

*CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME*

*THE SEED THAT FLOWERS*



***Keewatin-The Pas***

***68<sup>th</sup> CWL Archdiocesan Convention***

***Our Lady of Sacred Heart Cathedral***

***The Pas, MB***

***May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020***

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**  
**KEEWATIN-THE PAS 68<sup>TH</sup> ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
*CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME*  
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***AGENDA***

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020** (Friday)

7:00PM Pre-convention meeting **Andersen Inn** for Executives.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>,2020** (Saturday) Wescana Inn Conference room( entrance at back of Wescana)

9:00am Workshop begins **The Bible and the Sacraments Journey Through Scripture**

Health break when suitable

12:00 noon Lunch (conference room)

1:00 pm Workshop continues

Health break when suitable.

3:30 pm Evaluation

5:00pm Eucharistic Celebration (Our Lady of Sacred Heart Cathedral)

6:30pm Banquet Wescana Inn 439 Fischer Ave. The Pas (entrance back of Wescana)

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>,2020** (Sunday)

9:00 am Official Opening (Flags, banners carried in)

Followed by business meeting, greetings, spiritual program, reports,

10:15 Health break

10:30 Business resumes, elections, installations of officers .Followed by blessings, adjournment and lowering of the flags.

12:00noon Lunch

## **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,  
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**

**1 Wisdom of Solomon 13:5  
2 Francis”Decline in the Quality of  
Human Life and the Breakdown of  
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February 23, 2020  
Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

Ladies of the CWL,

We warmly welcome you to The Pas for this year's convention.

Your theme "The Seed That Flowers" is filled with hope. It reminds us of the need for balance between what **we** are doing and fretting about and what **God** is doing.

There is a story of a priest walking by a yard where baba was working in the garden. The priest remarked, "Baba you and God are sure doing a great job of that garden." Baba responded, "Hah, you should have seen it when only God was looking after it!"

God certainly wants us to continue to plant the seeds of faith and hope and love in our communities. With our families it is not just about if they are coming to Mass, but we continue to encourage them in the values and strength of our Catholic faith.

Every effort you make to teach about the sacredness of life at all stages, to respect our common home, to put your faith into action by good deeds is doing the work of seeding the faith in our families. Do we succeed? That is not up to us. Do not be discouraged. We prepare the soil, plant the seed and water. The growth and flowering is up to God.

May God bless the good seeding work of the convention and your Council.

Most Rev. Murray Chatlain  
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas





## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

### “THE SEED THAT FLOWERS”



My loving sisters of League and friends,

I am always pleased to write a loving message for the annual CWL booklet. It is my privilege to acknowledge the progress made by our members of CWL.

Our God says that creation should be restored to the original way. The whole story of incarnation—God becoming flesh (John 1:1)—is that God wants to be closer to His creation. St. Paul tells us that “the whole creation has been groaning in labor pain” ready to “be set free from its bondage to decay,” as it “waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God” (Rom 8:18-25) who are ready to care for this world. In our world, we are unjust and thankless people of this earth. We have placed ourselves above others; we care about our own security than security of all; and we try to act as if that we are the center of the universe. We have sold our land and people as commodities to the bigger market. We tried to pursue a standard of living without looking for the impact on creation. Furthermore, ecological disasters have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable people – the poor, the sick and the elderly. We should take a responsibility to discern our immoral and inhuman ways, confess as sins, and turn to a new way of living.

So what is our new way of new living for us in Canada today? It is very clear that, we are challenged to change our own system and we are challenged to change our individual behavior.

Listening to our *earth* demands that we attend especially to the poor and vulnerable, the ones most affected by ecological degradation. Shall we not reduce our electrical use by twenty percent? Shall we not reduce the oil for heating by thirty percent?

Can we reduce the water we use by ten percent?

Can we eat ten percent less food that comes from distance?

Can we eat fewer meals without meat and eat only vegetarian meals?

Can we travel ten percent less than usual? -- As the Spiritual Advisor of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas for CWL, I thank you all for your great works that you do in parishes and at large in the Archdiocese. Continue to support one another. I am pleased to bestow and pray for God’s blessings upon everyone of the members of our League.

With prayerful best wishes,

Fr. Shantha Kumar, MSFS,

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor,

Archdiocese Keewatin-Le Pas.



## *Manitoba Provincial Council*

Congratulations on your 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention!

Looking over your annual reports, I never fail to be awed and inspired by the depth and breadth of the works you do.

You are active in your respective parishes, you visit the sick and shut-ins, you feed the hungry, you sew, knit and donate clothing, mitts, toques, coats, socks, footwear and blankets to those in need, you throw baby showers for organizations that support young mothers, the list goes on. You work together to create successful fundraisers, which in turn support many and varied charities not only within your communities, our country, but also globally. All of this fits in beautifully with our Provincial Theme, “**The Seed that Flowers**”. The purpose behind this particular theme, is to encourage our members to go out of their way to do something kind for someone else, not expecting payment or recognition, because we never know how the ripple effect of one good deed will generate immeasurable rewards at some time in the future. These deeds can be as simple as a phone call to check in with a shut-in, or an offer to drive someone to an appointment, or a gift card for groceries to someone struggling financially - there are many and varied ways to help out.

Our National Theme, “**Care for our Common Home**”, has been widely embraced in this province. We are hearing and reading much in the media about the consequences of our past careless actions on our environment. We are strongly encouraged to “Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, and we are further being urged to eliminate single-use plastics from our daily lives. Many large retailers are no longer offering plastic bags, most restaurants have eliminated plastic straws, and we are all being asked to do our part.

