

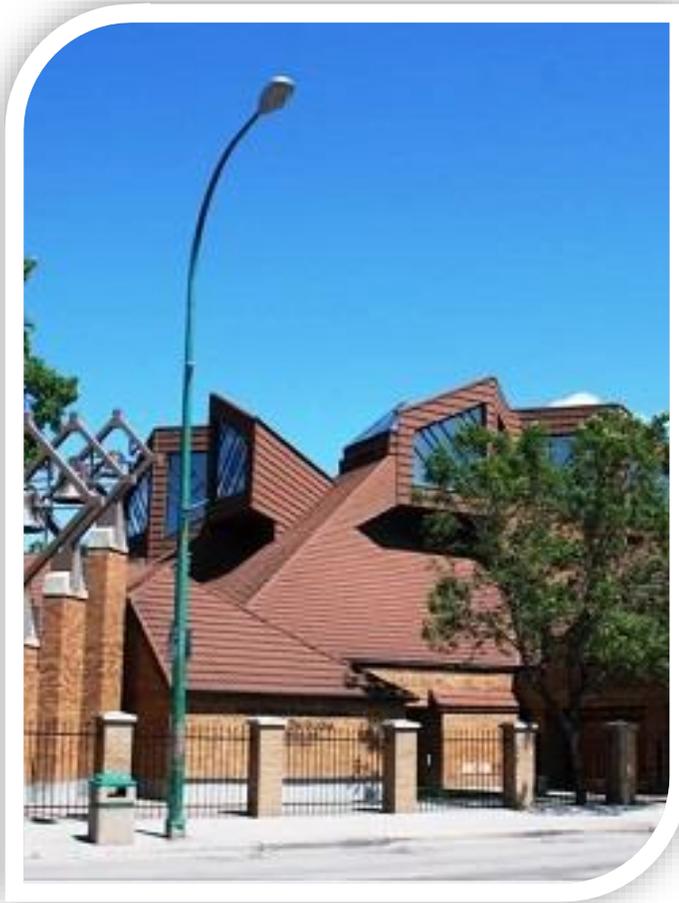
*The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Winnipeg Diocesan Council
101st Annual Meeting of Members*



Our Lady of Good Counsel

*April 29th, 2022
Holy Ghost Parish
Winnipeg, Manitoba*

**Our Grateful Appreciation for our Hosts
Holy Ghost Catholic Women's League Council**



Members of Organization Committee

President: Teresa Driskell

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Tomasz Koscinski OMI

Liturgy: Maria Popo / Apolonia Kreml

Registration: Bev Struch [Diocesan Treasurer

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LEAGUE PRAYER

*We humbly pray You, God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength
to our wills that we may know and fulfill Your great law of charity.
Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us.
This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness,
Our Lady of Good Counsel. Amen*

OPENING PRAYER

*Good and loving God, our source of love and light,
thank you for bringing us together today in a spirit of generosity.
We offer You this prayer in gratitude. May we honour one another by keeping an open
mind. May we voice our truth and listen with an open heart.
May we discern Your will to unite us in a fruitful outcome.
We ask Your wisdom and grace to use our talents for the betterment of others.
With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the loving intercession of Our Lady of Good
Counsel, through Christ our Lord. Amen*

CLOSING PRAYER

*Lord God, our loving Creator, from wisdom all good things come.
We give You thanks this evening, for supporting us in our League work.
Thank you for coming together, in our minds and spirits,
to create good works to fulfill Your will.
Minds and spirits were open to each other, and therefore, open to You, our Lord.
There were times when we may have been doubtful or frustrated to meet the call of the
task ahead of us, but with the wisdom and guidance of Your Holy Spirit, we now find
joy and help again in this, our work, Your work. So dear Lord, knowing our needs, please
remain with us as we go forth with even greater enthusiasm and confidence. Through
the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.....
Amen*

National Catholic Women's League Theme

“Catholic and Living It”

[January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023]

*Loving Father, open our hearts to your infinite love for all people,
and to your presence with us wherever we go in your name.
Lord Jesus, deepen the spiritual life of the Catholic Women's League.
Strengthen the faith and good works of our members,
building-up life in the world by being Catholic and Living It!
May we imitate you with works of mercy, welcoming the forgotten,
suffering or vulnerable wherever we encounter them.
Holy Spirit, strengthen us to live our faith, witnessing to life,
peace and social justice daily wherever we are in Canada.
Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel,
may we be joyful and responsive to our Christian calling,
by truly being Catholic and Living It!
We make this prayer through Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,
who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen*



Manitoba Provincial Theme

“The Seed That Flowers”



“We are all seeds in *Our Common Home* that, with nurturing and encouragement, will bring forth flowers and eventually bear fruit. We are entrusted to nurture and support all CWL members to flower. By offering our struggling members and councils life-giving water and encouragement, we hope our councils will grow strong and rejuvenate with new, younger members into the future.”

Janet Brunger

President

Manitoba Provincial Council



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

I bring you greetings as you gather in convention this year and I pray that the Lord will bless in a special way, all of your deliberations and activities during your Annual Meeting of Members.

I am deeply grateful for your witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in season and out of season. The Church needs your dedication to your faith as we seek to move forward during these challenging times. St. Paul has these encouraging words for us today: *"...continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ."* (1 Tim 3: 14-15)

May God give you courage and an increase of faith.

Yours in Christ,

✠Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

My dear League sisters,

The past two years have been nowhere near normal and will go down in history as years to be remembered for the many challenges you faced. But now you can revel in the fact that things have and continue to change, a return to a more normal life, a more normal way of being a League member. As you gather to celebrate the accomplishments you made happen, please take time to reflect upon the blessing and privilege of being a part of an organization with more than 63,000 members. May the League's core values of faith, service and social justice help you live out the national theme, *Catholic and Living It!*

With the aid of the Gratitude Project postcards, you have shown community members your appreciation for all that they have done and continue to do. As Catholic women, you too have continued to do valuable work in your community. Whether your work within your community was in-person or your actions were more virtual, all this contributes to the mission that you have been called to through your baptism.

Regardless of the way you are gathering for your meeting, the important thing is that you are gathering. It will be a joy to once again have reports shared and accomplishments and challenges discussed. Future plans will be decided, and I look forward to hearing about all of them.

