edition of *The Canadian League*, then organization chairperson Anne Gorman referenced the 90 minute meetings protocol with a one third dedication to each of the faith, fun and fulfilment aspects. Has your council been able to follow that suggestion? 8 answered yes, 9 no.

Are you familiar with what the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation offers women in leadership development? 12 answered yes, with 5 no.

Did you promote the application to the Foundation for leadership studies to your members? 8 answered yes, with 9 no.

LEAGUE RESOURCE MATERIAL

Resource materials on hand within the various councils are mainly League Prayers and The Canadian League Magazine, also are Executive Handbook, Guidelines for Treasurers,

Handbook for Past Presidents, Handbook for Secretaries and Handbook for Spiritual Advisors. The remaining list of resource materials include Constitution & Bylaws, CWL Prays, Handbook for Organization Chairpersons, Ceremonies Booklets, National Manual of Policy and Procedures, online resources, Leading the League, Parliamentary Procedure and Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The CWL Executive meet as a group using the monthly record of activities to complete annual reports. Also review of the annual CWL parish calendar along with reviewing chairpersons' reports are helpful in completing annual reports.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

As stated in our online survey: A life member is a member, nominated by diocesan or provincial council, who fulfills the criteria established by the national executive and has been awarded life membership by national council. Some the ways councils have benefited having a Life Member on hand are through mentoring; providing guidance in decision making and being a listener to member's concerns.

A few notes from some Councils!

"I think that the attendance at the National Convention this year of 16 of our members was very encouraging – some Life, some newer members – so that shows me that our Council must be keeping up their interests"

"Our Deacon's wife belonged to a few difference councils as they moved several times. This year she joined our League and has helped at some of our functions."

"We cover four parishes which brings diverse experiences into our Council."

"We have a great core of dedicated women who go over and above. There are also several members who do not regularly participate in meetings, but step up for certain events. They are very valuable in this way.

"Yes, we participate in what is called – CWL Connect – our group meets and makes sure that we keep in touch with our cherished members who cannot or no longer come out to the meetings."

This concludes my report,



Pat Ward, Organization



CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Council Reports: 13 councils out of 27 (48%)

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

A number of resources have been suggested in 2018 to assist parish council chairperson in their planning. One council accessed the “Joy of Love” at the Heart of the Family Publication, two councils the CCCB Life and Family Website. Eight councils advised “none of the above”. Eight councils reported that they did not make this a priority for their council. The following family enrichment programs were promoted by councils. One council promoted “Encounter Weekends” for engaged couples, two promoted marriage preparation courses, one promoted Marriage Encounter Weekends, three promoted Natural family planning methods, and nine councils reported that this was not their priority for the year. Three councils advised they have a way to support people suffering from domestic abuse. Ten reported they did not. Five councils had members that attended workshops or seminars on the topic of family life, 13 did not. A few councils celebrated or organized events for Father’s Day (1), Mother’s Day (5), National Family Week (4) and Special Anniversaries (2). Five councils replied none of the above.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

It is the belief of the League that the right to life is sacred from the moment of natural conception to natural death. Six out of 13 councils responding hold memberships in a local pro-life organization. Councils attended the following: 40 Days for Life (6), Life Chain (3), March for Life (5), National Week for Life and Family Events (3), Pro-life dinners (5), Pro-life Masses (4), Pro-life vigils (2) and pro-life walks (6). Three indicated other and 5 indicated they hadn’t participated at all. Councils donated money or gifts to the following organizations that advocate for sanctity of life issues: Campaign Life Coalition (3), Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (7), Life Canada (1), Pregnancy & Family Support Services (5) (now called Thrive), local pro-life organizations (4). None of the councils have lent their support to pro-life legislators, Priests for Life or Birthright.

MINISTRY TO

YOUTH - Young people today are the church, the people of God. Youth today have much to share, an exchange of ideas between generations, a source of growth and renewal for all. Four councils have begun promoting the World Youth Day in Panama in 2019. Five councils have participated in programs for young people in their parish. Seven councils have encouraged young people to share their gifts in ministry. Councils promoted Catholic Christian Outreach (2), NET Ministries (1), Sunday School (1), and Youth Conferences (1). Two councils said “Other”. Two purchased subscriptions to Catholic Magazines, videos or books for use in the local community, school or parish library.

DISABLED – The aim of each council is to create an attitude that regards disabled individuals not only as people to be loved and served, but as responsible partners in the church’s mission. Five councils invited disabled persons to take part in liturgical celebrations. One council organized or participated in support groups and respite for caregivers. Three councils urged communities to make churches and other public buildings more accessible. Four councils supported shelters or programs to assist the disabled. Council members have reached out to the disabled by bringing them communion (10), giving them gifts on special occasions (5), prayed for them (10), provided

transportation (11) and sent cards (11) or called or visited them (11). One council indicated “Other”. One council said they hadn’t focused on this ministry.

SENIORS – Seniors provide a gift to society of tradition and heritage acquired through a lifetime of experience. Council members have helped seniors in their community by doing the following: bringing them communion (11), gifted senior members with membership (9), initiated social programs and celebrations (4), invited newly-retired women to join their councils (7), invited them to share their faith story (3), involved them in CWL events (10), involved them in intercessory prayer (3), organized social events (1), prayed with them (9), provided transportation for them (12) sent cards of encouragement (10), shared a meal with them (5), visited (12) or called them (9).