In keeping with all of this, our ladies have responded! From participating in “Adopt-a-Highway”, to riverbank clean-up days, to utilizing travel mugs and re-usable water bottles, to having the self-discipline to ensure we always have our re-usable grocery and produce bags. To this end, I am humbled that collectively, we diverted from the landfills and donated 32,100 plastic bags in 2019 to two schools in support of “Bag Up Manitoba”! That, ladies, is no small accomplishment! Another item worth mentioning is the resurgence of second-time around stores – people are getting the message! Now, if only we could figure out how to economically repair that gently used toaster instead of tossing it into the landfill!

In closing, I would like to say that I am proud of all of you and of all of your efforts, I am humbled to represent you at the National level, and I believe the future of the Catholic Women’s League is bright! May Our Lady of Good Counsel be always by your side!

*Janet Brunger*

President

Catholic Women’s League

Manitoba Provincial Council

**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  
Gail Baker  
Rachelle Safronetz  
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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of Canada Keewatin-The Pas  
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**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**  
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**(a) dignity and rights of persons**

One council (TP) participate with the Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Committee based out of Vancouver Diocese(re Buying of Sex is a Crime” vignettes)

**(b) social and economic justice**

Support to the following programs:

Attend World day of Prayer.

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, pancake breakfast for carnival.

Host chilli and bun lunch at craft sale.

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 .

New Year's Baby

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 in September .

Donated to Relay for Life, and Walk for Life

Members help fill baby dresser project by Knight of Columbus.

Help the Knights of Columbus with their Bingo nights.

Assisted Chamber of Commerce with Winter Carnivals and Pike Derby

They are members of the Band Office, Chamber of Commerce, Health Auxiliary, library, museum.

Support to the breakfast programs in their parishes

Host a Carnival for kids in the community.  
Wrap campaign done.  
Children's Collection at mass goes to purchase Teddy Bears and Toys for the Salvation Army.  
Monetary donation to Salvation Army

**Collections of ...** toiletries ,winter clothing, toys/gifts for children .  
Non –perishable food items were made to the Women's Safe Haven/Resource Centre.  
Bag-up Manitoba was supported by all councils.  
Collection of eye glasses, stamps  
Pop tabs were collected for wheelchair program.  
Shut-in dainty trays were delivered at Christmas  
Monetary donation to five schools for their breakfast program  
St. Paul's Gift giving program (resident's name put on a tree and members encourage to pick a name and donate gift and visit the resident around Christmas.

- (c) **refugees, immigration and citizenship**
- (d) **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)**
- (e) **developing countries**  
See above donations

**Online survey results:** (only 1 council reporting done by president as no chairperson)

Position : vacant  
Domestic violence/minority groups/ poverty groups ..support is done through donations.  
Support organizations that are geared towards assisting Indigenous people.  
Pamphlets are distributed to promote Near East Welfare Association.  
Support Chalice  
Support Operation Christmas Child  
Borrowed food cart from grocery store to have it filled by parishioners with non-perishables and winter items such as toque, mitts, gloves scarves etc.

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

**Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council**

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: VACANT Lucille Rossington

Number of councils reporting \_\_\_1\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_5\_\_\_ online reporting 2

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**COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Annual Report for the period**

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**(a) *The Canadian League magazine***

Online reporting indicates that The Canadian League magazine is useful as an educational tool, very useful as a spiritual resource and the oral reports availability as excellent. Most read articles were President's message, Our Father Who Art in Heaven, Coming to Fruition, Jesus-The Best Communicator and the road to Senegal.

Articles that resonated with them were:

President's Message, From the National Spiritual Advisor, Addicted to Porn, Dignity and Rights of Persons:

Human Trafficking in Canada. Highlights of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Marguerite : a woman who compassionately live life on the peripheries.

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

Mass was sponsored for Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast

Bulletin Boards, Church bulletins, e-mail, posters, bulletin inserts, local newspaper ads and radio ads have been used to promote events of the CWL.

Share the info on Strategic Planning

**(c) media relations**

Discussion on the "Mary Kill "series on TV

**(d) pornography**

Wrap campaign, postcard collected and sent( March ,October )

**Other:** biggest challenge with this standing committee is being able to find someone to do it.

It would be a great way to connect with members who cannot attend meetings as information could be passed on to them.

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

**Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council**

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Donna Coles  
Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N1

Number of councils reporting 0 out of 5 = \_\_\_\_\_% Online survey :2

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**Recording Secretary Standing Committee**

**Annual Report for the period**

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

No teleconferences in January of 2019.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Pre-Convention Meeting in Snow Lake, Manitoba was held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, minutes taken. Minutes of the September 29, 2018 Teleconference meeting circulated by email to Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to pre-convention meeting).

Keewatin-The Pas 67<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Convention in Snow Lake, Manitoba was held May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, minutes taken. Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Convention circulated and read at the Convention.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Teleconference Meeting held Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm, minutes taken. Pre-convention Minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 circulated to all Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons, and Spiritual Advisor (prior to teleconference).

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

In June, assisted Thompson Council for Provincial Convention to help and print the Mass/Banquet program pamphlets as required.

Send Sympathy Cards and a Mass Card to a member (in the loss of her spouse).

**Reviewing the Secretary Annual Survey for 2019 .... 2 councils did the survey.**

One person holds both recording and correspondence

Both attend general meetings,

One distributes agendas, takes roll call.