On behalf of the national executive/board, composed of the 11 table officers and the 11 provincial presidents, it is my pleasure to bring greetings to your annual meeting of members on the occasion of Winnipeg Diocesan Council's 101st anniversary. I continue to pray for all members and your diocesan executive as you continue to serve "For God and Canada."

Your sister in the League,

Fran Lucas
National President and Chairperson of International Relations



Manitoba Provincial Council

Winnipeg Diocesan 101st AMM

Greetings from Manitoba Provincial President

To all of my Dear Sisters in the Winnipeg Diocese,

I am deeply honored to bring greetings to you on behalf of Manitoba Provincial Council on this, your 101st Annual Meeting of Members.

As my extended term in office winds down, and with it, our Manitoba Provincial Theme, “*The Seed That Flowers*”, my heart is full. I am indescribably proud of each one of you, for what you have been able to accomplish, despite very trying circumstances. Many of you have undertaken fundraisers, while adhering to provincial restrictions, and with the results of those endeavors, you have supported as many charities as your resources allowed. Others have supported soup kitchens and organizations that assist the homeless and vulnerable. And still others have done knitting and sewing in their own homes, donating their mitts, toques and blankets to those in need. Through it all, you have also reached out to others in your own communities with a phone call, a card, or an email to let them know that you were thinking of them. Indeed, you have planted many seeds; they will surely flower in due time!

And collectively, as Catholic women, let us continue to pray – for each other, for our clergy, for world leaders, and for global peace.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be always at your side!

J. Brunger

Janet Brunger

President

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council



Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Diosdado Parrenas

Dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League:

We have the new theme: *"Catholic And Living It."* This is very appropriate at this time after going through the pandemic for almost two years and counting, and yet we still stand strong and moving forward alive with our Catholic identity and faith.

I found it inspiring to hear St. Peter saying during the Transfiguration of Jesus, *"Lord, it is good for us to be here."* (Mark 9.5). He experienced before his eyes the powerful transformation of the Lord, a foretaste of the future glory of Jesus, an advanced vision of the resurrection of Christ. On the road to Jesus' crucifixion in Jerusalem, that was a moment of grace for Peter, James and John, a needed boost for them before they face the tragic suffering and death of their Master.

In our travels thru this valley of tears, we also have moments of grace to strengthen us, to comfort and inspire us. God gives us these opportunities to cherish the special experiences and hence be able to say, *"Lord, it is good for us to be here."* Indeed, we have the light of the Lord in times of darkness. And it is better to light a tiny candle than to curse the darkness. Facing hopelessness and discontent, doing some good, though insignificant, is worthwhile response, than to complain about the crisis.

Ultimately, our life in the Spirit of Jesus results from the gift of God and our cooperation through compassionate service. Our part is to remove obstacles to growth in the context of our faith community, specifically in our CWL councils. And one of our positive goals is to develop a kindly attitude to our fellow human beings. It is our task to help our sisters and brothers in need.

I believe that the guiding principle for our Catholic Women's League is *"love one another as Jesus loves us."* As well, the fiat of our Lady: *"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word."*

Keep safe and healthy.

God bless.

Fr. Dado Parrenas, Spiritual Advisor

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Winnipeg Diocesan Council Spiritual Advisors

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



PRAYER FOR OUR PRIEST

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Amen.

WINNIPEG DIOCESAN COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

The Catholic Women's League of Canada was organized by Archbishop Sinnott in 1921 as the "Winnipeg District Subdivision". Winnipeg Diocesan Council formed in 1924 and at times overlapped with "Winnipeg District Subdivision". In 1948 "Winnipeg District Subdivision" disbanded. The Winnipeg Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada continues as we know it.

PRESIDENTS OF THE WINNIPEG DISTRICT SUBDIVISION

1921-23	Agnes K. Macneil	1932-34	Margaret R. Quinn
1923-24	Anne F. Kennedy	1934-36	Yvonne M. Smith
1924-25	Florence E. McKenty	1936-37	Jane Scott
1925-26	Janet M. Pilley	1937-39	Yvonne M. Smith
1926-28	Katherine McPike	1939-42	No Winnipeg District Subdivision
1928-29	Jane [Jennie] F. Rice	1942-44	Florence Fabris
1929-30	Annie H. Murphy	1944-46	Elva Sullivan
1930-32	Evangeline Gallagher	1946-48	Vera Reade

PRESIDENTS OF THE WINNIPEG DIOCESAN COUNCIL

1924-26	Evangeline Gallagher	1971-73	Bernadette Russell
1926-28	Annie H. Murphy	1973-75	Katherine Komatich
1928-30	Marcella Carroll	1975-77	Elsie Litwin
1930-32	Jane [Jennie] F. Rice	1977-79	Jean Keating
1932-34	Marguerite Walsh	1979-81	Inge Rau
1934-35	Katherine McPike	1981-83	Mary Bennett
1935-37	Elizabeth McMahan	1983-85	Helen Bembenek
1937-39	Mrs. David O'Meara	1985-87	Betty David
1939-39	Anna M. Latremouille-2mo.	1987-89	Linda Parker
1939-41	Elizabeth Mooney	1989-91	Rita O'Neill
1941-42	Eva Mulvena	1991-93	Yvonne Lewandoski
1942-44	No diocesan council	1993-95	Dr. Rayleen De Luca
1944-46	Margaret R. Quinn	1995-97	Suzanne Kiazzyk
1946-48	Margaret Kelly	1997-99	Bernice Mandzik
1948-49	Elizabeth Pawells	1999-2001	Dolores Blanchard
1949-51	Mary Panero	2001-03	Jeanne Tinsley
1951-54	Margaret Delaney	2003-05	Melba Rous
1954-56	Rhoda Tucker	2005-07	Dina Auriti
1956-58	Mary C. Geraghty	2007-09	Albertine Moran
1958-60	Evelyn Pound	2009-11	Mary-Margaret Patterson
1960-62	Ethel McDonold	2011-13	Janet Brunger
1962-64	Mary Pungente	2013-15	Lea Colbeck
1964-66	Patricia Johnston	2015-17	Con Marks
1966-67	Ethel Barker	2017-19	Rose Anne Seymour
1967-69	Viola Specht	2019-	Pat Ward
1969-71	Kathleen Williams		