WIDOWED – By the sharing of their gifts in church and society, the widowed may find their personal fulfillment in reaching out to others. Council members have done the following with widows and widowers in their community: - arranged memorial services and/or funeral lunches (9) encouraged participation in programs offered by the parish (3), ensured there is a bereavement program in the parish (1), gifted them with prayer shawls (3), included them in family outings (5), invited them to attend community events (6), invited widows to attend CWL meetings and events (8), provided prayer and support after the death of the spouse (9), sent cards of condolence (11), visited (10) or called them (10). Two councils did not focus on this.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED – Many single and divorced people face the responsibility of raising children alone. The need to express the message of hope by offering assistance can be very beneficial. Very few councils (12) focused on this ministry. One council has invited them to join group outings and one council has offered them their time should they need a confidant. One council asked what help or service the League can offer to make separated and divorced persons feel more welcome in the parish. Twelve councils did not focus on this.

VOCATIONS - Vocations ‘are a gift from God” and they are “born in communities of faith”. None of the councils read *The Gift of Priestly Vocations*. Councils and their members have undertaken a variety of options to promote religious vocations. Five had adopted or supported seminarians, two encouraged families to discuss vocations with their children, one encouraged families to invite priests and religious into their home, two hosted luncheons for priests and religious, invited priests and religious to speak on vocations, four offered Masses for vocations, one sent spiritual bouquets, seven participated in prayers for vocations, two supported priestly retirement funds and six supported Serra Club. Five councils reported that they did not focus on this ministry.



COMMENTS - Some Councils noted the following:

A member makes Baptismal stoles to use and give to babies being Baptized in our parishes. We also give a gift of a Cross to newlywed members of our parish.

In our Parish there is an active Marriage Preparation team (so no need of our help); two of our members who recently lost their spouses have been supported; our parish has an active youth program (so no need of our help); most of our members are seniors so we support each other; continue to support many pro-life activities as our main focus; not aware of any separated or divorced that need our help.

May our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless each and every one of you.

This concludes my report,



Jacqueline Derksen, Christian Family Life

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Reports: 13 Councils out of 27 (49%)

Thank you to the 13 councils for submitting your annual reports. Of the 13 councils - 9 councils have a communications chairperson and 4 are vacant. These councils gave their name and e-mail address contact.

The Canadian League Magazine

Report from the councils on the usefulness of The Canadian League Magazine to their members responded as follows:

as an educational tool: excellent - 2, very good -7, good – 4

as a resource for advocacy/action: excellent-1, very good-5, good-4, fair-2, unknown-1

as a resource for new ideas: excellent-1, very good-5, good-4, fair-2, unknown-1

as a spiritual resource: excellent-2, very good-4, good-4, fair-1, poor-1, unknown-1

What articles published in the winter 2018 edition really resonated with you

The majority of the councils that responded enjoyed the following articles:

What's a Human Worth? Human Trafficking Price Tag

Mental Illness and Legislation

President's Message as well as Separated or Divorced Women –You Have a Place Among Us!

Visit to Sagkeeng First Nation

Some councils enjoyed reading: Being Present and Responding to God's Call and also

Informed Giving: Good Intentions are Not Enough

Four councils reported they did not read the edition.

What articles published in the spring 2018 edition really resonated with you

The majority of the councils that responded enjoyed the following articles:

The top article was There is no "I" in "Team": Every One in the Council is Vital for Success

They also enjoyed - Prayer in Action: On the Peripheries, Sanctity of Life at All Ages and Stages!, Introduction to Provincial Presidents Christ's Presence in the Eucharist, Our Vision, Council Finances – Everyone's Business, Listen for Your Instincts!, Catholic Communication, and Our Voices Need to be Heard – Now, More Than Ever!

Two councils did not read the edition.

Media for Evangelization

In response to whether their council promoted either of the following to their members?

Regarding faith-oriented programs only 4 of the 13 councils responded yes

Regarding World Communications Day (first Sunday in June) only 1 council responded yes

On the subject of Resolution 1978.03 whereas members are encouraged to subscribe to and promote Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines the councils responses were negative with only a small group promoting canadiandailymass.com and Mass for shut-ins

Only 1 council responded that they encouraged/watched the 2018 Annual National Convention

keynote speaker on live feed on cwl.ca

Media to Promote the League

Electronic media does wonders to expand the League's ability to publicize Christian values.

Majority of the councils responded that they used e-mail to send out meeting agendas or minutes and organized a telephone committee to invite members to events

Many councils encouraged members to use the cwl.ca site for up to date information on the League as well as visiting the CWL on Facebook and Twitter. Many made use of local media to advertise activities and events. One council responded that they set aside a budget for publicity. Majority of councils promoted their council's activities and events via church bulletins, church bulletin boards, posters, telephone committees and via e-mail. A small group used On the Spot, Facebook and local cable television stations/local radio stations.

Regarding the videos produced to promote the League most councils were unable to rate them, that is Salt & Light: Woman on a Mission, and CWL's Testimonial Video

Media Evaluation And Promotion Of Good Content

Only 4 out of 13 councils encouraged members to monitor media content

It is very heartening that many councils voiced their objection to the network and the Canadian Broadcasting Standards Council regarding the series Mary Kills People.

Media: Newsletters And Bulletins

Only 4 out of 13 councils produce a newsletter which is prepared mainly by an appointed member (I would think Communications Chairperson). It is produced usually twice annually, sometimes monthly, sometimes quarterly. The newsletter is distributed mainly by e-mail, or hard copies are distributed/mailed. Two councils do it through parish bulletin.

