



# *Care for our Common Home*

*Keewatin-The Pas  
67<sup>th</sup> CWL Archdiocesan Convention  
Our Lady Of The Snows Parish  
Snow Lake, MB  
May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> , 2019*

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**KEEWATIN- THE PAS ARCHDIOCESAN**  
**67<sup>TH</sup> CWL ANNUAL CONVENTION**



**MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> ,2019**

**FRIDAY EVENING MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>,2019**

**7:00pm**                      **Executive meeting - Our Lady of the Snows church hall.**

**SATURDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 - (Christian Centre 82 Balsam St.)**

**8:00AM- 8:50 AM**        **Breakfast**  
**9:00AM**                    **Strategic Planning**  
**10:00**                      **HEALTH B REAK**  
**10:15**                      **RESOLUTION WORKSHOP AND LETTER WRITING BEGINS**  
**12:00 NOON**            **LUNCH**  
**1:00PM**                    **WORKSHOP CONTINUES**  
**3:00 PM**                    **EVALUATION/ END OF WORKSHOP**  
**5:00PM**                    **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**  
**6:30PM**                    **BANQUET (Christian Centre 82 Balsam St.)**

**SUNDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 ..... (Christian Centre 82 Balsam St.)**

**800AM-8:50AM**        **Breakfast/REGISTRATION**  
**9:00AM**                    **Official Opening, Flags /Banners carried in**  
**Business meeting commence, welcoming, spiritual program, parish**  
**president's reports and chairperson's reports.**  
**10:15AM**                    **Health break**  
**10:30AM**                    **Business continues**  
**12:00noon**              **LUNCH**  
**12:45pm**                    **Business continues, blessings, adjournment, and lowering of flags.**

**PLEASE NO SMOKING AND RESPECT THE SCENT FREE. THANK YOU!**

## **The League Prayer**

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

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

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

## **The League Promise**

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

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

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

Amen



**Lord, season after season,  
You continue to renew the face of the earth,  
“For from the greatness and beauty of created things  
Comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.”**

**Teach us, Lord,  
As members of the Catholic Women’s League  
of Canada,**

**Lord  
To become attuned to our need to protect  
The beauty our common home.**

**May our efforts lead us to sustain its natural order,  
So that, in the words of Pope Francis,  
Our heritage is never “deprived of physical contact with nature.”**

**Mary Ryan, Past President  
St. Dunstan Parish Council  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**



**Archbishop Murray Chatlain**  
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February 12, 2019  
Catholic Women's League  
Diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I congratulate you on your theme for the next two years: Care for our Common Home.

When I think of the holy women in my life, grandmothers, mother, Sisters, they all have an ability to create a home and not just a place. I think you CWL ladies are also gifted and graced to help our communities and our north be more of a home.

As Christians we are called to recognize and proclaim how we are all interconnected. None of us stands alone. This calls all of us to approach the environment and our people with a deep sense of respect and appreciation.

In his important Encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us, "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves". (223) (Here Fr. Paul will remind me I need to appreciate his dog Lucius more).

I pray that in our Convention and in the humble work of our Councils we may bring that sense of respect and interconnectedness to all we do.

May you be blest with deeper hope in the presence and action of God in our world and in all people.

Yours in Christ,  
Most Rev. Murray Chatlain  
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas

# **THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA KEEWATIN-LE PAS ARCHDIOCESE**



Fr. Shantha Kumar, MSFS  
Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

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Dear Sisters in the League and friends,

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

As the Spiritual Advisor of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas for CWL, I would like to wish God's blessings upon each one of us preparing for the 67<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Annual Convention. I am happy to know that this year our CWL have chosen the theme "Care for Our Common Home" which is very much relevant and necessary to reflect and act upon.

As I reflect on this theme many questions cross my mind. What happened with this our common home called earth? Why is it that we are surrounded by the polluted rivers, oceans, and finally earth? What and who is the cause for this?

After being sent out from the Paradise humans no longer live in a perfect world, but in a world often struggling with divisions, sufferings and wars. All the same, the world is still under the protection of God, which is seen till today by the rainbow. God made a contract with humans. In the narrative of Noah not only humans but also nature are named as the contractual partners of God: "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Gen 9,13)

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudate Si* has the answer. "Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life...one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption". We are challenged as Christian to have an alternative look at life. We are called to have change of heart. Pope Francis thinks that the heart of the problem lies in consumeristic tendencies that are prevalent in our society today. He challenges us to have a change of heart so as to really our consumeristic tendencies. "The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume" says Pope Francis. The consumeristic culture comes from the emptiness of the heart of the individuals. Why this emptiness? Why are

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we empty? Because we don't fill ourselves with God that we find ourselves empty. We have filled our hearts with things, money, and people.

We need an education that questions what causes destruction to our common home. Pope Francis invites us to have an education that can critically look at "individualism, unlimited progress, competition, consumerism, the unregulated market".

As members of CWL, we are called and we can be agents of change in our homes, neighbourhood, and in our country. Can I as an individual make a difference? What can I do?

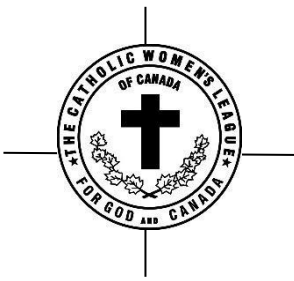
The truth is that we are able and can to change the world. As Steve Jobs proclaimed, "The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." If we are not convinced that one person can make a difference, see how a mother saved a patient's life by donating her son's organ, the carpenter who helped his poor neighbour by reconstructing their weather-torn home, or to the couple who showed the meaning of love by adopting a foster child. They gave themselves and are able to change the lives of people around them.

The most powerful contribution of CWL in Canada for tackling the ecological crisis and to take care of our common home is that we are challenged to give a different understanding of what fullness of life really means. In line with the thinking of Pope Francis let us proclaim that, "Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life...one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption". And this is what Jesus taught us saying that "Life doesn't consist in the abundance of possessions"(Luke 12: 15). I wish all the CWL members all the very best in your efforts to educate the people in Canada and your small steps to make a big difference making our common home livable and lovable. Let us make our Canada a paradise. Let us go back to our lovely paradise. God bless Canada, God bless CWL.