Life Members

Faith Anderson	St. Boniface
Susan Bernier	St. Boniface
Dolores Blanchard	Winnipeg
Monica Brechka	St. Boniface
Janet Brunger	Winnipeg
Rolande Chernichan	St. Boniface
Lea Colbeck	Winnipeg
Rayleen De Luca	Winnipeg
Beatrice Gross	Winnipeg
Colleen Holloway	St. Boniface
Suzanne Kiazuk	Winnipeg
Albertine Moran	Winnipeg
Ella Nogier	Keewatin-The Pas
Jacqueline Nogier	Keewatin-The Pas
Linda Parker	Winnipeg
Mary-Margaret Patterson	Winnipeg
Terri Scott	Winnipeg
Margaret Silverthorne	St. Boniface
Jeanne Tinsley	Winnipeg
Barbara Thuen	Military Ordinate



BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD

Dina Auriti	Joyce Ewatski
Alice Belanger	Barbara Hamm
Donna Candelaria	Yvonne Levandoski
Georgina Cielen	Bernice Mandzik
Jacqueline DeCorby	Inge Rau

Deceased Members in 2021

Remember them in your prayers

Emily Bay
Theresa Belanger
Stana Bolf
Lita Cabanal
Irene Cunningham
Victoria Dolenuk
Margaret Downey
Alice Edwards
Theresa Gonty
Jean Green
Laurie Gustafson
Magdalena Jularbal
Anna Kacinec
Sylvia Kuharski
Susan McEwen
Consuelo A. Mendoza



Joan Miller
Janina Multan
Jadwiga Ostrowski
Michelle Petit
Mariann Pietracci
Ruby Plischke
Janina Ploski
Cathy Prettie
Josephine Sohor
Jennie Sorokowski
Genevieve Swerhone
Valerie Taylor
Lenor Tucker
Eleanor Wandowich
Anna Wegrzyn

Loving God, You promised fullness of joy to those who seek Your face.

*Trusting in Your Word, we pray to You for our sisters
who sought to further Your reign on earth by their service in
the Catholic Women's League "For God and Canada."*

*Though we are saddened that they are no longer with us,
we entrust them to You with confidence.*

May they now live in peace, joy and happiness.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who is God. Amen

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
WINNIPEG DIOCESAN COUNCIL
101st Annual Meeting of Members/Convention
Friday, April 29th, 2022**

AGENDA

Friday, April 29th, 2022 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1. Call meeting to order
2. Treaty Acknowledgement
3. Housekeeping on Zoom
4. Housekeeping in person
5. Opening Prayer
6. Spiritual Program
7. Roll Call – answer “Present”
8. Greetings – Janet Brunger, Mb Provincial President
9. Credential Report
10. Adoption of:
 - a) Agenda
 - b) Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure/ Standing Rules of Order
 - c) Treasurer's Audited Financial Report for 2021
11. Approval of: Winnipeg Diocesan Council Minutes of May 15th, 2021
12. Instructed Vote
13. Lunch Break
14. Reports: Parish Presidents
15. Diocesan Executive Reports
16. Legislation Chair – Arlene Elves to report Resolution received for 2022
17. Other Business and Announcements - Presentation of 100th Anniversary,
Convention 2023 – Sacred Heart Council, Virden
18. President's Message
19. Closing Prayer
20. Adjournment
 - **** Elections
 - **** Mass for the Installation of Officers

The minutes and agenda have been removed as they are only pertinent to Winnipeg Diocesan Council. The minutes are available upon request. Should you personally wish to receive the minutes, please contact the Winnipeg Diocesan Council President.

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He **Will**



Winnipeg Diocesan Council Executive 2019-2022

(Due to the Pandemic, executive terms were extended to 3 years.)

Spiritual Advisor	Rev. Diosdado Parrenas
President	Pat Ward
President Elect	Chris Carlyle
1 st Vice President	vacant
2 nd Vice President	Carol MacKenzie-Gruber
Treasurer	Bev Struch
Recording Secretary	Jo-Anne Souyri
Corresponding Secretary	Jo-Anne Souyri
Past President	Rose Anne Seymour

Chairpersons of Standing Committees

Spiritual Development	Angela Zalevich
Organization	Chris Carlyle
Christian Family Life	Carol MacKenzie-Gruber
Community Life	Donna Huck
Education & Health	Claudette Peters
Communications	Eva Arsenault
Resolutions	Colleen Zaluski
Legislation	Arlene Elves



Winnipeg Diocesan Councils – 2021

W-001	Sacred Heart	Melita
W-003	Holy Ghost	Winnipeg
W-007	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Winnipeg
W-009	Our Lady of Victory	Winnipeg
W-010	Notre Dame	Selkirk
W-011	Sacred Heart	Virden
W-013	St. Antoninus	Delorane
W-014	St. Anthony of Padua	Winnipeg
W-015	St. Augustine of Canterbury	Brandon
W-016	Our Lady of Lourdes	Winnipeg
W-017	St. Columba	Swan River
W-018	St. Edward the Confessor	Winnipeg
W-019	St. James Assiniboia	Winnipeg
W-023	St. John Brebeuf	Winnipeg
W-024	St. John Cantius	Winnipeg
W-028	St. Mary's Cathedral	Winnipeg
W-029	St. Joseph's	Winnipeg
W-030	St. Joseph the Worker	Russell
W-032	St. Theresa's	Middlechurch
W-033	St. Michael's	Gimli
W-034	St. Peter's	Winnipeg
W-035	St. Vital	Winnipeg
W-038	St. Viator's	Dauphin
W-041	St. Dominic's	Neepawa
W-042	Good Shepherd	Portage la Prairie
W-043	Sacred Heart	Roblin
W-044	St. Gianna Baretta Molla	Winnipeg

*“Alone we can do so little;
Together we can do so much.”*

Helen Keller

Winnipeg Diocesan Executive Reports



Pat Ward – President Winnipeg Diocese

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Number of councils reporting 16 out of 27 = 59%

INFORM THE MEMBERSHIP

The Canadian League magazine remains the highest source of information as 88 percent of presidents reported it in the main source of being informed. Technology (the internet) seems to be our method of communication as our reports shows 81% of our League presidents use the national website and the national communiques as their resource. Using the national website gives us access to a multitude of resources and quick links to current news of our League. The parish bulletin is the way in communicating the activities of the league within each parish and is a means of reaching out to possible new members. Members kept in touch with each other by phone and email during the restrictions of the pandemic demonstrating their unity even during diversity.