PORNOGRAPHY

To become informed about the influences that pornography has on children and adults most of the councils read newspaper articles but for many this is not a priority for their council

Only 3 councils out of 12 know the various political parties/candidates platforms on pornography and human trafficking when it comes to federal election in 2019.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Council Reports: 15 Councils out of 27 (55.56%)

Number of Councils Reporting vacancies: 3

Thank you to the councils that completed this annual report. Of the 15 councils that submitted information, 3 indicated that the position was vacant. The total number of responses increased by 3 this year, bringing to life my hope that, as we gain comfort with the electronic reports, the number of responses will grow. As we move forward with the electronic reporting, I encourage councils to ensure that someone reports on the council's activities in each area, even if there is a vacancy. We all know that our councils continue to work in areas where there are no designated chairpersons. Please tell us about your activities in these areas so that our reports to Provincial and subsequently to National, accurately reflect all our activities. *(Unfortunately, it appears that councils reporting vacancies in Community Life did not submit very much data. This means that their very important work goes unreported.)*

DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF PERSONS

Seven of the responding councils indicated that they were familiar with the Universal declaration of Human Rights and five stated that they were not aware of it. Councils worked to play an active role in opposing discrimination. They supported the following minority groups in a variety of ways:

- Incarcerated persons were supported through donations (1 council)
- Persons being bullied were supported through donations (1 council)
- Persons suffering from domestic violence were supported by donations (5 councils) and 1 council volunteered in this area
- Persons suffering from homelessness were supported through donations (4 councils), 1 council had a guest speaker on the topic and 1 council volunteered with this group. A council reported that they do more than 1 of the activities to support the homeless, but were able to select only one on the report.
- Persons suffering from human trafficking were supported by donations from 2 councils
- Persons suffering from poverty were supported financially by 9 councils and 2 council volunteered with this group
- Persons suffering from racism were supported by donations from one council

Five of our Community Life chairpersons have become aware of the struggles of Indigenous women, but in the past year there were no Indigenous women invited as guest speakers or to lead workshops.

Five of our chairpersons are aware of the laws and the action being taken in the fight against human trafficking. Four of them have shared this information with their councils.

Two of the three resolutions under Community Life (2013.01 and 2011.02) were monitored by 3 councils and 1 council wrote to government regarding 2011.02 (Children of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women).

Eleven councils took action in reference to Resolution 2018.01 (Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program). Their activities are listed below.

- Upon hearing about the issue, councils
 - Built awareness through discussion
 - Initiated letter writing campaigns

- Encouraged parishioners to sign petitions
- Sent letters to MPs
- In response to the release of the resolution, councils:
 - Continued with the activities identified above
 - Future actions planned for 2019
 - These were largely undefined because many councils were having executive elections and the new council would take responsibility for this
 - One council indicated that they would follow this with another petition
 - One council will continue letter writing

Social and Economic Justice

Twelve of our councils have encouraged their members to participate in the work of organizations caring for those in need. As always, this participation takes many forms with prayerful support being very common. I will highlight just a few of the more common activities. Ten councils indicated that they volunteer with clothing drives and six councils provide financial support to food hamper programs and four councils volunteer with these programs. Drop-in centres receive financial, prayerful and volunteer support from several councils. Soup kitchens and single parents are also generously supported. I cannot itemize everything that our councils do, but it certainly becomes evident that Catholic women continue to work hard and pray for those in need.

Councils did not celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day and 4 councils supported organizations geared toward assisting Indigenous peoples.

Five councils indicated that they are familiar with restorative justice programs and prison ministry.

Council stated that they did not actively support the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, but 3 councils did distribute pamphlets.

Members from 4 councils attended workshops or seminars on topics related to social and economic justice.

REFUGEES, IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Three respondents stated that they could explain Canada's official immigration and refugee policies if called upon to do so, while nine stated that they could not explain these policies. Chairpersons rate their understanding of the needs of immigrants in their communities as fair to good in reference to availability of employment services, availability of English language services and knowledge of financial assistance offered for food and rent. Chairpersons reported good knowledge of numbers of immigrants and their countries of origins.

Nine chairpersons stated that they could distinguish between temporary foreign workers, immigrants and refugees.

Additionally, one council participated in citizenship ceremonies, 12 councils participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies, 13 councils participated in the Royal Canadian Legion's poppy campaign and 3 councils wore red on Friday in support of Canadian troops.

Councils have not continued to review and monitor Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status, An Amendment to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, although 1 council did monitor the government's response.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Due to a review that is currently being done by CCCB and CCODP of program partners, we are unable to fulfill our commitment to the 1% Program at this time. Therefore, there has been no reporting on this point.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Chairpersons are gaining awareness about issues such as child labour, the implications of trade laws and practices in the global economy and economic difficulties of developing countries. One council invited a guest speaker from a developing nation or a person who has visited or lived in such a country and 3 councils indicated that they have pressured governments to change the structures that put profits before people.

Our councils have supported many organizations that focus solely on developing countries.

Those most commonly supported include:

- Catholic Near East Welfare Association (5 councils)
- Chalice (5 councils)
- Habitat for Humanity (2 councils)
- Holy Childhood Association (3 councils)
- Canadian Red Cross (2 councils)
- Save a Family Plan (8 councils)

Five chairpersons indicated that they had reviewed the information sent out about the Save A Family Plan and 8 chairpersons stated that their councils had previously supported this organization.

Some additional activities that were mentioned in the Community Life reports include the following:

- Prayer shawls and prayers for parishioners who need comfort
- Try to see the needs of the community and help in whatever way they can
- Christmas carol singing at senior apartments
- Twice yearly fundraising reception for Chez Nous
- One council reported that their main focus is to help the less fortunate have a better quality of life by donating food and clothing and other items collected at holiday celebrations.