With prayerful wishes,

**Fr. Shantha Kumar, MSFS**  
**Diocesan Spiritual Advisor**  
**Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas**





# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

## MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

*National theme: Care for Our Common Home*

*Provincial theme: Caring is Sharing*

Greetings and blessings dear CWL sisters and spiritual advisors of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas!

On behalf of Manitoba Provincial Council, I am delighted to bring warmest, heartfelt greetings to Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council's 67<sup>th</sup> annual convention. Thank you for your leadership and service as the diocesan council within the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas! You and your predecessors have been integral in guiding parish councils, affirming and celebrating members' contributions through The Catholic Women's League of Canada. I am honoured to share in your annual convention where your small but mighty parish councils have reflected on their activities of the past year and have gathered to celebrate the sisterhood of the League and the dedicated service by their members 'for God and Canada'. Through the commitment of preparing annual reports, you have preserved a rich history of faith in action by members of the League in Manitoba. In approaching the milestone of the League's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, your annual reports both past and present provide a glimpse of the changing times in our Church and society, and the contribution by The Catholic Women's League of Canada in serving the people of God and being a voice for Christian values.

As we recall the many achievements by your five parish councils throughout 2018, I am reminded that members responded enthusiastically to our national theme, *Inspired by the Spirit: Women Respond to God's Call!* Members served their parishes and extended themselves to also serve in various other ways. You attended the provincial Day of Celebration to learn about our northern mission diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas. In a spirit of '*Caring is Sharing*', you generously donated to Catholic Missions in Canada. You joyously joined in celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and annual convention of Manitoba Provincial Council. It was an honour that all three diocesan spiritual advisors attended to concelebrate in the Mass presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. In response to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, you participated in the prayerful water ceremony with our Indigenous sisters, you donated items to help the less fortunate and you brought items that could be recycled to help protect our environment. Members participated as volunteers and helped form the honour guard with our national president, Margaret Ann Jacobs, as CWL was called upon to help celebrate the Jubilation Mass that marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church in western and northern Canada and the bicentennial of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.

Parish councils and its members are the "heartbeat of the League"! ♥ You did Manitoba Provincial Council and the League especially proud by your outstanding accomplishments as volunteers in helping to organize and host the almost 800 delegates and guests who attended the 2018 national convention held in Winnipeg. Brava! to each woman of action! By your involvement in the national convention and providing 'friendly Manitoba' hospitality and special events, you helped to also promote our province's tourism and its slogan "Canada's Heart Beats".

May this convention enrich you spiritually and grace you with joy, hope and faith that is renewed and energized. May this convention reaffirm your dedication as a member of the League. As we embrace the implementation of the League's strategic plan over the next five years, we cross the threshold of new beginnings; of a transition and future that is yet to unfold. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the prayerful intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, may we continue to grow in faith, and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. May all that we say and do bring glory to Christ Jesus, now and forever. Amen.

With prayerful best wishes,

Rolande Chernichan  
Provincial President

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

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

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

**CHAIRPERSONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

***Spiritual Development***

***Sr. Bonnie Bryson***

**PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS**

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

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

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

# Keewatin –The Pas Diocesan Council

*Organized on: September 28, 1952*

## First Executive

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



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Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocese  
Report of the Diocesan Treasurer – January 1 to December 31, 2018**

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## KEEWATIN-THE PAS TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

Our Diocesan Council consists of 5 Parishes: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, The Pas; Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake; St. Ann, Flin Flon; St. Lawrence, Thompson and St. Maria Goretti, Lynn Lake.

Four treasurers reported for 2018: Rochelle Rydberg, Ella Nogier, Janet Gourlay, and Eleanor Ceppetelli.

- Two councils have copies of the Guidelines for Treasurers.
- Tools used by the councils to track receipts and disbursements are:

bank statements	100%
cheque book	100%
deposit book	75%
receipt book	50%
ledger/columnar book	50%
excel spreadsheet	25%
disbursement book	25%
- Cancelled cheques are returned to only 1 council. Books are updated frequently by all councils (100%)
- All receipts are retained by all councils. (100%)
- Bank statements/books are reconciled monthly (100%)
- Financial statements and account books are retained on file for at least 5 years. (100%)
- The 2019 membership fee ranges from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- Dues received mainly in December, with a few being paid in October, November & January.
- The bulk of per capita fees are paid to National in January.
- The treasurer assists the Membership chairperson by tallying the number of paid members, reconciling the number to amounts paid in dues and writing the cheque payable to CWL of Canada.
- 1 council donated to the National Voluntary funds.
- Standing committee donations were made to:

The council donation information have been removed as they are only pertinent to Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council. The council donations are available upon request. Should you personally wish to receive this information, please contact the Keewatin-The Diocesan Council President.

- Fundraising initiatives include: bake sales, funeral luncheons, lottery raffle, annual bazaar, craft show, dinner and entertainment, fall supper, rummage sale, perogy sale, kid's carnival.
- All accounts are paid by cheque; two signatures are required for each cheque. Cheques are signed once filled out.
- Signing officers in each council are:

treasurer	100%
president	50%
correspond. sec'y	50%
past president	50%
record. sec'y	25%
standing committee	25%
chairperson	
- None of the councils prepare a budget
- 75% of the councils present financial statements at general meetings.
- The books are examined annually by independent individual who is experienced in bookkeeping.

This concludes my report. Bernadette Benson,  
Diocesan Treasurer

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

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

City or Town and Province: Box 825 Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N6

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

Number of councils reporting :**only one online survey done info taken from president's report**

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**COMMUNITY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**Annual Report for the period**  
**January 1 to December 31, 2018**

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

Monitoring the government and letter writing for resolutions 2017.01,2013.01,2011.02

Sponsored workshop on Human Trafficking (open to public) which included an indigenous woman who was the main speaker.