One takes minutes

One is signing officer

One assist the president for annual reports

One knows where her council charter is

One maintains executive list

One brings motions book to meeting

One mentions she sometimes get reports from chairpersons

One has copy of Handbook for Secretary

Meetings are advertised in bulletin, phone calls and emails and word of mouth .

Both are 75 + in age

Biggest challenge hearing what everyone says (hearing loss) so brings recorder to catch everything.

One council hosted a provincial convention ,everyone worked hard and it was a success, and their membership increased.

Biggest challenge of the survey was figuring out how to get on and finding our councils' code.

This concludes my report,

Donna Coles-

Keewatin-The Pas

Diocesan Secretary

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

Name of Council: Keewatin –The Pas Diocesan  
City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB  
Name and Address of Chairperson: **Vacant** Lucille Rossington Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N6

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Number of councils reporting 1 out of 5

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**Organization Annual Report for the period  
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**(a) recruit members and maintain membership**

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

**New memberships in 2019 :**

**Snow Lake 1**  
**The Pas 1**  
**Flin Flon 1**  
**Thompson 4**

**Council Membership**

**Average amount of members who attend meetings**

<b>St. Ann Flin Flon</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16-20</b>
<b>Our Lady of the Snows Snow Lake</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>St. Lawrence Thompson</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Our Lady of Sacred Heart The Pas</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8-10</b>
<b>St. Maria Goretti Lynn Lake</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3-5</b>

**Total Diocesan membership is at 140**

**One decease member in 2019 in Snow Lake ( Bev. Meuse )**

Awards are given out and service pin presented for milestones.  
One council has 22 members over 80 for which they pay their dues.

**(b) leadership development**

Members are encourage to attend workshops and some do mostly when they are offered the same weekend as conventions .

**(c) League resource material**

Executive manuals are keep up to date , articles from the league magazine are discussed at meetings. Some councils leave their old League Magazine for anyone in the parish view .

**(d) annual reports**

Resent all reporting templates to all councils .

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

Some mentioned they had done the online report but ....it did not come through on the survey results...difficulty in login on, saving and retrieving was mentioned.

**(e) life membership**

We have 2 life members     Jacqueline Nogier ,Ella Nogier (both from Snow Lake)

We have 3 BelleElle Guiren   Catherine Daneliuk Flin Flon, Pat Campbell Lynn Lake,  
  Blanche Kryschuk Flin Flon

**Other**

One parish sent report

Some parish do not have an organization chairperson, they only have someone collecting the dues.

Most information taken from parish president's report.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Archdiocese of Keewatin – Le Pas  
Spiritual Development Annual Report – 2019

Councils and members participated in some or all of the following:

- Reflections at meetings on a number of different topics
- Praying the rosary before their meeting
- League Prayer to start meeting and some had a decade of the rosary as well
- Participating and leading the parish rosary during May and October
- Participating in and leading the Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Participated in being Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Presiders and music ministry for mass and services
- Ladies in one council are blessed by their Spiritual Advisor at the end of their meetings
- Visiting the hospital and taking communion to the folks there
- Attending and / or hosting the World Day of Prayer service
- Worked with the Salvation Army on a service for the Fellowship of the Least Coin
- Helped with preparing children to receive Eucharist and Confirmation and with adults preparing to have their children baptized
- Gave gifts to those who received sacraments
- Attended the Chrism Mass and one council helped with the preparations
- Attended a Lenten retreat
- Attended the Diocesan Workshop in Thompson
- Celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Good Council
- Celebrated their priest's anniversary to priesthood
- Held a memorial service in November for those who passed this year
- Gave donations to various organizations to help with their needs
- Gave Christmas gifts to their priest
- Purchased children's Sunday Missals to help children pray at mass
- Participated in processions for Our Lady of Good Council and St. Lawrence

This is the summary of our year. I apologize if I have missed anything.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sr. Bonnie Bryson, csj

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

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

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon , MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: VACANT Lucille Rossington

Number of councils reporting 1 out of 5 (one only report done) info taken from president's report

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

Birthday cards and mass cards are sent to members celebrating special birthdays(65,70,75,80and 90 etc.)

Sympathy and mass cards are sent to CWL members or their immediate families.

Mass cards with birthday wishes sent to our Archbishop Murray Chatlain and Parish priests.

Couples celebrating a milestone are sent mass cards and special greetings.

Co-Host family brunch with the Knights of Columbus .

**(b) sanctity of life**

Circulate pamphlets to protect the unborn child.

Help fill a dresser full of clothing to give to a single young mother or a needy mother who decided to continue with her pregnancy.

Wrap campaign still promoted and signatures accumulated and forward on.

Rosary for Life recited at church.

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

Do home visiting to the shut-ins, attend mass at St. Paul's residence(Manor) .Do Christmas and birthday parties at Manor.

Help with the Anointing of the Sick in June by supplying to coffee social and serving and offering rides if needed.

Bring communion to shut-ins. Bring Christmas Dainty Trays to shut-ins.

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

Bought carnations in May and December for the children to deposit in front of our Blessed Mother Relay for Life donations done and participated in March.

Items collected and donated to various Women's Crisis Centres and Homeless Shelters.

New Years' Baby donations

**(d) vocations**

Donations to Kee-Pas Missions and CMIC , support of seminarian.

## **SURVEY RESULTS:**

Encourage those disabled to participate in liturgy celebrations and offering adequate space for them.