The list of national priorities that councils continue to act upon were “Care for Our Common Home” (50%); Bill C-7 “*An Act to amend the Criminal Code*” (medical assistance in dying) at 50% and, Rights of the pre-born under the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child (25%). The methods used, when possible, were discussed at a meeting and wrote about in newsletters, bulletins, or by mail.

FOSTER OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

The survey indicates minimal communications with their Spiritual Advisor which is understandable during the restrictions we have endured. Councils had indicated a high percentage (94%) of their Spiritual Advisors were supportive of the CWL. Some offer a Mass just before their CWL meetings and attended their meetings.

PRESIDE AT MEETINGS

The Constitution & Bylaws, along with the council policy and procedures manual and the Executive Handbook are the main resources used by the Presidents as guides to run their respective meetings. Robert’s Rules of Order is another go to resource for Presidents. It was also mentioned that the National website workshops and current CWL updates were useful. Most meetings were held online using Zoom.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

As stated in your reports, the most common signed documents are cheques (88%); banking documents (75%); letters directed within the CWL (69%); letters directed outside of the CWL (44%) and petitions (13%) consecutive

PROVIDE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP

Councils continue to do more online communicating with members through online (ZOOM) meetings, Webinars, and other media tools. This was the way to present many activities such as meetings, workshops, World Day of Prayer, and the list goes on.

KEEP INFORMED

The Presidents were asked if they had read the Executive Handbook and understood the duties of their executive team, 75% answered yes and 25% answered no. The Executive Handbook was used 100% in assisting Presidents in the responsibility of overseeing the operations of the Council. Only 50% of the councils provided an annual summary of the council's activities. The methods used to provide the annual summary was reported to be by newsletters (75%); e-mail (63%); oral report (63%); written report (50%) and the parish bulletin (25%).

ADVISORY CAPACITY

At these following committees, the president shall be an advisory member of all committees except the nominations and elections committee.

Committees, other than CWL standing committees, within councils the replies consecutively were scholarship or bursary (44%); funeral lunches (44%); fundraising (31%); teas, bazaars, etc. (19%) social events (13%) and catering (13%).

OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON

In most councils the president did not speak on behalf of councils due to Covid-19. Presidents did encourage communications with other CWL members. Out of the numbers reporting, 75% of the councils use letterhead when corresponding.

COMMUNICATION SATISFACTION SURVEY

Most presidents reported that they were usually satisfied with their communications as listed,
(National council) Usually 47% and Always 33%
(Provincial council) Usually 40% and Always 40%
(Diocesan council) Usually 45% and Always 47%

Most presidents were satisfied with the communication their parish council received from
(National council) Usually 40% and Always 27%
(Provincial council) Usually 33% and Always 40%
(Diocesan council) Usually 36% and Always 43%

Listed below are the responses do you find the Communication clear and concise from
(National council) Usually 67% and Always 20%
(Provincial Council) Usually 73% and Always 20%
(Diocesan Council) Usually 67% and Always 20%

The response on how often you receive duplicate communications National, Provincial, Diocesan and/or Regional Councils were, sometimes 31%; occasionally 25%, never 25%, usually 15%

When you receive communications from another level (national, provincial, diocesan, regional that invites/requests participation, do you have enough time to do so?

Sometimes 44%, occasionally 31%, usually 25%

SUMMARY

In the role of parish president, the greatest assistance came from diocesan president (63%); immediate past president (56%); current executive (56%); former past presidents (50%); treasurer (44%); secretary (31%); life member (25%); provincial president (25%); personal mentor (6%) consecutively.

The three main greatest challenges that a presidents faced in transitioning into her role were keeping members interested, not having a full slate of officers, recruiting new members, and at times feeling overwhelmed with the amount of paperwork. The number of emails. Concerns due to COVID, inability to hold regular meetings and keeping members engaged and interested. Eighty-one percent agreed it was beneficial to have a national theme and/or logo through which one can focus their council activities towards. Only 44% liked the change of theme with each new national president.

Presidents comments on what they were most proud of : continuing the tradition of offering two \$500.00 bursaries, continuing charitable commitments, members who truly value and support the purpose of CWL, hosting World Day of Prayer via Zoom with 55 participants, friendship and working together.

Challenges were: recruiting new members, recruitment to leadership roles, keeping councils going as membership is not increasing, keeping members interested and attending meetings, and feeling detached from the council membership when no meetings or gathering was held.

Comments on the Snap Survey were: needs to be more user friendly, too many questions, technology, time and energy it takes when reports are not needed annually, too little to report when no meetings held, and members felt there was little acknowledgement of the stress for councils during the pandemic or effort to amend the survey.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge that in 2021 the Winnipeg Diocesan Council celebrated our 100th Anniversary. Although celebrations in person could not be held, we were able to compile our Winnipeg Diocesan Council 100th Year Convention Book and had a committee put together the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

Thanks, National for “keeping us all together” by offering events by Zoom.”

Thank you to all CWL Parish Councils. I was pleased to see that 59% of President’s completed their online Annual Report provided by National. You are strong within the league and continue to keep up your good works.





Bev Struch – Treasurer

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Number of Councils reporting: 16 out of 27 = 59%

MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RECORDS

All councils track funds using their bank statements, deposit books and either a ledger or computer-generated spread sheet. All but one council use computer results of bank deposits and debits. Receipt books are kept by slightly less than half of the councils.

LEAGUE MONIES

All league money is received by the treasurer and outstanding accounts are paid as needed by all councils. Council membership fees range from \$20 to \$30 per year with the majority being \$25.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Each council with the exception of one has two signatories required for signing any official documents regarding the assets of the council i.e. cheques, signing approval by the bank. These two signatories are the treasurer and most often the council president.

ANNUAL BUDGET

Slightly more than half of the councils prepare and monitor an annual budget.

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

All councils reported that a financial report is given orally and is also recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Items regarding expenditures and revenues are noted.

56% of the councils prepare an annual audited financial statement.

SUMMARY

Due to COVID all councils reported the absence of regular fundraising events thus standard donations which were regularly given needed to be downscaled because of low council funds available. Despite this many councils encouraged their members to donate as individuals to the organizations the council previously supported. A difficulty faced by one council is the lack of computer skills of the treasurer thus making tracking finances online difficult however in this situation the council president helps to maintain bank records

The financial statement has been removed as it is only pertinent to Winnipeg Diocesan Council. Should you have any questions contact Winnipeg Diocesan Council President.