Your reports paint a picture of an organization that is vibrant and is making a difference in the lives of many people. You are to be commended for this work. Remember, we did not hear from all our councils and, therefore, this report can only reflect 55.56% of the work that you actually do. Imagine the results if we had 100% of councils reporting!

This is my final report as Chairperson of Community Life. It has been a privilege to serve and learn in this role.

This concludes my report,



Monika Bingham, Community Life



EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Council Reports: 16 Councils out of 27 (59.25%)

Of the 16 reporting councils, 3 Education and Health Chairs were vacant.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

I. Catholic schools and catechesis

Catholic education strives to encourage development of the person spiritually, physically and socially. Fewer than 44% of reporting councils have become informed about religious education in the parish and schools. Four councils actively encouraged parents to become involved in school activities like breakfast & lunch programs, extracurricular activities, field trips, bursaries, tutoring and school supplies. Four council also have an awareness of the family life programs taught in the schools.

II. Rites of Christian Initiation

Some of our councils have become involved in the sacramental initiation programs in their parish. Of the 13 responding to the question regarding these programs, 2 councils have become actively involved.

LITERACY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Education is a life long process that provides possibilities for a better life for a great many people. Of the 13 councils responding to this topic, 46% have encouraged their members to assist those wishing to improve their literacy skills. With immigrants and refugees coming to Canada, there are many opportunities to meet literacy education helping people to settle in their new home.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Education is directly related to prosperity. Half of the reporting councils are aware of scholarships and bursaries available to further education. 62.5% of the 16 reporting councils provide funds to either bursaries or scholarships in their own council or contribute funds to other bursaries/scholarships. The recipients of funds from councils are elementary students (2) and high school students(5) in the form of both bursaries and scholarships. Other contributions to bursaries and scholarships were made to Catholic women furthering education, elementary, high school and university students, and NET Ministries of Canada. The National Bursary Fund was supported by 5 councils and Coady International Institute was promoted by 8 councils.

WELLNESS AND SICKNESS/DISEASE

Mental health was a priority topic in 2018 as promoted by Fran Lucas (Education & Health Chairperson) on the National Executive. It is important we all work toward excellence in the health care system. About 69% of 16 councils reported taking steps to have members become more aware of mental health issues in the last year. Many councils also supported Alzheimer Society, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Diabetes Assoc., Canadian Mental Health Assoc., CNIB, Heart & Stroke Foundation, MaterCare International, Relay for Life.

Resolution 2018.02 refers to "Setting Standards for Products Marketed as Flushable". 58% of councils responding to this topic report the resolution is not a priority in their council while 37.5% have either hosted a speaker, written letters to government or monitored the

government's response to the resolution. Of the 16 councils reporting, 4 did not address 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. The remaining 12 councils arranged for prayer, took a freewill offering for hospice care, held discussion with fellowship and refreshments.

ENVIRONMENT

Earth Hour Vigil was held March 25, 2018. One council participated. Environmental issues are a high priority in most councils. 87.5% of councils promoted recycling and reducing use of styrofoam cups, plastic water bottles and excess paper use.

GENETICS

Technology development in regard to genetics can potentially come into conflict with our Catholic teachings. Of the 13 responses to this topic, almost 70% of respondents feel their knowledge is fair to excellent. None of the councils subscribe to the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletter to keep informed of current issues in bioethics. Maybe this is something we can pursue to educate ourselves in 2019.

SUMMARY AND FINAL THOUGHTS

CWL members are well known for their desire to keep informed. One council was suggesting more information on abortion and abortion related issues. This topic would most certainly fall within Education and Health Standing Committee. Catholic teaching, health and mental health, are all very important issues could be addressed in relation to abortion. Most importantly we continue to pray for the unborn and support mothers.

This committee at times is vacant, due to reduced executive and unfilled chairs. The previously mentioned topics can still be addressed at meetings as social justice development. CWL is a hard working, prayerful group of dedicated women who manage to fulfill the League mandate, even in difficult times as our membership ages and it becomes challenging to fill committee positions. Congratulations to all and continue the challenging work of social justice.

This concludes my report,



Chris Carlyle, Education and Health



LEGISLATION

Council Reports: 12 Councils out of 27 (44%)

Legislation is a very interesting committee and can seem daunting. We often ask ourselves “What will my little bit do to help?” Remember, that a small pebble in the ocean creates a ripple that can go on to create a wave.

Out of the 12 councils reporting, 6 positions are vacant and 6 are filled. Even though the position is vacant on several councils, there is an effort being made to keep up with government legislation. Communiques are shared at meetings and members are encouraged to read the League magazine to keep informed.

Most report they receive mailings from their government representatives and they are somewhat/well informed on the issues before the government.

All of the councils advise that they have some knowledge of many federal bills that were monitored nationally. Many are very aware of some of the bills, especially C-277 An Act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada.

Two councils have been working on other bills – Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals as well as the Summer Employment issue, flushable products and the ban on micro beads.

With respect to Resolutions passed at National Conventions in 2017 & 2018 - all have monitored the issues before government as well as kept their members informed of the issues, many have written letters.

One council has been monitoring the provincial legislation regarding the Lake Winnipeg issue regarding the phosphate pollution from untreated water.

It is encouraging to know councils are attempting to do all they can to be informed on legislation at all levels of government. We ask that you continue to educate your members and strive to communicate with your elected officials. We must remember that every letter we write or call we make is important. If our elected officials don't hear from us, how are they to know what our concerns are.

This concludes my report



Judy Albiani, Legislation



RESOLUTIONS

Council Reports: 13 Councils out of 27 reported (48%)

Out of 27 active and prayer councils in the Winnipeg diocese, 13 sent in Resolutions reports for 2018. That is less than 50%. 4 councils had the position filled while 9 were vacant.