Invite young people to participate in liturgical celebrations.

Support given to those affected by domestic abuse.

Pro-Life not addressed this year.

Supported the seniors in community by: bringing communion, gifted them with membership, initiated social programs and celebrations, invited newly-retired women to join, invited them to share their faith story, involved them in intercessory prayer, involved them in CWL events, prayed with them, provided transportation, sent cards of encouragement, shared a meal, called, visited and organized events.

For the widows and widowers in their community: help arrange services and or funeral lunches, encourage them to participate in parish programs, include them in family outings, community events, invite them to a CWL meeting, provided prayer and support after loss of spouse sent cards of condolences, visited and called. Their response to this invitation was “they were very shy “.

Copies of Annulment Today – Merciful and Just was not purchased.

## Vocations

Adopted or supported a seminarian, encourage families to discuss vocations to their children, encourage families to invite priest and religious into their homes, participated in prayers for vocations, supported discernment events for youth.

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

Name of Council: **KEEWATIN-THE PAS DIOCESAN**

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant (Lucille Rossington)

Number of councils reporting :1 from parish and 2 online survey(some info taken from president's report)

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**EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**Annual Report for the period**  
**January 1 to December 31, 2019**

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**(a) Catholic education**

**(i) Catholic schools and catechesis**

**No Catholic School in our Diocese but members support catechesis program where available and support Bible Camps by donations.**

**(ii) Rites of Christian Initiation**

**Members help when approached by families to be sponsor.**

**(b) literacy and continuing education**

Support schools with breakfast programs with monetary donations.

Provide supplies to schools.

Dialogue on "How to protect yourself from the many frauds/scams".

Attend conventions/workshops given

**(c) scholarships and bursaries**

All councils help with bursaries if those who apply meet their Councils criteria.

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

Attended presentation on Community Wellness Challenge.

Dialogue on seniors health and when to consider giving up your drivers' license .

**(e) environment**

Support our National Theme in many ways. Encourage to plant flowers that support the bees and butterflies....Plastic bags collected as well as pop tabs. Recycling promoted.

Removal of use of Styrofoam, use our water wisely.

**(f) genetics**

See survey results

**Survey results** taken from 2 parish who responded

No Catholic Schools in our Diocese so lots of questions were not answered.  
All Councils do bursaries, the recipients are generally family members of CWL ladies that meet the criteria set by their councils  
National bursary fund is supported by one council  
Coady is supported by one council.  
Blood services Partner ID # is not use  
National Hospice Palliative Care Week brochures on local palliative care given.  
Attended presentation on Community Wellness Challenge.  
Dialogue on senior's health and when to consider giving up your driver's license.  
Elimination of foam to help our environment was promoted..  
Aware of technology to alter genes x1 ....Would like speakers on this.

Name of Council: **Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan**  
City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB  
Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant Lucille Rossington  
Number of councils reporting 1 out of 5.... Online reporting 1(one council's report did not go through)

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**LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**Annual Report for the period**  
**January 1 to December 31, 2019**

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

Most council try to follow up after receiving information from other levels of the league

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

n/a

Other : There is only one council that has a legislation chairperson.  
All information received is passed on to each parish president to share with her members.

**online survey**

done by the president  
only one council has a chairperson.one survey did not go through.

**Council's Awareness level regarding:**

Bill C-57 to amend Federal Sustainable Development Act .....not aware  
Bill C-75 to amend Criminal Code, The Youth Criminal Act etc.. .....some knowledge  
Bill C418 Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act.....not aware  
No action taken on federal bills  
No action on Resolution 2019.02  
No action on provincial bills

Name of Council: **Keewatin-ThePas Diocesan**  
City or Town and Province: Flin Flon  
Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant Lucille Rossington

Number of councils reporting 1 out of 5 (Online report done by 2 councils)

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## **RESOLUTIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **Annual Report for the period**

### **January 1 to December 31, 2019**

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**(a) research and preparation of resolutions and briefs**

No resolutions prepared in 2019 by any parish or diocesan council.

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

Correspondence received by diocesan president is sent to parish president . Each parish president is responsible to make sure the information received is shared to her members.

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

n/A

**Online survey**

Only one council has a filled position and is shared with legislation committee.

Members are beginning to show interest on how these committees work.

Biggest challenge is to have time at meetings to address all information they have to divide information in 2 or more meetings sometimes it works but if action is needed it prologues the meeting too much.

Difficult to get a member to chair these committees.

Contact to federal government by letter only .

Refers to communiques or annual reports from other levels.

Specific action to support resolutions adopted were by : signed petitions, wrote to federal /provincial governments, made members aware at meetings, email or newsletters.

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Keewatin-The Pas Diocese**  
**Past President**

## **Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2019**

Dear sisters and Father,

Another year has passed. As usual, looking back it went by quickly. Of course the times we spend together are rewarding and enjoyable.

### **Online Reporting**

#### **Past President Activities**

All Past Presidents attend all general meetings, social, and spiritual events.

All past presidents offer advice to the president.

Most presidents feel supported by the past president

#### **Archives and history:**

They are collected by all councils.

All know the whereabouts of the charter.

Filing cabinets, photo albums and scrapbooks are used for storage.

Councils keep information about their council indefinitely.

#### **Constitution and Bylaws:**

All councils have a copy of this.

#### **Policy and Procedure:**

3 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.