**Angela Zalevich -
Spiritual Development Standing Committee**

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Number of Councils reporting 17 out of 27 (63%)

The Spiritual Development Standing Committee chair was filled most of the time. About half of the chairpersons were elected with the remaining appointed. Many councils were unable to meet due to covid.

NATIONAL THEME

Some of the activities in relation to the national theme, Care for Our Common Home were by prayers, communications and one council planted a lilac bush on church grounds in honour of national theme. Also, through the League magazine, provincial and diocesan communiques. Members were encouraged to take note of the Holy Father's ideas in relation to the theme.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MEMBERS

A percentage of 59% has one third of the business meeting on spiritual growth programs and activities of members. Many members read spiritual books, studied the Bible and prayed the Liturgy of the Hours. The types of liturgies and programs include prayers for deceased members, Prayer for the Faithful, Lectio Divina, 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, prayer at beginning of meetings and some members were able to lead the rosary before Mass. With the pandemic restrictions some were lectors or minsters. Members did online retreats and Lenten services. World Day of Prayers service and a service of Feast of Our Lady of Good Council was held via Zoom. The Spiritual Advisors attended meetings most of the time adding to the spiritual growth of members in their talks to the members. Due to pandemic restrictions CWL National Faith Day on September 19th councils were not able to celebrate

STUDY OF THE CATHOLIC TEACHING

Most councils did not study Catholic Teachings and no council studied Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*

ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

With the many restrictions in 2021, the role of women in the church changed. The majority attend Mass via Zoom. Members remain on committees such as parish pastoral council, parish finance committees, diocesan council committees and parish committee chairpersons. Other committees are, Catechists, marriage prep, cemetery committee, choir members, hospitality, Lectors, eucharistic Ministers, Money Counters, Ushers and RCIA.

EVANGELIZATION AND MISSION ASSISTANCE

CWL Councils support Catholic Missions in Canada through prayers and monetary donations. A list of other missions in Canada that Councils supports are Seminary Fund, Archbishops Mission Fund, ESKI-OMI, and Kee-Pas Missions. Two councils participated in the CWL Day of Prayer for Home Missions on October 1.

LAY MINISTERIES

A percentage of 41% members have not been able to participate due to the restrictions. The areas that were personally participated in during this year were lectors (29%); hospitality (24%); choir/music (12%); decorating (12%); Eucharistic minister (12%); sacristan (6%) and usher (7%).

ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH ENDEAVOURS

Out of the 17 councils reporting 77% reached out to women of other denominations by inviting women to council meetings, inviting women to social events, joint speakers, fellowship of the Least Coin, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January, Women’s Inter-church Council of Canada, World Day of Prayer – March, WUCWO Day – May.

Many councils-65%- actively participated in World Day of Prayer with other denominations but did not promote awareness in interfaith groups such as Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Indigenous and Hindu. Few councils participated in Week of Prayer for Christian Unity most likely due to restrictions at the time. Council also commented that they would be looking at ways to connect with Indigenous once covid passes.

SUMMARY

Recommendations for this position were increased mentorship and a better awareness of resources and programs. Members suggested retreats and workshops on “How to Pray” would be helpful.

Members found information about “Walking Together Towards Reconciliation and Healing between the church and Indigenous peoples from the Catholic Bishops. Also, Information from the CWL website and creation posters/prayers.

The most note worthy success was surviving the pandemic with few meetings in person, use of Zoom and staying in contact with members.





**JoAnne Souyri –
Recording and Corresponding Secretary**

January 1 to December 31, 2021

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

RECORD MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

All reporting councils take the minutes at the meetings and about half of them are the recording secretary and the other half are both recording and correspondence secretary. Of these about half were elected and a little less than half were appointed. One council reported the positions vacant.

RETAIN MINUTES AS A PERMANENT RECORD

Almost all secretaries retain the minutes of meetings and conventions as a permanent record for their council.

BE A SIGNING OFFICER FOR ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Out of the councils reporting, 12 councils reported that the recording secretary was a signing officer and the other 3 councils said they were not.

Almost all the councils know where the council charter is located and they also maintain a list of the executive with their contact information. About three quarters of the reporting councils that a motion books. The remainder do not.

BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTS AS REQUIRED AND HAVE A COPY OF THE HANDBOOK

Most are responsible for the reports as required. Of the reporting councils about half have a copy of the Handbook, about one quarter do not have a copy and the rest do not know.

SATISFACTION WITH COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL/PROVINCIAL/DIOCESAN/REGIONAL

Ten councils are usually satisfied, but only 2 are always satisfied, 2 are never satisfied and 1 council is sometimes satisfied with communication from National. More than half are usually satisfied, but only about 1 percent are always and never satisfied and less than 1 percent are sometimes or occasionally satisfied with Provincial correspondence. More than half of the councils are satisfied with the communication received from Diocesan Council. About half of the councils reporting are satisfied with the communications from Regional Council.

RELEVANCE OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

Less than half reported that they usually find the Communications from National as relevant. A little less than a quarter of the councils always find the communications from Provincial as relevant and a quarter of the remaining councils always find the communications relevant.

Exactly half of the reporting council usually find the communications from the Diocesan council relevant and about one

quarter always find the communications relevant. Half of the councils never find the Regional Council relevant and about one quarter sometimes find the communication relevant.

CLEAR AND CONCISE COMMUNICATION

About three quarters of the councils usually find the communications clear and concise from all levels. Less than a quarter of the councils find the communications always clear and concise.

DUPLICATE COMMUNICATIONS

Almost half reported that they occasionally receive duplicate communications and more than one quarter never receive duplicates.

TIME SENSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED LATE

Almost half if the reporting councils reported that it occurs occasionally and one quarter reported that it usually occurs.

OTHER TASKS AS SECRETARY

Only two councils reported and this is what they said. She reported that all communications are sent to the President and then forwarded to the Executive. The only Secretary Handbook she has is a duo tang folder from 2004. She receives an occasional memo to remind the secretary and other executive duties.