RESEARCH AND PREPARATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND BRIEFS

A question was asked of the chairs, "for your own personal development, have you attended any workshops that outline the resolutions process in the League?" Two council chairs attended the resolutions session at the National convention along with 2 attending Provincial development days or workshops. Only 1 attended the diocesan convention, one the provincial convention and 1 the diocesan development day or workshop.

Communiques and /or annual reports from other levels were referred to by 3 chairs and 1 did not use them.

Four councils considered and studied issues that might become resolutions. There were 2 councils that were particularly passionate about one issue in 2018. Only 1 council that reported, prepared a resolution on this issue

Reasons given for not preparing a resolution were no chairperson and no time. The one resolution that was prepared was adopted at Diocesan, then Provincial and finally National level.

STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY OTHER LEVELS

Resolutions are only words on paper until action is taken. Implementation is a large part of the annual work of League members.

A majority of councils became familiar with the 2018 resolutions that required action as listed on the CWL Website (cwl.ca). Eleven councils did not act on 2018 resolutions adopted by Provincial council. Only 2 councils acted on the resolution. As for acting on 2018 resolutions adopted by our Diocesan Council, only one council took action. This was sad to see the difference between provincial and diocesan.

Many concrete actions were undertaken by councils last year to support resolutions adopted at any level. The main ones were: signed petitions, made members aware at meetings, made members aware via e-mail, and wrote to federal and provincial governments. Several councils did not act on resolutions at all.

Summary and Final Thoughts

Only 3 attended a resolutions dialogue session at the national convention. That was a shame as the convention was in Winnipeg and would have been a lot easier to attend as to travelling somewhere else in Canada to attend the National convention.

As said before out of 27 councils in the Winnipeg Diocese, there were 13 councils that filled out the resolutions survey. Six rural councils and 8 in town councils did not fill out or send in a survey for resolutions. I know a majority of them do not have a resolutions chair and therefore did not fill out the snap survey.

Thoughts shared at the end of the survey include: One small council has no resolutions chair and the president finds it hard to keep everyone aware and to share all information sent through the communiques. Another council also has no resolutions chair plus some other vacant chairs but adds this committee to every agenda and makes sure that members are aware of every resolution that is adopted. The presidents filled out these surveys even though they had no chairs. It was very pleasing to see that resolutions information was shared with councils.

*Prepared by Rose Anne Seymour
For
Alane Cason CWL Winnipeg Diocesan Resolutions Chair*

This concludes my report,



Alane Cason, Resolutions



PAST PRESIDENT

Councils reports: 12 Councils out of 27 (44%)

SERVE THE COUNCIL AND PRESIDENT IN A CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY

Of 12 councils reporting only 7 past presidents reported attending all executive and general meetings, social and spiritual events. Others attend most of the time except for the social events. Two past presidents report being called upon for advice a few times a week while the majority replied once to three times monthly. Only one reported never being asked for advice. Eight thought that their presidents felt supported and encouraged by their help.

Support to councils and presidents was offered in a variety of ways such as giving explanations when questions were asked or participating in workshops then bringing information back to the council. A number of past presidents participated in discussions about strategic planning and feel that the changes to come are noteworthy. Past presidents would offer guidance regarding conventions or other events and help plan meeting agendas.

One past president who was unable to participate in neither executive nor general meetings due to family obligations felt she was not very supportive to her president. Ultimately we are caregivers and all members understand the importance of family.

BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL

Most past presidents are responsible for maintaining their council's archival history. One council has the secretary maintaining the archives while another has an interested party doing so in lieu of the past president. Most archives are stored at the council's church with some being in a designated CWL room. One council keeps archives at a member's home. All know the location of their council's charter. Archives are kept in a variety of methods with photo albums, scrapbooks, filing cabinet and banker's boxes being the most popular. Three councils use memory sticks while one uses a DVD and another a CD.

All 12 councils keep their Book of Life indefinitely while the majority also keep the years of service of each member indefinitely. Keeping members' years of service record is important as the only place this is done is at the parish level. National leaves this responsibility to councils. Again the majority maintain their past executive lists, deceased member histories, minutes of executive and general meetings and records of pin and reward recipients indefinitely. Approximately half of the councils reporting will keep membership renewal data and written reports of executives' indefinitely. The next most popular time period for keeping records, etc. was between 5 – 8 years. Most archives are reviewed as needed while one council report doing it annually. Ten councils keep their photo albums labeled while seven maintain a history book.

FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THE STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

All councils have a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) which over half rarely review. The remaining councils check their C&B once to multiple times a year. One council does not have a copy of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure (P&P); however, it may be accessed on-line on the national website. Approximately half of the councils report that they reference the P&P a few times a year while the remaining councils rarely do so. Eight of twelve councils reporting have their own P&P which is updated at least every two years or when a policy is changed.

Advice is sought from Spiritual Advisors monthly by half of the councils. Life members are asked for advice by two councils at least monthly. Both diocesan council and the national office are approached for input four times a year by five councils while three ask provincial council for advice. The archbishop is asked advice once a year by one council while national council is never approached directly. Between three and five councils rarely seek advice from any source.



At the request of their president, past presidents perform a variety of other duties such as representing and promoting councils, chairing general and executive meetings or a standing committee. A number chair the nominations and elections committee. They also check the national and provincial websites for information. A few have organized social or charitable events.

Most past presidents support the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Planning Strategically 2018-2022 while three stated they do not.