### **Meetings**

Teleconferences were held in Jan. and Sept of 2019. And then the convention meetings! The face to face gatherings are very enjoyable. It is always amazing to hear what each council is doing, small or big. Women are definitely active in this organization. Jan. 28 (at the time of writing this report) is the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of suffragette when women could vote. We have done ourselves proud!

### **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. They are actually amazing to look through. One piece of info that I read stated the women were allowed to wear “slacks” to the picnic! We have come a long way.

### **Conventions**

The conventions are the best. The planning is often overwhelming but worth every worry and woe! We get excited when things run efficiently. Hugs and smiles are well worth the preparation and travel. The convention last year being in Snow Lake was lots of organization but worth every minute. 32 members, 3 clergy and 7 guests were in attendance. Twelve came from southern Manitoba. Nice!

It was great to have the Provincial Convention in our diocese. Thompson did a fine job! Attendance was great. It was nice for us “Northerners” to drive a few less hours! We learned lots too.

### **Diocesan Book of Life**

The Book of Life has been kept up to date. To my knowledge there has been one sister pass in 2019. It was Anna Palmer from St. Ann;s council. May Our Lady of Good council keep her well.

### **In concluding,**

As usual some sayings you may have heard before;  
iPod? iPad? Try iPray...God is listening!

Honk if you love Jesus... Text while driving if you want to meet him.

This concludes my report,



Ella Nogier

**President's Annual Report  
January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**Care For Our Common Home  
The Seed That Flowers**

It is always a busy time when we start getting ready for our annual reports and convention. What great accomplishment we see as we read all the activities within each council. Parish councils are the roots of our organization. When a person takes the time to read everything a parish council does in a year it is truly amazing. So proud of all the councils in our diocese who, even though most are struggling to fill vacancies, every year the members pull together in sisterhood and make it happen.

Four councils have had new members join with St. Lawrence in Thompson with the bragging rights of the most new membership 4 (see organization report). Congratulations St. Lawrence !

I congratulate all those who have received services pins and Maple Leaf pin. Your work is being recognized and appreciated by your council and by the league.

You are the **The Seed That Flowers** in your parish and communities .Continue to give it life by sprinkling it with your love and fertilizing it with renewed enthusiasm.

The year 2019 was a year to celebrate as we hosted the Provincial Convention in Thompson.

A great opportunity to welcome all the ladies from our province. Our sisters from St. Lawrence parish and the Diocesan council teamed up to help make it a successful convention.

I encourage you to read the reports enclosed in the convention booklet, maybe it could help you try something new.

During my six years as your Diocesan President, I have by far been enriched with the love of our "Sisterhood ". What we do does matters and does make a difference!

May you continue to serve your God with the gifts He has given you.

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, 2019

#### **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: message from Pope John Paul II, written in 1984, that God's love for us is eternal; information regarding female education; words from an 11 yr. old girl who traveled with her family doing missionary work; a quote from St. Teresa of Avila, dated in the 1500's that reminded us how God works through each of us; a message that we are not to let worry overtake our lives, but to turn to scripture readings that remind us that God is always with us and there for us; reminders to trust in prayer.

Many of our members are active in the Liturgy at weekly and weekend Masses as Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers. We hosted the World Day of Prayer service in March, and co-hosted, with the Salvation Army, the service for Fellowship of the Least Coin in November. We provided lunch following the mass celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel in April and also for the Anointing of the Sick mass in June. We held a brunch the end of May to celebrate Fr. Paul's 19th anniversary in the priesthood. We held a special Memorial service, prior to our November meeting, to remember all our deceased members. We made donations to the Bishop's Appeal as well as a monetary gift to our pastor, Fr. Paul Bringleston for his birthday and at Christmas. We purchased 20 Children's missalettes for their use at Sunday Masses.

#### **ORGANIZATION:**

Our total membership is 70 plus our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul Bringleston. 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: 10 yrs.--Crystal Kolt, Lisa Pearson, & Natasha Ward; 15 yrs—Jill Diakow & Fran Whitbread; 20 yrs—Lorraine Krokosz; 25 yrs—Mildred Mansell; 30 yrs—Joan Gillis & Lucille Rossington; 35 yrs—Lois Burke & Darlene Winfield; 45 yrs—Jo-Ann Turner; 50 yrs—Hermin Benko; 55 yrs—Rose Bazylewski, Anne Chrupalo, Blanche Kryschuk & Therese Olson. We installed a new member, Lisa Crone, at our June meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY LIFE:**

Donations of toiletries, winter clothing, toys/gifts for children, and non-perishable food items were made to the Women's Safe Haven/Resource Centre, Kids North, the Aboriginal Friendship Centre Christmas program, the Lord's Bounty Food Bank. Monetary donations were also made to five schools in our area to help out with their breakfast/lunch programs. Members helped deliver Meals on Wheels in September. Our Council participated in the Bag-Up Manitoba program for recycling of plastic bags. We also donated can tabs towards the TABS for Wheelchairs program. Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child shoe boxes were filled and donated in November. Many Christmas dainties trays were made up and delivered to shut-ins in December.