**(b) social and economic justice**

Support to the following programs: attend and lay wreath for Remembrance day, Host and attend Least Coin Services, Host a Shrove Tuesday during lent because they are the only Church left in town. Host a Multicultural supper, host farmers market.

Donated to Coady International, KeePas Missions, Eki-Mi Missions . Kids North program , Operation Christmas Child campaign, Samaritan Purse, Chalice, Save a Family Plan, World Vision, Women's Safe Haven, "A Port in the Storm" , CMIC , Friendship Centre Backpack project, Collection of ( "clean") soft cover books for inmates, Christmas Gift Program for the Friendship Centre, World day of the Poor groceries hampers collected and given to homeless shelters and soup kitchen. Food bank donations by monetary donations and supplies, Help with the Meals on Wheels program by doing a month of delivering. Donated to Relay for Life.

Attend World day of Prayer. Help the Knights of Columbus with their Bingo nights.

Assisted Chamber of Commerce with Carnival and Pike Derby

Host a Carnival for kids in the community.

Informed members on the Friendship Centre sleeping mat project made from plastic bag.

Shared information on North End's Women's Centre and discuss how we could help.

Wrap campaign done. Children's Collection at mass goes to purchase Teddy Bears and Toys for the Salvation Army.

# Keewatin The Pas Diocesan Council

## Spiritual Development Annual Report

2018

In 2018 members led and participated in praying the rosary during the months of May and October. Members travelled to Leaf Rapids and South Indian monthly with Fr Shantha for mass in those areas. Children were prepared to receive the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Adults were prepared to have their children baptized. Some members visited the hospital and took communion to those who were there. Members are Lay Presiders, Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. Members officiate at wakes, funerals and graveside services when there is no priest available. In November members participated in and led an ecumenical memorial service for those people from the area who passed away during the year. I obtained and distributed reflection materials for Advent and Lent for both adults and children. Members led and participated in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. For my own spiritual development, I take time daily for prayer and reflection. I also make a yearly retreat.

### *Taken from Parish President's report*

- Led Stations of the Cross
- Hosted World Day of Prayer
- Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel
- 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care Rosary
- Installation of new spiritual advisor (Father Jim Fiori) and reception of 2 new members
- May and October - lead weekly rosary
- Honor guard for our last charter member (also donated all of the baking for luncheon)
- Monthly mass for ill and deceased members (alternate between Pineview Manor and St. Paul's Residence)  
(Members participate and also attend)
- Participated and attended Rosary, Adoration and Litany with the traveling Blessed Virgin banner

General meetings always begin with reciting of the Rosary; Mass was also celebrated several times throughout the year. Reflections were on several topics: our Blessed Mother in regards to fasting and our prayer life; 'Thy will be done' from the Our Father; a passage on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent from the Sunday missalette; the 'gift' of Easter;

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All councils start and end with a prayer and attend Ecumenical Services in their communities.

## SUMMARY OF YEAR END SURVEY

- 1 parish responded
- Participated in the Stations of the cross and rosary
- Have services and funeral honor guard for deceased members
- Use CWL Prays Booklet
- Spiritual advisor attends meetings
- Have Mass before meetings
- Had a study of Women in Scripture
- Have members on diocesan council, parish committee chairperson, and finance committee
- Members are part of the parish liturgy committee
- Support esk-omi missions and kee-pas missions
- Spiritual development person has participated in cleaning, hospitality and as usher
- Members participated is catechist, choir/music, cleaning, Eucharistic Minister, facilitators, hospitality, lector, usher
- Promoted awareness of Least Coin, Women's Inter-church council of Canada and World Day of Prayer in March

Respectfully submitted

*Sr. Bonnie Bryson*

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

Name of Council: **Keewatin -The Pas Diocesan**  
City or Town and Province: **Box 825 Flin Flon, Mb R8A 1N6**  
Name and Address of Chairperson: **VACANT Lucille Rossington**  
Number of councils reporting : **no online reporting done**

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**EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE**  
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**(a) Catholic education**

**(i) Catholic schools and catechesis**

Support catechesis program where available and Bible camps  
Aid with the Diocesan Study Days by sponsoring lunches.

**(ii) Rites of Christian Initiation**

Support families when approached to sponsor.

**(b) literacy and continuing education**

Support schools in the breakfast programs with monetary donations.  
Attend conventions, workshops on Human Trafficking, mental health presentations

**(c) scholarships and bursaries**

Over 2500 dollars are given in bursaries to help continue their education.

**(d) wellness and sickness/disease**

12 hour prayer for palliative care  
One council had a demonstration of how to use a defibrillator (AED)

**(e) environment**

Educate ourselves on recycling programs ..keep up to date..

**(f) genetics**

Discussions on modified foods.



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

Number of councils reporting : **only one council did online reporting/info from president's reports**

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**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
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**(a)marriage and family**

Couples who celebrated a milestone are sent a mass cards and special greetings.

Birthday cards are sent to members on their special birthdays (65,70,75,80,85 and 90)and also receive a mass card. Mass cards are sent also to Archbishop Murray Chatlain and Fr. Paul Bringleston . Mass intentions are also given in sympathy on the death of a CWL member or immediate family member Members assist weekly or attend mass at the Personal care homes . Co-Host family brunch with the Knights of Columbus.

**(b) sanctity of life**

Circulated petition to protect the unborn child.

Help fill a dresser project with baby cloths and items which the Knights of Columbus gives to a single mother or needy mother that has decided to continue with her pregnancy.

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

Do home visiting to the shut-ins.

Bring communion to shut-ins, give rides to those that need for them to be able attend church services.

Took seniors out for Christmas suppers, entertained them with games and gave special treats.

Assisted a family with funeral expenses.

Assisted a resident with gift card after a house fire which was lost.

Bought carnations so the children can deposit in front of Blessed Mother on mother's day .

Purchased children's missalette for the parish.

Host first communion and confirmation gatherings after the event. Colored eggs for Easter distributed them after Easter Sunday Service.

Hosted a carnival for the children in the community. (games and treats)

**(d) vocations**

Several councils supported our newly ordained Deacon with monetary donations for his garments.