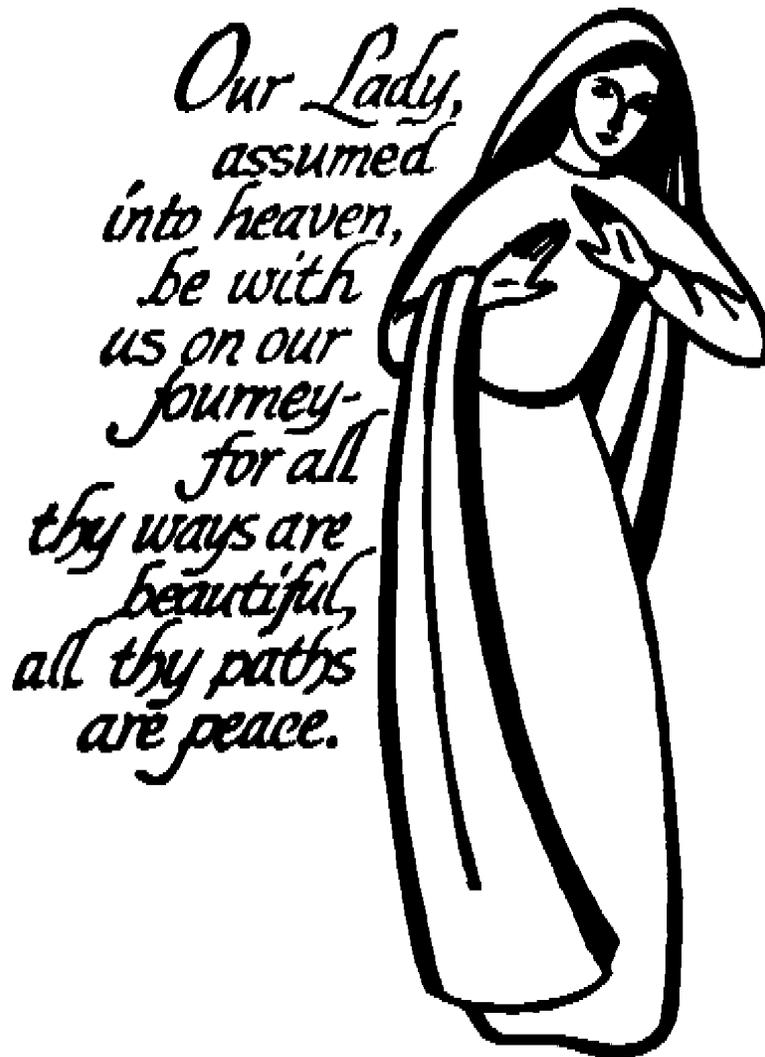
This concludes my report,



Con Marks, Past President



Parish Council Highlights 2018



W1 SACRED HEART - PRAYER COUNCIL**MELITA****Contact: Loretta Fewings****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Darius Biliran****Members: 14 Life Members: none**

- We celebrated the 100th Anniversary of our Sacred Heart Parish on June 2nd with Archbishop Gagnon in attendance.
- We had another successful Penny Parade Tea which is our annual fundraiser for our CWL council on October 24th.
- We celebrate that a couple of new people have come to the last couple of meetings. It is a highlight if more than four people attend a meeting.

W3 HOLY GHOST**WINNIPEG****President: Barb Gysel & Betty Pietkiewicz****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Jacek Nosowicz, OMI****Members: 55 Life Members: none**

- World Day of Prayer was hosted at our Parish. The country we prayed with was Suriname, which is in South America. The attendance was very good and our members made some delicious and interesting recipes that are popular in Suriname for the gathering following in our parish hall.
- In July we help the Sisters Missionary of Charity with 2 dinners for their children's camp that they have.
- We have an annual garage sale. This year we helped new immigrants with items from our garage sale at no charge.

W7 OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**WINNIPEG****President: (Acting) Carol-Lynne Neitke****Spiritual Advisor: Msgr. Maurice Comeault****Members: 132 Life Members: 2**

- We have embarked on a 5-year commitment to establish \$10,000.00 endowment with Catholic Missions in Canada, and have paid the first \$2,000.00 toward this commitment.
- We offered a 4-week workshop/retreat series entitled “Mary Through the Scriptures”.
- We started hosting a Coffee Klatch for parishioners after Mass on select, targeted Sunday’s (have held 2 in 2018) and in addition to offering “Continental Breakfast”, are also offering play activities for children. This is proving to be hugely popular with our young families as well as for many parishioners that simply enjoy an opportunity to socialize after Mass.

W9 OUR LADY OF VICTORY- PRAYER COUNCIL**WINNIPEG****Contact: Florence Bevel****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Eric Zadji****Members: 31 Life Members: none**

- BAKE SALE – proceeds from the Christmas fundraiser will go toward feeding the poor in our parish.
- FIRST COMMUNICANTS – reception and rosaries given by us. Next year: reception for Confirmation recipients by our League and First Communicants.
- BURSARIES – a bursary was given to a boy & girl going to a Catholic High School.



President: Linda Parker

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Stan Gacek

Members: 90

Life Members: 1

- To encourage community involvement, we held a Perogy Bee.
- In the Fall, we held a successful Fashion Show, for a fundraiser.
- A monetary donation was again given towards a SECOND Echocardiogram for our new Selkirk Hospital.

President: Bev Eilers

Spiritual Advisor: Reverend Leo Fernandes

Members: 58

Life Members: none

- 100 neck warmers were made and taken to Chez Nous in Winnipeg.
- We held a Memorial Service to honour our deceased members before our November meeting.
- Every Wednesday morning during Lent at 7:30 a.m. Father Leo Fernandes celebrated Mass. This was followed by breakfast for all those attending. This tradition has been carried on for approximately 35 years.