The other reported that the President prepares the agenda (and makes copies for those at meeting). After the meeting, the President emails the agenda so that she can copy and paste and fill in the information (saves a lot of typing). President includes any website/names so they can be inserted correctly. The minutes are then prepared and emailed back to the President for proofreading. The President ensures there are copies for those present at the meeting and emails the minutes to those not in attendance.

CHALLENGES AS SECRETARY IN 2021

The COVID pandemic was by far the biggest challenge in 2021. Meetings were held by Zoom and keeping the members connected through the church bulletin, newsletters and well-being phone calls were difficult. One council reported that the Instructed Vote was the biggest challenge but their President ensured that she contacted everyone who was not at the instructed vote meeting and explained it all to them. As COVID continued to play a huge part in our lives, it was impossible to hold in-person general meetings. The executive meet monthly via Zoom and the minutes were recorded and circulated to the executive. Chairperson's reports were sent to the general membership as requested. Many members miss the interaction that they so enjoyed pre-COVID. One council reported that they had no challenges but the general message from all others was communicating during COVID.





**Chris Carlyle –
Organization Standing Committee**

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Parish Council Reports: 15 of 27 councils = 55.5%

RECRUIT MEMBERS AND MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP

As we work to increase membership in the CWL, diversity becomes an important focus. Council ethnic demographics were reported in the following order of frequency: unknown, North American, European, Asian and infrequently as Indigenous, Caribbean, Latin American, or African. Members of visible minority are identified but constituted a small portion of the membership. Councils reported the general membership also did not reflect the parish or community. The age demographics in the councils did not reflect the community either. There are very few members under the age of 35 years. This becomes an opportunity to personally invite younger women and women of ethnic origins to join the ranks of CWL. They bring energy, diversity, and experience to aging councils. Generally, 20% to 30% of membership continue to be active in fundraising, attending meetings and social events. A greater percentage of members attend in spiritual events. These events are most frequently communicated via parish bulletins, emails and phone calls.

Members are honoured in councils by presenting certificates, and service pins. Of councils reporting, 17% presented Maple Leaf Pins. Few recognition events were held this year due to restrictions.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Organization chair was filled in over half of the councils reporting. Many of the members holding the position have held it in the past. Often the Organization chair is not the President Elect which does not promote the mentorship for future presidents.

The new *Executive Orientation* was introduced in spring of 2021 but the vast majority of councils have not accessed it. Training opportunities in a group setting have not been available due to health regulations. Councils did try to plan for the future by asking and receiving input from members on goals and plans. Approximately half of the respondents report executive members at the parish level also hold positions or are active at the diocesan and provincial levels. Executive positions in the parish councils were filled by election and appointments. Some positions remained vacant with the executive members sharing the duties.

LEAGUE RESOURCE MATERIAL

There are many new resources found on the nation CWL website at <https://cwl.ca>. The tool *Embracing Diversity: Tools for Council Use* was introduced in July 2021. Half of the councils are aware of the information but the majority of councils have not downloaded it or utilized it at this time. Most councils are aware of the *Welcome Program* introduced in late 2020 but the majority

have not utilized it due to few meetings and events held in the last year. As reported above, the new Executive Orientation has also not been used frequently, due to group gathering restrictions. Members are encouraged to check out the website and become familiar with the layout and contents on a regular basis so when we can start hosting meetings and gather executive members will be ready to share information with their members.

ANNUAL REPORTS

When completing annual reports most chairpersons utilized guidelines. Generally, it was felt the shorter version of the annual report captured the duties of the chair adequately. There were fewer calls for troubleshooting than in previous years possibly indicating an increased comfort with online reporting. The Winnipeg Diocese general response rate in report completion, increased this year to 55.5% from a previous 54.3% in 2020.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Members are the experts and are a very valuable resource for councils. Most councils recognize this and have taken opportunities to ask for guidance and assistance from the Life Members.

SUMMARY

2021 has been another year of challenges faced by all councils and yet councils have persevered! Computer/internet access and comfort with technology continues to challenge some. Dedicated members are working hard to maintain membership levels in spite of not being able to gather. Our sisters of the League are missing the social and spiritual support, the sisterhood found in a group setting. There are many resources available on the national website. All of the recently introduced programs and posters have been highlighted in the diocesan executive reports emailed to all councils. These programs and posters are available to be downloaded from your computer or ordered from the national office. Hopefully, in the near future, we will again enjoy each other's company face to face and use these resources to inform our members and regain the sense of sisterhood, hugs included!





**Carol MacKenzie-Gruber –
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Number of councils reporting: 16 out of 27 = 59%

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

One of the questions asked this year was in regards to whether or not any councils had planned any events to recognize the ‘Year of **Amoris Laetitia** Family’ proclaimed by Pope Francis to run from March 19, 2021-June 26, 2022. None of the 16 reporting councils had done so. Two of 16 reporting councils, not necessarily the same 2, had promoted marriage preparation courses, programs for families and programs/resources from the CCCB. Some councils made monetary or material donations to facilities or programs which function to support families in need, and participated in the virtual events organized by the Tri-Diocesan Committee’s National Week for Life and the Family events this past year. Several councils reported that the pandemic had restricted their participation in any events to promote marriage and family life.

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Four of 16 reporting councils hold membership in a local pro-life organization. Perhaps there is no local pro-life organization near some of the rural councils which could account for the low numbers. Some councils were able to participate in activities such as a pro-life walk, Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, March for Life. Twelve of the 16 reporting councils made monetary or material donations to organizations that advocate for the sanctity of life. Three councils have given their members a copy of the current pro-life brochure from National and made them available in the parish.

MINISTRY TO: youth, disabled, seniors, widowed, separated and divorced

Ministry to Youth: One of the questions this year concerned promotion of the 2023 World Youth Day in the parish. No council has undertaken this at this point in time. Three councils have participated in programs for young people in the parish and two sponsored youth events or youth ministers. Many councils have given bursaries to graduates, gifts to First Communicants and Confirmands, financially supported youth attending NET, CCO and catechism programs

Ministry to Disabled: Three of 16 reporting councils supported support groups or respite for caregivers. Unfortunately, there was no comment on how they may have provided respite, whether formally or informally. The most common ways (12/16) that council members have reached out to the disabled were through calls or visitations, bringing communion, providing transportation, sending cards. Five of 16 reporting councils supported organizations that reach out to the disabled through monetary or material donations

Ministry to Seniors: Fifteen of 16 reporting councils have supported seniors in some fashion. The most common ways were calls/visits (13), transportation and cards (11), communion, CWL events (8).