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

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

City or Town and Province: FLIN FLON, Manitoba

Name and Address of Chairperson: Donna Coles (Secretary)

Box 402 FLIN FLON, MB R8A 1N1

Number of councils reporting 2 out of 5 = 40 %

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

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Teleconference Meeting held Saturday January 13, 2018 at 10:00 am - minutes taken. Minutes from Teleconference Meeting September 28, 2018 circulated by email to all Diocesan executive and chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to teleconference).

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Pre-Convention Flin Flon, MB held May 4, 2018, minutes taken. Minutes of the January 13, 2018 Teleconference meeting circulated by email to Diocesan Executive, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to pre-convention meeting).

Keewatin-The Pas 66th Archdiocesan Convention Flin Flon, MB May 6, 2018, minutes taken. Minutes of 65th Archdiocesan Convention circulated and read at Convention.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Teleconference Meeting Held Thursday September 28th, 2018 at 7:00 pm minutes taken. Pre-Convention Minutes of May 4, 2018 circulated to all Diocesan Executive, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to teleconference).

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

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

Reviewing the Secretary Annual survey for 2018 ———2 councils information was available—— one council has a corresponding secretary, while the other has a recording secretary.

Both councils attend executive and general meetings of the council; distribute copies of agendas; take roll call at meetings; utilize minute books and take minutes; transcribe and distribute minutes from previous meetings; distribute minutes by e-mail and/or hand-outs before meetings and read at meetings.

Correspondence ingoing/outgoing is listed and read at each meeting. Once council sends out occasional cards regarding anniversary, sympathy and so on.

One council has a copy of the CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide from National Office.

Both councils maintain a list of the executive with their contact information.

This concludes my report  
Donna Coles - Secretary

## The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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

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

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

Box 825 Flin Flon, MbR8A 1N6

Number of councils reporting : 2 out of 5

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### **ORGANIZATION**

#### **Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2018**

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#### **(a) recruit members and maintain membership**

2 councils report new membership (2 in The Pas ,1 in Flin Flon). Part of the online survey indicates their methods of recruiting are pot luck dinners, membership teas, parish bulletin, bulletin boards, promotional displays at parish events, having CWL drive before masses and presentation at mass and personal invitation .

They keep in contact with members that cannot attend by sending or bringing them the monthly newsletter or phoning them.

The online survey indicate that 2 councils do their membership renewal online while the others do it manually.

2 out of 5 councils did the online survey for organization. Not all council have an Organization chairperson and some have a member collecting dues only.

Pins were given for years of service .

#### **(b) leadership development**

Members attend workshops when they are attending diocesan /provincial conventions.

#### **(c) League resource material**

All councils report they access resources material either online or order from national office. They also use promotional material.

#### **(d) annual reports**

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Online survey indicates the most used methods of annual reporting are: checking the meeting minutes or keep monthly records of activities.

**(e) life membership**

2 life members in our diocese and 3 BelleElle Guerin

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**OTHER: Online survey indicates participations in :**

Meetings	41-60 %	
Social Events		61-80 %
Fundraising	41-60 %	
Spiritual Events		61-80 %

The diocesan acting president passes on all information received from other levels of the league.

This concludes my report,

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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

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

City or Town and Province: Box 825 Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N6

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

Number of councils reporting :**only one council has a communication chair**

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**COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**  
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**(a) *The Canadian League* magazine**

It is read and articles are being mentioned at meetings. The National President's message is on top of the list then Spiritual messages and then any communique that needs attention. Not all council visit the National website but are reminded at meetings to check.

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

All councils use their parish bulletin boards and parish bulletins for advertising CWL events and upcoming meetings. They print newsletters of their meetings and posters which are left at the entrances of the church ,and it is also mailed and emailed. Some council send reminders of upcoming meeting notices by email or by phone. A few councils sent pictures to other levels of the league (provincial).

**(c) media relations**

Radio and local paper are used to advertise CWL events and to congratulate graduating students. They also use for Christmas messages. They are also use to promote a workshop which was open to the general public (Human Trafficking). The diocesan president was interviewed on the radio to promote this workshop.

**(d) pornography**

Pornography Hurts Cards were sent by provincial council and distributed to all councils .

Other: This report was from the one online survey and a summary of the parish presidents reports.

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

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City or Town and Province: Box 825 Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N6

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

Number of councils reporting 1 online survey done

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**RESOLUTIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**  
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**(a) research and preparation of resolutions and briefs**

No resolutions prepared in 2018

**(b) study and implementation of resolutions passed by other levels**

Correspondence received by diocesan president to be share with parish members. Each parish president is responsible to make sure information is shared.

**(c) at provincial and national levels, presentation of resolutions to government**

Information was shared of the Provincial Manitoba Executives' presentation to our Manitoba Premier

**OTHER: ONLINE SURVEY**

**Personal development attended:** diocesan convention, diocesan development days /workshops, provincial Development days/workshops, catch the fire, s'mores , national convention.

Information shared at council meetings and refer members to the national website for more info.

No resolution from parish

Action taken: letter writing, monitor government, check website for update.

The year 2018 has been a quite one for our diocese regarding resolutions. Only one council has a resolution chairperson and no councils brought forward any resolution .

Information received by diocesan president is passed on to the parish presidents to be shared with their members. I am hoping that the upcoming workshop in our diocese will spark once again interest in this very important aspect of our league.

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**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

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City or Town and Province: Box 825 Flin Flon, Mb R8A 1N6

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

Number of councils reporting: **1 online report done**

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**LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
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**(a) monitor and study legislation at all levels of government**

Most councils follow-up after receiving information from other levels of the league.

**(b) preparation of briefs and position papers on proposed legislation**

No

**Other online survey summary: one council reported**

Regarding resolutions:

2018.03 wrote letters, educate members, monitor the federal government

2017.03 continue to monitor

2017.04 educate members

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There is only one council that has a legislation chairperson.

All information received by the diocesan president is sent to all parish presidents to share with their members.



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Keewatin-The Pas Diocese**  
**Ella Nogier Past President**  
**Annual Report for the period**  
**January 1 to December 31, 2018**

We welcome you to our common home. It is ours together. May you enjoy the times we share here together.