### **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 Bringleon, also receive a card and Mass Intention for their birthdays. Cards are sent for those celebrating special wedding anniversaries. Mass intentions are 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. We supplied lunch following the Anointing of the Sick service in June. Members are encouraged to donate baby items for the Knights of Columbus 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 and on Christmas Eve, the flowers are presented for the Baby Jesus. Donations were made to Esk-Omi missions, Kee-Pas Missions and Save A Family

### **EDUCATION AND HEALTH:**

An interesting article on when a person should consider giving up his/her driver's license was presented at a meeting. A presentation on Seniors' Health was very informative. Another very interesting presentation was on what one needs to know about frauds and scams and how to protect oneself from being taken advantage of. Unfortunately, we did not award a Bursary to a Grade XII graduate this year, as no one met the criteria.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Newsletters are emailed to 58 members, 20 receive paper copies, 5 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. We have special greetings aired on the local radio station twice a year-- in June for the Grade XII graduates and in December for Christmas.

### **RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATION:**

We regularly receive correspondence from Provincial and National on information pertaining to these two committees. Our committee chair, Lucille, attends as many of the meetings as possible and keeps us updated. No resolution was submitted by our Council.

**OTHER :** I have held a few positions in my 48 years as a CWL member, both at Parish and Diocesan level, and always enjoy working with my Sisters for our council. These last two years, during my term as President, have been both rewarding and educational.

We have a very active council that participates fully in our own fundraising events (St. Pat's Tea, perogy bees,) 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.

Thank you to our Executive, and each member, these past two years. You are a very important part of our Parish and our community as a whole. You are also very important to me and I enjoyed working with you. Congratulations to Gail Baker and the newly elected executive for 2020-2021. I know that you will work diligently for our League. Always keep in mind the importance of being a Catholic woman as we go forward "for God and Canada".

May God's Angels watch over each and every one of you, always.

This concludes my report.

Bernadette Benson

## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS COUNCIL

Snow Lake

President's 2019 Year End Report

### **Spiritual Development:**

Our CWL members assisted with reading at services, acted as a Eucharist minister, and played the piano on Sunday at mass. We held meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month from January –June and September-December. We did not conduct meetings during the summer months. We began each meeting with the league prayer. Deacon Clarence Fisher continued to act as our spiritual advisor. He blessed members at the conclusion of our meetings. In March, two of our members attended the “World Day of Prayer” service.

**Organization:** We began the year with 4 active members attending meetings on a regular basis. We had 1 new member join our local CWL attending meetings and assisting with events. Our local CWL members filled the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our members this summer. It was with heavy hearts that we said farewell to one of our own in July. One of our life time members, Bev Meuse, passed away. Bev was an active CWL member. She attended church on a regular basis, held positions in our local CWL over the years, assisted with CWL activities, and welcomed us into her home for meetings in her later years.

We have 9 members with 5 members attending meetings on a regular basis. We have 1 member who is a life time member.

**Community Life:** January through April were busy months for Our Lady of the Snows Council. Our first order of business involved sending a donation to “A Port In The Storm” as we matched all donations collected at our local CWL Christmas party. Our meeting in January brought discussions about the New Year’s baby gift, catechism supplies, a deacon stole and preparations for upcoming events. A donation was sent for our local New Year’s baby and monies were used for catechism supplies and a stole for Deacon Clarence Fisher. Our local CWL sent sympathy and get well cards to community members. In March, our local CWL donated \$100 to our local “Cordwood Bonspiel” which is an event enjoyed by children in the community. April brought preparations for our spring tea. The tea was well attended by many community members.

We had our yearly supper celebration on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for our local CWL members for volunteering and assisting with our events within the community.

September to December involved purchasing numerous items for our local church, programs, and Christmas party. We continue to send money to sponsor a child in Bolivia. We discussed and agreed upon moving forward at this point in time with the purchase of banners for our Lady of the Snows church. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, our local CWL held a fall carnival for our community. Our members set up, decorated, prepared treats, and organized activities for the carnival. Small toys were purchased by our local CWL and children of all ages enjoyed the annual CWL carnival.

In November, one of our CWL members laid a wreath in honour of our fallen soldiers and banners were purchased. Our local CWL assisted with the purchase of these banners using \$600.00 dollars towards the purchase.

Many parishioners attended our CWL Christmas party at our local church. Our local league invited women and children who assisted or volunteered for our league at our previous events. Money was collected at this party and CWL will match this donation again this year. Membership fee money was collected for those who wished to pay at this time.

### **Education and Health:**

On May 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> our local CWL held the "CWL Keewatin-The Pas 67<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Convention" with Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Father Paul, Father Shantha, Deacon Clarence Fisher, and Rolande Chernichan in attendance. The convention had 35 in attendance. We were given information and discussed several areas of interest or concern beyond our local CWL. In the evening all attended mass. On May 5<sup>th</sup> we held our meeting and donations were collected at this meeting. Donations collected at this convention were used towards purchasing banners for our local church.

June began with 2 of our CWL members travelling to Thompson for the provincial convention. On June 16<sup>th</sup> our church held mass for the local grads of JHKerr School. Our CWL organized and purchased a cake for grads which we presented and distributed at mass on that Sunday. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> a local CWL bursary of \$500 was presented to a JHKerr graduate by a CWL member at the JHKerr graduation ceremony. This bursary was given to a local Catholic girl who is attending school in The Pas and furthering her education in the area of nursing.

One of our local CWL members began first communion classes this year for two children in our church. These classes will continue into 2020. Our CWL purchased gifts for these two children to give to them upon completion of classes.

**Communications:**

Members of the parish are notified and invited to attend our CWL meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. Emails that are received from Diocesan, Provincial & National are discussed at our monthly meetings. One of our local CWL members is involved with the ongoing development of the strategic plan.