Ministry to Widows/Widowers: Eleven of 16 reporting councils have supported widows/widowers in their community, mostly through cards of condolence (10), prayer and support after the death of the spouse (8).

Ministry to Separated and Divorced: Our ministry to separated and divorced this past year was minimal, likely due to the pandemic. One council made the new CWL brochure “Annulments Today-Merciful and Just” available to the parish. Other supports included sending newsletters, cards, gardening help, and ‘making sure the involved annulments have the correct information’. This is a direct quote, but I do not know what it means in practice.

VOCATIONS

All sixteen reporting councils did something to promote religious vocations. The most common ways were through prayer (8), adoption or support of seminarians (6), inviting priests/religious to their home (4), hosting luncheons (4), and spiritual bouquets (3). Other ways to support vocations were through promoting the Daughter of Mercy prayer calendar, and donations to the seminarian fund

SUMMARY

We are now two full years into the pandemic. This pandemic has severely impacted our ability to gather together, to communicate with one another, to carry out the type of service that the members of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada are known for, and to celebrate the milestones that many of our councils attained during the pandemic. Thank you for all the ways you have continued to reach out to your parishes, your community and the world at large. Thank you for being you, for living your faith. Thank you for living The League



**Eva Arsenault -
Communications Standing Committee**

January 1 to December 31,2021

Number of councils reporting 15 out of 27 = 54%

THE CANADIAN LEAGUE MAGAZINE

The Canadian League magazine delivers great content to its readers. It is valued for keeping our members connected, especially the ones who are unable to attend our meetings. One CWL member commented that she, “respects all the time and love put into preparing the articles that appear in every League magazine.”

The articles in the League magazine are varied and informative. The ones which most resonated with our members were: Caring for Our Common Home, The Gift of a Sabbath /The Gift of Rest, Action in the Time of COVID-19, Mary’s Meals: Simple Solution to World Hunger and Experiencing Holy Moments.

Over half of the councils use the League magazine to follow the progress of the Strategic Plan and share this information with their members.

We have been advised, because of the rising costs of printing and mailing, our magazine will have one of the three issues available online only. However, there will be a full colour version available on the cwl.ca website as well as a black and white version for printing.

MEDIA: for evangelization: to promote the League; evaluation and promotion of good content and newsletters and bulletins

Our members are becoming more aware of the National website and more comfortable using social media. Over 60% of councils have encouraged members to visit the CWL on Facebook and Twitter and 80% have recommended members use cwl.ca for current information. One member stated, “The President looks at the website daily and she shares info with the members as necessary. The President finds it informative and helpful to her when preparing the agenda when we do have meetings”.

Over half the councils produce newsletters to share relevant and valuable information with their members. The newsletters are distributed by e-mail and mail. Most councils don’t work with local media but a few submit articles for publication and advertise with them.

Councils report using a combination of old and new technology. The vast majority of councils use e-mail to send meeting agendas and minutes and continue to organize telephone committees to invite members to events.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Word Television Network, Vision TV, canadiandailymass.com, the Catholic Register, Mass for Shut Ins, and Salt and Light TV. Council’s activities and events are usually promoted using church bulletins, telephone committees, church bulletin boards and email. Less commonly used are local newspapers and parish websites. There were three councils who submitted items to On the Spot - which is found on the CWL National website.

PORNOGRAPHY

Most councils recommend that members educate themselves and their families regarding safe, wise and responsible Internet use. A third of our councils reported that their members read newspaper articles about the influence pornography has on children and adults.

A number of councils requested that the federal government enact laws requiring mechanisms to prevent minors from accessing pornography. Some councils encouraged federal government to continue supporting development of tools to protect children against offensive content on the Internet.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Over half of councils are aware of the Strategic Planning monthly updates on the national website and share this information with their members.

SUMMARY

There are many reasons why it is difficult for CWL members to stay informed and connected during this COVID-19 pandemic. While meeting people face-to-face is important, it might not be possible - but 'where there is a will, we will find a way'. One member tells how her council stays connected to their members. "We continue to produce four newsletters a year which are emailed or mailed to every member. We mail a sympathy card to bereaved members and send a get-well card to ailing members. We send cards and phone our prayer pals on special occasions. We meet on zoom twice a month for executive and monthly meetings."

As a sisterhood, maintaining a bond and communicating with one another is one of the most important things we can do during the pandemic.



Donna Huck- Community Life Standing Committee

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Council Reports: 15 Councils out of 27 (56%)

I would like to begin by thanking all the councils that took the time to complete and send their reports. Of the 15 councils reporting, 8 had a committee chairperson, of these 8, 4 were elected and 4 were appointed. The vast majority of our members have been members for over 20 years and all of our members are over the age of 55.

DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF PERSON

A little more than half of those reporting are familiar with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Councils have supported those incarcerated, those dealing with domestic violence and human trafficking by making donations. One council did host a workshop on Human Trafficking. We have also supported the homeless and those living in poverty through donations and

volunteering to help. Many councils have become more aware of the struggles of indigenous women.

One council sent an email to inform members about marking February 22 as Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day. No councils participated in the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking on February 8th, 2021. No councils read or reviewed the 2018 Human Trafficking Consultation report released in January 14, 2020 *Building a Safe and Resilient Canada*.

One council continued to monitor the Summer Jobs Application form to see if community organizations are supported.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Councils supported many organizations through prayer, financial donations and volunteering. Some of these organizations assist with affordable housing, anti poverty campaigns, school programs, clothing drives, drop-in centres, emergency shelters for homeless and victims of abuse, employment skills, food banks, soup kitchens, food hampers, aid to single parents, restorative justice, violence prevention and wish foundations.

Donations were also made to organizations and facilities that support indigenous peoples. Some of these are Rossburn House, Chez Nous, Northern Missions, MC sisters, Swan River Crises centre and Ikwe-Widdjittwin.

Emails were sent and a bulletin announcement by one council to remind members about the June 21, 2021 National Indigenous People's Day. 2 councils marked the September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation by email, bulletin announcement and attending a community activity. 6 councils participated in wearing orange on September 30 to support those impacted by the residential school system.

No councils participated in prison ministries or restorative justice programs.