**Online Reporting**

Online reporting is now part of our life and activities. 3 out of 5 councils reported this year. Here are some points collected from their reports.

Past president activities:

- All 3 Past Presidents attend all general meetings, social, spiritual events.
- All past presidents offer advice to the president.
- 2 out of 3 presidents feel supported by the past president.

Archives and history:

- They are collected by 2 councils.
- 2 out of 3 know the whereabouts of the charter. 1 council has photo album.

Constitution and Bylaws:

- 2 councils have a copy of this.
- 2 review it every couple of years.

Policy and Procedure:

- 2 councils have their own P and P reviewed every 5 years.
- Advice is sought across all the executives.

Other duties:

- They chair general meetings, prepare agendas and correspondence, plan fundraisers and spiritual events, check national and provincial websites, and fill the role of a vacant position.

**Diocesan Book of Life**

The Book of Life has been kept up to date. To my knowledge there has been one sister pass in 2018. It was Janette Bernstrom from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, a charter member. May Our Lady of Good council keep her well.

## Meetings

In 2017 we had our regular teleconference meetings in Jan. and Sept. Conventions are planned. Local activities are shared. It is always amazing what each council does, even the small councils. It is a friendly gathering even though we are far apart.

## Archives and History

As in past years the archives have been updated with minutes, financial statements, convention booklets and other pertinent information that someone might want to know many years down the road.

## Conventions

The conventions are the best. The planning is often overwhelming, especially for the small councils. The smiles, the hugs are an enjoyable part of these days. And yes we do accomplish things, make decisions, and yes even learn. This is where the League grows!

And so....

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”  
— Mother Teresa

Never travel faster than your guardian angel can fly.”  
— Mother Teresa

“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.”  
— Mother Teresa

This concludes my report,



Ella Nogier

**Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council**  
**President's Report**  
**January 01, 2018 to December 31,2018**  
**Lucille Rossington Acting President**  
***Inspired by the Spirit ,Women Respond to God's Call***

As the year 2018 ended it is also a time to reflect on if I have responded the way the Lord wants me to. Sometimes we are so busy “doing” we forget to take a “time out” and just sit quietly and thank God for the good things he has given us. Did I answer His Call and meditate on His gift of prayer, creation, family, friends, shelter etc.

It is also a time for me as Diocesan President to say thank you for all the works that has been accomplished this year. It has not always been easy, most councils are struggling to fill vacancies but have managed to continue and have done great things.

***To enrich their spiritual life*** they have :

Celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Attend Chrism mass.

Led the Stations of the Cross

Hosted World day of Prayer, Least Coin, Christian Unity Week

Participate in Rosary, Adoration and Litany with the traveling Blessed Virgin banner

Weekly rosary during May and October at church, 12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care Rosary

Attend mass for deceased members and also help with mass at Manors and care homes

Reflections on our Blessed Mother re: fasting and our prayer life,

“Thy will be done” from the Our Father,

One God –One Humanity.

They are lector, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers ,choir members, lay presiders.

Attended the Ordination of Rev. Deacon Clarence Fisher in Snow Lake.

They start and end their meetings in prayer and reflections.

***Through Organization*** they have welcomed 3 new members . Welcoming campaigns are done to encourage more women to join the league with potlucks, tea or personal invitations. Reviewing and keeping their policy & procedure up-to-date They celebrated milestones .

10 years	1	The Pas
15 years	1	The Pas
20 years	3	Flin Flon
25 years	2	The Pas and Flin Flon
30 years	2	Flin Flon
35 years	2	The Pas
45 years	1	The Pas
55 years	1	The Pas
Maple Leaf pin	1	Flin Flon

Keewatin The Pas Diocesan Council has a total of 139 members

Lynn Lake (St. Maria Goretti)	10
Thompson (St. Lawrence)	09
Snow Lake (Our Lady of the Snows)	10
The Pas (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart)	39
Flin Flon ( St. Ann)	71

***In their community life*** they have sponsored a workshop on Human Trafficking which included an indigenous woman who shared her story of been trafficked. Monitor the government and letter writing for resolutions 2017.01, 2013.01, 2011.02.

Attend and lay wreath for Remembrance day .Host and attend Least Coin services, host a Shrove Tuesday during lent with other community members because they are the only church left in town.

Do and deliver Christmas dainty trays for the shut-ins .

Donated to Coady International, KeePas Missions, Esk-Omi Missions, Kids North program, Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign Samaritan Purse, Chalice, Save a Family plan, World Vision, Women’s Safe Haven, “A port in the Storm”, CMIC, Friendship centre backpack program, collections of “clean” soft cover books for inmates, Christmas Gift program for Friendship centre, World day of the Poor collections of groceries for soup kitchen and homeless shelters, food bank donations by monetary donations and supplies, help with Meals on Wheels, donated to Relay for life, support the children with their Sunday collection at mass to supply the Salvation army with Teddy Bears and toys , they collected pop cans , host potluck, carnivals, teas bazaars.

***Communications*** of their events by publishing in parish bulletins, and placing on bulletin boards in church entrances, radio adds Christmas Greetings, and radio interview. They also do newsletters which they email , mail and print to leave at entrances of the church.

In their ***Christian Family Life*** they continue to keep books for the inmates, send cards of sympathy and birthday wishes . Couples celebrating a milestone are sent a mass card and special greetings.

Organize a Christmas Gift Giving Tree for St.Paul’s residence and organize birthdays and Christmas party for St.Paul’s

Petition of 1 Million signatures done and sent .Organized guest speaker for both mass on this.

Co-host with the Knights of Columbus family brunch.

Fill dresser project (KC) with baby clothing to be given to a single mother or family in need .

Assisted a resident whose house was ravished by fire.

Purchased missalette for the children of the parish.

Hosted a carnival for the children in the community (games and treats).

Assisted a family with funeral expenses. Organize memory wall plaques for their church.

They support ***Education and Health*** by helping with the catechesis program where available and Bible camps, support families when ask to sponsor. Aid with the Diocesan Study Days by sponsoring lunches.