Contact: Dolores Howden

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Darius Biliran

Members: 56

Life Members: none

- Farewell for Father Paul Bisson.
- Attended the 100th Anniversary of the Melita Catholic Church where 10 Conferment's from our church were Confirmed by the Bishop.
- Served 474 people at our church's Fall Supper.

President: Chris Handkamer**Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Dominic Yuen****Members: 102****Life Members: none**

- The National Convention in August.
- Fashion Show Fundraiser.
- Parish children’s Christmas Party.

President: Linda D. Seitz**Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Michael Savarimuthu****Members: 121 Life Members: 4**

- The National Convention was held in OUR province in Winnipeg this past August and 17 members from our local council attended. Many of these women, excluding myself, worked very hard volunteering.
- The ladies of our Prayer Shawl Ministry took on the project of making mats for the homeless from plastic bags you get at grocery stores. They have made 14 mats – which is a huge undertaking as each mat uses between 500 to 700 plastic bags and takes hours to complete.
- Many of our members visit the sick and shut ins in hospitals and Care Homes. We also have a ministry called “CWL Connect” – they visit members who no longer can come to meetings – due to sickness or mobility issues.



The Family: A Proclamation to the World

President: Vera (Vladka) Mohoric**Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Diosdado Parrenas****Members: 48****Life Members: none**

- St. Nicholas dinner, always held closest to his Feast Day on December 6th, is an annual event highlighting our traditions and culture. It is always a good fundraiser. This money is used for our annual charities, and church needs.
- Through the Christian Children’s Fund we have sponsored a child from Ethiopia for many years, and always send extra money for Christmas.
- At Christmas time our members are always busy preparing Christmas hampers of non-perishable items collected from our parishioners. We usually donate to Chez Nous Drop-In-Centre and Missionary Sisters of Charity, also to a family from the Christmas Cheer Board.

President: Shari Eggie**Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Roy George Vazhaplankudiyil (until July, 2018).....Fr. Norberto Monton (July through Dec 31, 2018)****Members: 18****Life Members: none**

- Presented members with years of service pins, and Certificates of Appreciation for their service and support of the Catholic Women’s League and their Parish.
- Members continue to service in various Ministries in our Parish – Lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, decorating, visiting the sick and shut-ins.
- Began a Prayer Circle. As prayer requests are made known to us we begin this Prayer Circle of our members. The requests can be from a member or from outside our membership.



W 18 ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**WINNIPEG****President: Doreen Lloyd****Spiritual Advisor: vacant****Members: 49 Life Members: none**

- Several of our members volunteered, as well as attended the 2018 National Convention held in Winnipeg this past August.
- Hallowe'en Social: This year we decided to have a costume social where our ladies were quite creative with their attire. A Great Hit!
- We are hosting the 2019 Manitoba Provincial Day of Celebration. Our efforts were concentrated on fundraising so we could host this event at a hotel.

W 19 ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA**WINNIPEG****President: Marilyn Begg****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Michael Wollbaum****Members: 146 Life Members 1**

- In April 2018 a video presentation to our membership by past president Louise Dansereau highlighted her 1st 2-month volunteer time at Our Lady of Perpetual help School/Orphanage in Haiti which she undertook in January 2018. At our annual Christmas Dinner in December 2018, we supported her 2nd volunteer undertaking which will be in January/February 2019. We donated games, toys, school supplies and personal items as well as a monetary donation.
- Guest speakers on various topics included information on Thrive Community Support Circle, as non-profit organization that offers counselling services and works closely with families in the core area of Winnipeg. Interest and awareness of our bigger community opens doors for our Council to become more involved in projects affecting those around us.
- A CWL member of our council, Irene Gordon is a published author on the history of North American fur trade from a woman's perspective. Her

presentation enlightened and entertained us on how challenging everyday life was for women in our country in those early days.

W 23 ST. JOHN BREBEUF

WINNIPEG

Presidents: Carol Maynard

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Wayne Morrissey

Members: 49 Life Members: none

- Prepared a lunch for the concert which sends proceeds to Chez Nous and also donated clothing for their homeless people.
- Did the Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- Put on the Friendship Party for the First Communicants.

W 24 ST. JOHN CANTIUS

WINNIPEG

President: Nancy Lysack

Spiritual Advisor: Fr Yolando Gamallo

Members: 49 Life Members: none

- On October 13, 2018, to commemorate the 101 anniversary of the “Miracle of the Sun” at Fatima, one of our CWL members organized that the Joyful Mysteries would be recited on the steps of our Education Centre. The rosary was recited in English, Polish and Tagalog.
- This year our church was celebrating their 100th Anniversary so we held a formal tea in April inviting many previous parishioners.
- Our members were encouraged to attend 5 convention held in Manitoba this year. Members attended the following conventions: Winnipeg Diocesan Convention; St. Boniface Convention; Manitoba Provincial Convention; National Convention and no one was able to attend the Keewatin-The Pas Convention.



W 28 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**WINNIPEG****President: Dion Lacuna****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Geoffrey Angeles****Members: 29**

- We held a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for the purpose of sending members to the CWL National Convention.
- Hosted Diocesan and Parish receptions.
- We held our annual Advent donations event, the "Fill the Crib for Villa Rosa". Parishioners were very generous in giving requested articles for babies and mothers who receive the services of Villa Rosa.

W 29 ST. JOSEPH**WINNIPEG****President: Kathleen Darlington****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Boguslaw Wardzinski****Members: 28 Life Members: none**

- Our Council held two Communion Breakfasts. We were very pleased with the high number in attendance.
- We cooked and served dinner for a Deanery Meeting that was held at our church with 12 in attendance.
- We had our Christmas dinner for members on December 2nd.