**Resolutions:** (Position Vacant)

**Legislation:** (Position Vacant)

This concludes my report,

Jodie Kowalchuk

## **ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019**

My dear Sisters in the League:

We have CWL Sundays the last Sunday of the month where we wear our CWL jackets, scarves and pins so the parish members are aware of who the members are. And members do the lay-presiding, the readings, the Eucharistic Minister, taking up the Cross and the candles on that Sunday especially as well as taking their turns on other Sundays. After the service is when we discuss any items relevant to the league.

We have ten members and one in the Phillipines who wishes to remain a member in case she returns to Canada. Members are active in the lay led church services in the absence of a priest as well as taking communion to the patients at the hospital. Our members are quite elderly and can't do much as far as meetings are concerned but they do help out when they can. So that leaves only three to five of us to do the rest.

We present little gifts and certificates to all participants receiving the sacraments. We sponsored children to attend the Berge Lake bible camp led by the Interact Ministries and the Lamp program and members assisted by registering the children and making snacks and lunches. We were terribly saddened that the camp site was completely burnt down caused by a lightening storm just a week after the children were done at the camp. 98% of the children that attend these camps are from our parish. We also had a work shop led by Christine Maracle from the Diocese on Dealing with Grief. Two of us attended the workshop in Thompson on Scripture presented by Megan McKenna. We had a pancake supper at our parish hall on Shrove Tuesday. We held a memorial service after our regular lay led service for members in the community to attend and light candles for past residents who passed away during the year and for anyone else they wanted to light a candle in remembrance for. Three members attended the Diocesan convention in Snow Lake. Members are on the parish council. We led wakes, funeral services and graveyard services in the absence of a priest.

We were invited to hold a pancake breakfast for the winter carnival. We held a spring tea fundraiser and had a youth group from the school helping us and they kept the proceeds from the children's table as they were raising funds for a class trip and they also wanted to learn how to host a tea. It was an excellent learning experience for them. Members participated in the Walk for Life for cancer in town and also the Relay for Life in Thompson. We donated a bunny and basket and Christmas stocking to the health auxiliary fundraisers.

Members are busy in the community with the Band Office, Chamber of Commerce, Health Auxiliary, library, museum and breakfast program. Members participated in the winter carnival and fishing derby, July first parade and the Remembrance Day service.

This is my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Campbell

**Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**St. Lawrence**  
**President's Annual Report**  
**Period 2019**

**Spiritual Development:**

Before every meeting we say a decade of the rosary with intentions.

We do the Stations of the Cross every Lent.

Participated in our Lady of Fatima procession and the St. Lawrence procession.

Help with preparing the children for First Communion and Confirmation.

**Organization:**

Meet once a month from September to May.

Attended Diocesan meetings and this year we hosted the Provincial Convention in June.

Held a Christmas Craft Sale and a Christmas supper for our members and guests who help us throughout the year.

**Community Life:**

Craft Sale in November. We rent out tables so people can sell their handy crafts. We make some money also selling Chilli and a Bun lunch. Have a dainty Bake Table. We collect eye glasses and stamps and pop can tabs for a wheel chair for disabled people.

**Education and Health:**

**Communications:** We introduce new members during mass and present them with a CWL scarf.

We place items in the church bulletin and announcements during Mass. We advertise our projects on local TV, newspapers and radio.

**Resolutions:** We vote for resolutions brought to the Diocesan Annual Meetings.

**Legislation**

**Other:** Some of our members are involved in cleaning the church.

We also provide to the homeless shelter and the Women's crisis centre and also we distribute school supplies, books, religious items to the North

**This concludes my report,**

**Flo Tabin**

**(compiled by Maureen Benny)**

## CWL 2019 Year End Report

### Feb 2019

Discussion on the Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Convention in May, at Snow Lake and who might go to represent the Thompson CWL group, also discussed our up coming Convention in June.

### March

Maureen volunteered to go to Snow Lake for the convention in May. Maureen and Flo started to look, book hotel rooms for our Provincial Convention and as well the banquet catering and the lunch for Sunday. The CWL helped with the Stations of the Cross during Lent and as well purchased Easter Lilies for the Easter Mass.

### April

CWL purchased Bibles and Rosaries for the First Communion and Confirmation Children. We donated \$100. Towards a Relay for Life, which one of our members, Anna participated in.

### May

It was suggested we support the Siloan Missions in Winnipeg. We decided to donate to our local homeless Shelter for personal hygiene products. We have 3 new members join the CWL and Fr. Guna welcomed them into the CWL during Mass and presented them with a CWL scarf. The provincial convention was discussed thoroughly.

### June

The CWL successfully welcomed another new member to our league. Rachelle was given a list on what the homeless shelter needs the most of, shoes, socks, toques, gloves and hygiene products. It was suggested the CWL gather a collection of these items quarterly throughout the year by the parish members and the CWL. The CWL gave \$100. to one of our parish graduates from High School this year and he plans to attend the University of Brandon. The Convention was a great success. It turned out awesome with all the great help we got from everyone. The HUG program donated items which were brought up from Winnipeg and were donated by CWL members from across the province which were sorted and took to the Women's shelter, including a letter explaining the HUG program.

### September

Our parish has a Children's Collection Fund called the Angel Fund and with that money the CWL is purchasing stuffed animals. Colouring books and crayons and donating them to the Salvation Army for Christmas. The CWL is planning to donate money towards the new St. Lawrence Church Sign. Plans are in the works for our Fall Craft Sale in November.