Support schools breakfast programs with monetary donations .

12 hour prayer for palliative care. Learned how to use a defibrillator (AED) , on recycling programs keep up to date, discussions on modified foods.

Attend workshops, (Human Trafficking) , mental health presentations, attend conventions diocesan, provincial and national.

Over \$ 2000.00 given for bursaries.

**Legislations/Resolutions** . We regularly receive correspondence from Provincial and National on these committees, we continue to monitor and act according to instruction . Those of us who attend the National Convention received first-hand knowledge on the detailed information that is required for preparing and presenting a resolutions.

“Reading all the reports from parish presidents it reminded me of a book that I have kept in my CWL storage area at home, the study program the BEATITUDES, prepared by, Vivian Bosch National Spiritual Development Convener in 1993. I love to reread this book often. When we read the passage in Matthew starting at 5:3 to 5:10 we see more clearly how important our roles as woman rooted in gospel values are. Each Beatitude reflects what we do as a Catholic Women League member. This program gives example of women who have done great things even though sometimes overpowered by hardship and conflicts .

**Mt.5:3** “ Blessed are the poor in spirit ,for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven”  
(Catherine of Sienna)

**Mt.5:4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted” (Margarite d’Youville)

**Mt.5:5** “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth”(Dorothy Day)

**Mt.5:6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”  
(Teresa of Avila)

**Mt5:7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”  
(Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Teresa)

**Mt5:8** ”Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God” (Therese of Lisieux..Little Flower)

**Mt.5:9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”  
(Marguerite Bourgeoys)

**Mt5:10**”Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven”  
(Josephine Bakhita)

We have been given the opportunity to do God’s will ; let us continue to take this journey together as women of gospel values and follow Jesus. Catherine of Sienna said “all the way to heaven is heaven” because He said, “I am the way”.

This concludes my report,

*Lucille Rossington*

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

### **St. Ann's Parish Council**

#### **President's Annual report**

**Period: January 1 to December 31, 2018**

#### **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Our general meetings always begin with reciting of the Rosary; Mass was also celebrated several times throughout the year. Reflections were on several topics: our Blessed Mother in regards to fasting and our prayer life; 'Thy will be done' from the Our Father; a passage on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent from the Sunday missalette; the 'gift' of Easter; One God—One Humanity; never paying back one wrong with another or angry words with more; letters written by St. Paul to the Corinthians regarding the silence of women, giving thanks for all our gifts, how to know we are Christian, etc. We have Secret Prayer Partners for a year at a time. A few members attended Christian Unity services. Our Council co-hosted World Day of Prayer in March as well as the Fellowship of the Least Coin service in November. We were encouraged to take time for extra prayer on May 12th—12 hrs. for Palliative Care. Members participate in leading prayer of the Rosary before Masses in October.

#### **ORGANIZATION:**

Our total membership is 71 plus our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul Bringleon. Our average attendance at meetings vary from 16 to 20. The numbers are higher for special occasions. Our parish ladies are invited to meetings and encouraged to join the League by personal invitation, notices in the parish bulletin and our monthly CWL newsletter. Presentation of Years of Service pins took place at the June wind-up with the following recipients: 20 yrs.--Katie LeBlanc, Gail Baker and Bonnie Bowes; 25 yrs—Pat Hall; 30 yrs—Eloise Gawiak and Rhonda Chaisson. We were also very pleased to present the Maple Leaf service pin to Lucille Rossington.

We had a new member, Evelyn Laval, join our Council in November 2018.

**COMMUNITY LIFE:** Members were given information about the Flin Flon Sleeping Mat Project, sponsored by the Flin Flon Friendship Centre. Plastic bags are recycled by cutting them into strips, tying them together into plastic yarn (plarn) and crocheting them into sleeping mats for the homeless shelter. We were encouraged to donate gently used towels, sheets, blankets, clothes and furniture to the Women's Safe Haven for women who were starting lives over after breaking away from an abusive relationship. Information was shared about the Friendship Centre Backpack project. We also received information from National about Scams targeting immigrants to our country. A very educational presentation by NASHI was given at the Diocesan convention hosted by our Council in May. Members helped deliver Meals on Wheels in September.

Information from the Joy Smith Foundation regarding sex trafficking in Manitoba was received and shared. Christmas Child shoe boxes were filled and donated in November. Many Christmas dainties trays were made up and delivered to shut-ins in December. Our annual Christmas party was shared with members of the Knights of Columbus, beginning with Mass and a potluck supper. Donations to the Food Bank, Kids North program, Women's Safe Haven and the Friendship Centre Children's Gift program were made in lieu of gift exchange among the members.

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE:**

Birthday greetings and a Mass card are sent to members who celebrate the following birthdays: 65, 70, 75, 80 & 85. Those who are blessed to be 90 yrs. young and more receive a Mass intention each year. Archbishop Murray Chatlain and our pastor, Fr. Paul Bringleston, also receive a card and Mass Intention for their birthdays. Cards are also sent for those celebrating special wedding anniversaries. Mass intentions are also given in sympathy on the death of a CWL member or immediate family member. Our members assist at weekly Mass at the Personal Care Home as well as participate at daily and Sunday Mass as Readers and/or Eucharistic Ministers. We co-hosted a Family Brunch with the Knights of Columbus the last Sunday of January. Members are encouraged to donate baby items for the K of C Dresser project each year. This dresser is presented annually to a single mom who is in need of assistance. Our League purchases carnations for our parish children to deposit, on Mother's Day, to our Blessed Mother, Mary.

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH:** Leslie Beck shared information and demonstrated how to use the automated external defibrillator (AED) at our meeting in January. A fair bit of information on mental health issues was shared with us throughout the year. A \$750.00 bursary was presented to Nathan Whitbread in June. His grandmother, mother and aunt are all members of our League.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Newsletters are emailed to 58 members, 30 receive paper copies, 6 are sent to out-of-town members. Copies are also available for general reading by interested parishioners. Meeting reminders are emailed to members the day before a general meeting. Pornography Hurts campaign postcards were received and are readily available for our members to fill out and mail in.

**RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATION:** We regularly receive correspondence from Provincial on information pertaining to these two committees. Our committee chair, Lucille, attends as many of the meetings as possible and keeps us updated. Those of us who attended the National Convention in Winnipeg this past August received first-hand knowledge on the detailed information that is required for preparing and presenting a resolution.

**OTHER :** I have held a few positions in my 47 years as a CWL member and always enjoyed working with my Sisters for our council. I found this past year, as President, to be truly a learning experience.

We have a very active council that participates fully in our own fundraising events (St. Pat's Tea, perogy bees, rummage sale, to name a few) as well as being very involved in the two major Parish fundraisers (Fall Supper and annual Bazaar). A few of our members also help out at the Friday bingos sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Many of our members are active in the Liturgy at weekly and weekend Masses as Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers. As mentioned in a previous report, our members are remembered on birthdays, and special occasions with cards, Mass Intentions, visits, and so on.

Our Council is a generous one as well with donations to the Bishop's Appeal, Memory Candles for deceased members, the annual Grade XII bursary, Esk-Omi Mission, KeePas Mission, Save a Family Plan, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse, Nutrition programs at 3 local schools, Kids North, Women's Safe Haven, Friendship Centre's Children Christmas Gift program, Lord's Bounty Food Bank, birthday & Christmas gifts for our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul, children's Sunday missalettes, donations of items to the kitchen in St. Ann's Hall.

Thank you to each member of our Executive. You make a President's 'job' so much easier with all that you do in your own way. And, to all the members, I say thank you for your support by attending meetings and helping out wherever necessary. May God's Angels watch over each and every one of you, always.

This concludes my report.  
Bernadette Benson



**Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Our Lady of the Snows**  
**President's report**  
**Year end Report 2018**

Our Lady of the Snows have 10 active members with 4 attending meetings on a regular basis making up our CWL council . Our 4 active members who attend meetings work very closely together filling all positons and sharing the position of "Spiritual Advisor."

In January, we began with sending out our sympathy cards to the sick and grieving. We also purchased and delivered a gift for the New Year baby. Our annual spring tea was held in April in which many of our local catholic women volunteered, donated items, and brought baking. The tea was well attended by members in the community. Two of our members attended and enjoyed the CWL convention in May.

In June, we were very busy in our little church. We had our annual grad mass for the graduating class of Joseph H. Kerr. Many graduated attended and enjoyed cake following the service. Our Lady of the Snows offers a \$500 bursary to a local graduate at the JHK graduation ceremony. This year we were able to give away 2 bursaries of \$500 each. The recipients were Christian Fisher and Taelor Kowalchuk. Both recipients are pursuing careers in the field of medicine. Christian Fisher has been very active in our church attending mass regularly on Sundays, volunteering at our CWL events, and assisting in many other ways. Taelor Kowalchuk has assisted with teas and carnivals when available.

Later in June, we celebrated the ordination of one of our local parish council members. Clarence Fisher, who is very active in our local church, has been studying for many years to become a deacon. Guests traveled from near and far to participate in the service and celebrate his accomplishment afterwards. The ceremony sparked the curiosity of many locals who attended the service and brought a lot of new people into our church.

We did not attend meetings during the summer months. Our meetings resumed in September. Our annual carnival was held in September. Many children wait for the carnival each year. It is always well attended by young parents and their children. Ella Nogier spent countless hours organizing, preparing, and volunteering for this event. She always brings new ideas to the table and creates new games for the little ones to enjoy.

In October, we received communication from the child that we sponsor through Plan International. Our Lady of the Snows sponsors a young boy from Bolivia. He does not live with his father and his mother is a peasant farmer. One of our members attended the local Remembrance Day service in November. Our CWL member laid a wreath in honor of fallen soldiers.

Our Lady of the Snows held a Christmas party for anyone who volunteered for our tea and carnival. We had several new volunteers that attended our meeting which was a welcome addition to our evening. It was nice to see the teenagers interacting with the ladies and showing great respect for their elders. A sum of \$80.00 was collected at this event and the local CWL matched this amount and the money was sent to "A Port in the Storm."

This concludes my report  
Jodie Kowalchuk  
President

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH COUNCIL

My dear sisters in the league. Where has the year gone?

Our league is shrinking due to members aging and younger women being busy with their lives and families and are unable to attend regular meetings. So our decisions are usually conducted by phone or little gatherings after the Sunday service. ( We have 10 members)

We managed to keep quite active regardless. Once again we are the only church in the community so.....

We hosted the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday before lent with the help of the men in the parish and community.

We held a service for Our Lady of Good council. We also led the daily rosary Monday to Friday in May and October.

Members colored and decorated eggs to be distributed at Easter Sunday service.

The League and some members privately sponsored several children to attend the Berge Lake Bible Camp and donated supplies of food and baking.

We presented gifts of rosaries, certificates, children's missals and crosses to children being baptized, making their first communion and being confirmed and we held a little luncheon after the service with sandwiches, coffee and cake.

We hosted a very successful community Multicultural supper.

We hosted a community farmers market in the church basement at Christmas time.

Five members attended the Diocesan convention in Flin Flon and I attended and volunteered at the national convention in Winnipeg.

We assisted member families with monetary donations to help with funeral expenses in the loss of a loved one. And we also made a monetary donation of a gift card to a resident who lost his house in a fire to help with personal essentials.

At Christmas we took the senior members out for a Christmas supper, had little games and presented them with little gifts of homemade baking and chocolates.

Members are active in the community with parish council, chamber of commerce, health auxiliary, community justice of the peace, nurses' union, friendship center, and library and museum board. Members assisted the chamber with the winter Carnival and Pike derby.

Members are lay ministers, readers, communion ministers and take communion to the sick and elderly shut-ins at home and in the hospital.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Campbell

Lynn Lake, Man.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**

**St Lawrence Parish**

**President's 2018 report**

(Put together by Maureen Benny (secretary) for Flo Tabin (President))

The beginning of the year was filled with discussions on how best to host the Provincial Convention in June 2019. We asked for assistance and advice from our Parish Council, Knights of Columbus and Parish members. We received 13 names on a sign up sheet from the parish and two new members for our CWL council.