W 30 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**RUSSELL****President: No President****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Paul Bisson****Members: 20 Life Members: none**

- Our members hosted the World Day of Prayer for all the church's and people for the town of Russell and surrounding area.

- Hosted two days, one in February and one in May serving lunch and entertainment at our personal care home.
- Leading our parish with the Rosary for the month of May and October.

W 32 ST. THERESA'S - Prayer Council
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MIDDLECHURCH

President: Caroline Meseric, Joan Shaw, Joan Sobieski (All Past President)

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. David Kowalski

Members: 67 Life Members: none

- We have been very excited to journey with Mr. John Kunicki as he was training for the diaconate. Now we are blessed to have our very own Rev. Deacon John.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet and work on shawls and other handmade gifts for local charities. In 2018, The Prayer Shawl Ministry has presented 16 prayer shawls to people in our parish and extended community. We have also delivered 150 handmade items to the Missionaries of Charity, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Selkirk and Teen Stop in St. Vital.
- Visiting parishioners who are housebound or in long term care has become one of our special missions. We also make regular phone calls to those who feel lonely or who are sick.

W 33 ST. MICHAEL'S

GIMLI

President: Mary Desveaux

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mike Nwosu

Members: 36 Life Members: none

- Hosted Winnipeg Diocesan Convention.
- Volunteered and attended National Convention.
- Hosted our Catholic Ladies Annual Get-Together.

W 34 ST. PETER'S**WINNIPEG****President: Donna Candelaria****Spiritual Advisors: Msgr. Enrique M. Samson Jr. and Rev. Nepolian Suvakin****Members: 51 Life Members: none**

- Many members worked on and continue to work on the building committee (BANC) of Phase I (building a new parish hall) of our new church.
- Thanks to our perogy making fundraisers, members were subsidized and attended the Manitoba Provincial CWL Day of Celebration, the Diocesan, Provincial and National Conventions, Diocesan Fall Meeting and Workshop and Life's Vision Luncheon.
- We embraced the new CWL Centenary Project. Alpha House and other domestic shelters benefitted from our 13+++Days of Christmas "H.U.G." Packages. Other charities also benefitted from our collection of items for the needy at Christmas and council donations were made to many organizations, at home and abroad.

W 35 ST. VITAL**WINNIPEG****President: Jo-Anne Souyri****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mark A. Tarrant****Members: 32 Life Members: none**

- Volunteer at Chez Nous Drop in Centre.
- Volunteer at Siloam Mission.
- Volunteer at Stoney Mountain Institute and Communion Minister at Senior's Residence.



W 38 ST. VIATOR'S**DAUPHIN****President: Linda Zazuliak****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. John Legitimas****Members: 95 Life Members: none**

- Three youth from our parish attended the Diocesan Youth Leadership Conference in Winnipeg. We sponsored one of the three youth attending. Two attendees came and did a presentation for us and thanked us for giving them the opportunity
- Five of our CWL members attended the National Convention in Winnipeg this summer and enjoyed the convention.
- We had our annual Rummage Sale this Fall and our proceeds this year went towards our Geothermal heating project at church. The remaining clothes were given to Parkland Crossings who distributes to our local Crisis Centre.

W 41 ST. DOMINIC'S**NEEPAWA****Presidents: Donna Huck****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mark Filips****Members: 48 Life Members: none**

- Hosted Diocesan Fall Meeting and Workshop in September.
- Organized and hosted another successful Craft Sale & Bazaar.
- Through support to Siloam Mission we helped feed 62 people between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
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W 42 GOOD SHEPHERD**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE****President: Bernadette LeLieve****Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Gerald Langevin****Members: 42 Life Members: none**

- No report.

President- Vacant

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Bastin Gna Arockiyam

Members: 9 Life Members: none

- Leading the Rosary before every Sunday Mass in May and October, using the Pro-Life Intentions.
- Movie night in May “Wonder” proceeds going to purchase of microphones for the children’s choir.
- Two delegates attended the Diocesan Council Fall Workshop in Neepawa, Manitoba September 29, 1018.

W 44 ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA-PRAYER COUNCIL WINNIPEG

President: Rebecca Skinner (Acting)

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Darren Gurr

Members: 9 Life Members: none

- Our CWL Prayer Council meetings center around the Liturgical Year. Through learning, prayer and personal sharing we continue to grow in our Faith Journey. We also visit the sick, share our Time with those in need in our community and participate in prayer in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

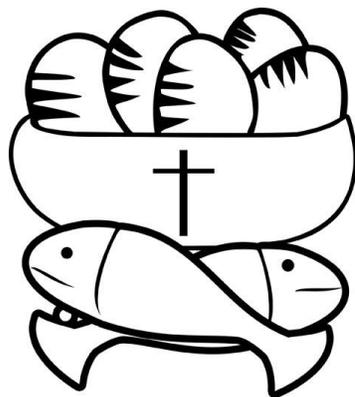


WINNIPEG DIOCESAN COUNCIL
STANDING RULES OF 98th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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. The motion to adopt the standing rules requires a two-thirds majority vote; a motion to rescind or amend the rules once they have been adopted required a two-thirds majority vote; and a motion 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 Winnipeg 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 Resolutions 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.



RULES OF ORDER

The League follows Robert's Rules of Order. A booklet titled 'Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance' by O. Garfield Jones based on Robert's Rules of Order is available from the 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 endeavor 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 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 reconsideration has been carried by a vote of two-thirds of the members 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.

Notes



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and can rely on help from her league sisters”**