## October

For our Craft Sale we are having a Christmas Wreath Raffle, Silent Auction and Table raffle of a beautiful painting and an Arctic Nativity Scene. Chilli and a Bun and dainties for lunch. The signing of the WRAP sheet on pornography will be held Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## November

The CWL is donating \$100. worth of groceries to the Salvation Army Food Hamper for Xmas this year again. The Craft Sale turned out very well. A good response on everything. We are having our CWL Xmas supper get together this month to finish of the year 2019.

Respectfully Flo Tabin- President

Submitted by Maureen Benny

*Catholic Women's League of Canada*

**Parish President's Annual Report  
For the period January 1 to December 31, 2019**

**Name of Council** Our Lady of the Sacred Heart , The Pas Manitoba  
**Diocese** Keewatin-Le Pas  
**Name of President** Teresa Bodin  
**Address of President :** The Pas Manitoba  
**Number of Members** 40

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The League prayer and a decade of the rosary are said at the beginning of each meeting. Two members participated in the planning of World day of prayer 2019 and 6 members attended the event on March 1<sup>st</sup>, which was hosted by the Westminster United Church.

Some members attended the Lenten Retreat on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and our council led Stations of the Cross on two occasions during Lent. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, members assisted with Chrism mass by decorating the cathedral, preparing and serving lunch following mass.

A celebration of Our Lady of Good Counsel Feast Day was celebrated on April 28<sup>th</sup> at A&W. After a bite to eat, we enjoyed cake and ice cream. Our council assisted the NET Team with a monetary donation of \$100.00 to buy pizza during their youth retreat in May. Members continue to lead the rosary during the months of May and October.

We also recited the rosary prior to mass at St. Paul's Residence once and prior to mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monthly masses for ill and deceased CWL members are held monthly and alternate between St. Paul's Home and Pineview Manor. Members are encouraged to attend and participate. A monetary donation of \$400.00 was sent to the "Missionaries of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate" (OMI) in India to put towards the purchase of new bicycles as theirs were in poor condition and breaking down. Annual monetary donations are also sent to the Kee-Pas Missions and CMIC.

**ORGANIZATION**

January meeting was cancelled as there was no one to chair the meeting and elections were postponed until March as there were no new nominations. Some members kept their positions so were voted in by acclamation. Our June windup saw the reception of one new member, Michelle Edwards. We also gave one 15 year pin to Doris Reid, one 50 year pin to Helen Herman and one maple leaf service pin to Teresa Bodin. Our total membership is 40 with approximately 8- 12 members attending meetings. Cards are sent out on a monthly basis for anniversaries, birthdays and sympathy. This information is also announced at our meetings.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

Our Education and Health chairperson has been actively participating with the Anti Human Trafficking Awareness Committee based out of the Vancouver Diocese. The "Buying Sex is a Crime" vignettes can be viewed at [buyingsexisacrime.org](http://buyingsexisacrime.org) as well as on facebook. One member continues to organize our "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes and the St. Paul's Gift Giving Christmas tree. (Anyone who picks a name from the tree is encouraged to take their purchased gift to St. Paul's Residence and spend a bit of time with the recipient). Our council continues sponsorship for a young girl in Ukraine through Chalice. Participated in the HUG project with 2 members collecting and organizing donations to the Women's Shelter in The Pas. Our council collects pop tabs for wheelchairs and contributed to the "Bag Up Manitoba" project. Annual monetary donations are given to the local soup kitchen and Kelsey Community School for their Christmas Feast. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "World Day of The Poor", we once again put out a grocery cart and it was overflowing with donations which were distributed between Oscar's place and the soup kitchen. Collected non perishables and hats, toques, scarves and mitts at our Christmas mass and supper which were also distributed between the two places. Our council pays for a Remembrance Day wreath each year and one member places it at the ceremony.

## **CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

Our April meeting was held at St. Paul's Residence so members there could attend. Presented gifts and cards to 14 children receiving their first Holy Communion. Did the Rosary for Life - Joyful Mysteries on one occasion in October. Members planned a Birthday/Christmas party at St. Paul's Residence. The Community Choir provided an evening of song and members served beverages , cake and ice cream.

## **EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had a power point presentation by Lori Veito RN,BN about the Community Wellness Challenge. Two members attended the diocesan convention in May and four attended the provincial. We had 6 bursary applications and the \$400.00 award was presented to the granddaughter of one of our members at her high school graduation. A monetary donation was sent to the National Bursary Fund in place of Development and Peace. Members were involved with organizing and doing presentations at the Diocesan study Days. As in the past, members prepared and served one meal as well as contributed baking and offered assistance where needed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Members are encouraged to read the Canadian League magazine and to use the CWL website. Members are encouraged to personally invite ladies from the parish to consider joining the league. Meeting announcements are put into the church bulletin and one member calls to remind everyone about our meetings. A brief presentation at mass on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> was done and "Pornography Hurts" postcards were handed out to parishioners to sign and mail in.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Communiques shared at meetings

## **LEGISLATION**

Communiques shared at meetings

## **OTHER : Parish Activities**

One member attends all of the Parish Council meetings and does a great job of sharing information back and forth.

Our members take on many leadership roles in the parish including: Parish Council Chairperson, Welcoming, Decorating, Music Ministry, Lay Ministry, Youth Coordinator and Ministry Scheduling. Members are also Eucharistic ministers, readers, cleaners and greeters.

This concludes my report,

Teresa Bodin

**Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council  
Standing Rules of 68<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.