During Lent we put on a Stations of the Cross service for the parish. We purchased lilies for the church at Easter.

In April, Lucille Rossington visited. We had a special meeting with Lucille after mass and she explained what we needed to do when we hosted the Provincial Convention.

We helped with our parish yard sale to raise money for our renovations. Also one of our members took charge of the Memorial plaques. Monies raised in this project is given to the church renovation fund.

In May one of our members attended the Diocesan meeting in Flin Flon. We donated \$100 to one of our members who participated in the Relay for Life.

In September a meeting was called by Diocesan president, Lucille. It was attended by Prov. Pres. Rolande Chernichan, who led the meeting. The meeting was attended by 9 CWL reps from out of town and 10 ladies from our parish.

In October we held a WRAP campaign and collected 58 signatures. We forwarded them on to our M.P.

Also in October the bishop came to bless our church after Renovations and also dedicate our new statue of St. Lawrence. We participated in the celebration of this event with a procession and meal after put on by the K.of C.

We held our annual Craft Sale November 17<sup>th</sup> with two new initiatives , one was a wreath making raffle. Ladies of the parish made wreaths and we held a raffle, the other was we invited Santa. He made a good impression and with help from the knights he will be back again next year.

We once again used money from the children's collection to purchase teddy bears and toys at Christmas to give to the Salvation Army. We had the children of the parish place the bears and toys under the Advent tree. They love to participate this way. We also purchased Poinsetias for the church at Christmas and finished off our year with a Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Benny for Flo Tabin President

**Parish President's Annual Report**  
**For the period January 1 to December 31, 2018**

**Name of Council** Our Lady of the Sacred Heart , The Pas Manitoba  
**Diocese** Keewatin-Le Pas  
**Name of President** Teresa Bodin  
**Address of President** Box 3938  
The Pas Manitoba R9A 1S5

**Number of Members:** 39

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT (Marie Louise Francoeur)**

- a) Feb 23 - Led Stations of the Cross
- b) Mar. 2 - Hosted World Day of Prayer
- c) Apr. 29 - Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel
- d) May 9 - 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care Rosary
- e) May 20 - Installation of new spiritual advisor (Father Jim Fiori) and reception of 2 new members
- f) May and October - lead weekly rosary
- g) Nov. 3 - Honor guard for our last charter member (also donated all of the baking for luncheon)
- h) Monthly mass for ill and deceased members (alternate between Pineview Manor and St. Paul's Residence)  
(Members participate and also attend)
- i) Sep. 18 - Participated and attended Rosary, Adoration and Litany with the traveling Blessed Virgin banner

**ORGANIZATION (VACANT - Dorothy LeBlanc doing the membership)**

- a) May 20 - Welcomed 2 new members
- b) June Windup - Pins: 1X 10, 1X15, 1X25, 2X35, 1X45, 1X55
- c) Card and photo albums resumed after a period of not having a volunteer to look after.

**EDUCATION AND HEALTH (Christine Maracle)**

- a) Executive began updating Our Lady of The Sacred Heart Council P&P Manual (met on three occasions)
- b) Mar. 20 - Sponsored, prepared & served lunch at the Keewatin Le Pas Diocesan Study Days. Members also contributed baking, helped out with serving and clean up and some attended sessions.
- c) May 5&6 - Diocesan Convention (Flin Flon) - 4 members attended
- d) June - Bursary (\$400.00) awarded to Graduating high school student
- e) Aug. 12-15 - National Convention (Winnipeg) - 6 members attended
- f) Fundraising for National Convention (5 BINGOS, 50/50 Father's Day draw, Pre Easter bake sale)
- g) Member awareness - sex-trafficking and mental health presentations

**COMMUNICATIONS (VACANT)**

- a) Continue to email and make hard copies of communiques received, announce meetings in bulletin
- b) Old council pictures were sent to Winnipeg for the Provincial Convention
- c) One member has offered to phone all members for meetings and special events

**RESOLUTIONS (VACANT)**

**LEGISLATION (VACANT)**

- a) Communiques and correspondence sent to members.

**COMMUNITY LIFE (Debbie Moseley-Williams)**

- a) Oct. 20 - Mission Sunday (Organized bake sale after each mass - all monies donated to World Missions)
- b) Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes) - One member organizes this annual collection
- c) Nov. 11 - purchased, took part and placed a wreath at the Remembrance Day service
- d) Nov. 18 - "World day of the Poor" weekend - collected more than a shopping cart full of groceries to donate to the soup kitchen and homeless shelter
- e) Collections for the soup kitchen and homeless shelter at June & December mass/windups

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE (Angie fetter)**

- a) Feb. 19 - Sponsored a meal and collected a huge box of snacks for the road for our NET team working and traveling within our diocese
- b) Apr. 8 - Gifts and card presented to our first communicants
- c) Continued sponsorship of a child in Ukraine through "Chalice"
- d) Organize annual Christmas Gift Giving Tree for St. Paul's residents
- e) Organize the December Birthday and Christmas Party at St. Paul's Residence
- f) "Petition of 1 Million" Signatures collected and sent to League for Life in Ontario which will be taken to Parliament Hill this spring at the march for Life rally. Organized guest speaker for both masses

**The following is a list of organizations to which members donated time and money.**

- a) Kelsey School Community Feast \$200.00
- b) CMIC calendar program \$110.00
- c) Collection at World Day of Prayer 275.25
- d) Fellowship of the Least Coin - sent whenever our jar is full
- e) Bursary for Grade 12 graduate \$400.00
- f) Coady International& Development and peace \$150.00
- g) Kee-Pas Missions \$100.00
- h) Remembrance day wreath

This concludes my report

Teresa Bodin

**Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council  
Standing Rules of 67<sup>th</sup> Annual convention**

Each convention sets its own standing rules in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*. They are applicable for the duration of the convention in session only. Even though the standard rules may be the same from one year to the next, the rules must be adopted by each new convention.

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

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

## Roberts Rules of Order

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