2 councils supported the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

No councils planned services for September 21 – the CWL Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land which coincided with the International Day of Peace.

REFUGEES, IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

One council informed members of Canada's immigration and refugee policies. Most councils are aware of the needs of immigrants and refugees in their communities. They also feel they have a good knowledge of services for immigrants such as employment, language courses, housing and food, country of origin and how many immigrants and refugees are in their community.

About half of the councils who reported, know the difference between a temporary foreign worker, an immigrant and a refugee.

No councils participated in citizenship ceremonies but many did participate in Remembrance Day services and poppy campaigns. About 1/3 of the reporting councils wear red on Fridays to support our troops.

No councils have been monitoring Resolution 2016.01 Equal Access to Permanent Resident Status

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE {CCODP}

Two thirds of the reporting councils are aware of the 1% program for CCODP but only 2 councils donated to this program this year.

Some councils had individuals who donated to Mary's Meals and some plan to bring this to their councils when they begin meeting again.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Some councils are aware of: Conditions of child Labour in developing countries, the impact of trade laws, the economic difficulties in developing countries. They criticized structures that put profits before people but no councils had guest speakers from developing countries.

Councils made donations to Save a Family Plan, Chalice, Buy a Net, Doctors without Borders, Holy Childhood Association and Pennies for the Poor.

SUMMARY

Ongoing concerns for councils continue to be: the number of members attending meetings, recruiting new members and convincing members to take leadership roles. We all look forward to being able to meet again and hope that our members will return.



Claudette Peters- Education and Health Standing Committee

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Number of councils reporting 15 out of 27 = 55%

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Schools and Catechesis: Approximately two thirds of the respondents are informed about the quality of religious instruction and have enquired about how they can support the program. Three quarters have encouraged parents to participate in their children's education and activities. This is a big improvement from last year. More than half of councils have identified needs they can meet in the Catholic school. These include scholarships or bursaries, extracurricular activities, school supplies etc.

Initiation: There has been a substantial increase in councils becoming involved in Rites of Christian Initiation. This includes one member being a RCIA contact, one being the Catechism coordinator and other members involved in the Good Shepherd Program.

LITERACY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The majority of councils encouraged members to assist those who wished to improve their literacy. Again, this was an improvement from last year. Most councils do not have a list of Catholic universities or colleges in the diocese.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Scholarships and bursaries are available. Less than half of councils have a list of scholarships or bursaries that can be accessed by Catholic women to further their education. Close to half of the councils provide a bursary or scholarship to students. The recipients include Catholic women furthering their education and elementary/high school students. One council reported they created an annual CWL Community award at their local Catholic School, who exemplifies their Catholic faith through interest and work towards social justice in their community. A small percentage of councils have ordered or downloaded, from the national website, the newly revised bursary certificate. A small percentage of councils promoted the National Bursary fund utilizing the new brochure. No members have ever made application to this fund. 60% of councils have contributed to the Coady International Institute this year.

WELLNESS AND SICKNESS/DISEASE

A small number of councils participated in the CWL Mental health postcard campaign. A third of the councils were not aware of the campaign. A large percentage did not support national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians. Some of the organizations the were supported were Canadian Cancer society, Heart and Stroke foundation, MaterCare International etc.

Less than half of the councils report members donating blood using the CWL partner ID. The number of donations that we have committed to nationally are 200. We did not meet this goal last year. Due to Covid-19 the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care was organized by asking each member to pray for one hour for a total of 12 hours, over half of the councils organized this. There is a Palliative Care Postcard that had an increase in use. There is a new toolkit available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website. It is titled, **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care** and can be found under Key Issues, Suffering and End of Life. Advanced Care planning was provided by 13%. A small percentage provided information on ERIK, the emergency response kit available in Manitoba.

ENVIRONMENT

Participation in the Care for Our Common Home was done by close to half of the councils. Some of the initiatives were plastic bag and waste clean up, eliminating the use of plastic bags and straws and reducing garbage. Close to half of councils planted a tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the league. Covid made it difficult to include numerous members in the planting. No council celebrated the UN World Water Day on March 22 or participate or plan activities for Earth Day on April 22. It has been difficult for councils to communicate and participate in activities due to Covid. Some environmental issues that councils addressed during the year are recycling, reducing the use of Styrofoam cups, eliminating plastic water bottles and several others.

GENETICS

Half of the councils rated their knowledge as good regarding the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic church. The input into improving their knowledge was, to discuss when meetings resume and obtain more knowledge. A future action goal can be to have a presentation on Bioethics.

SUMMARY

Approximately half of the councils participated in the online survey. Approximately half of the councils report this position filled. 60% of the chairpersons were new to this position. All were a member for greater than 6 years. Councils reported difficulty in having meetings due to ongoing Covid-19. Very few meetings with limited attendance were reported. There was telephone, text, email support and prayers offered for members and their loved ones. The continuing diligence to uphold our 3 pillars of Faith, Service and Social justice during this last year is praiseworthy



**Arlene Elves-
Legislation**

January to December 31, 2021

Number of councils reporting 15 out of 27 = 55.5%

MONITOR AND STUDY LEGISLATION AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Of the 15 councils that responded only 6 had chairpersons, and only 6 responded to the first half of the survey, up to and including question 11. Using a variety of sources, about half of the survey respondents felt that they were well informed of issues at the federal and provincial levels of government, but only 34% felt well informed at the municipal level. At the federal level, most councils were quite knowledgeable of Bill C-7 medical assistance in dying (53%) and had some knowledge of Bill C-233 sex selection abortion (73%), and Bill C-268 intimidation of health care professionals (67%). The only other bill monitored by 2 councils was Bill C-4 conversion therapy. Provincially, one council is following Bill 203 The Abortion Protest Buffer Zone Act and the other is monitoring compensation for fire fighters and paramedics.

Lack of a chairperson to bring focus to legislation and inability to meet face to face to discuss issues were the main challenges sited by councils.

PREPARATION OF BRIEFS AND POSITION PAPERS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

There was no question specifically asked concerning briefs and position papers in this annual report survey and there was no mention of any prepared by the respondents. No public forums were attended. Only one council used the "Faith in Action" legislation workshop. Five councils stated lack of interest was the problem; another 5 plan to use it next year; four responded that they didn't receive it from diocesan/provincial.



Colleen Zaluski- Resolutions Standing Committee

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Council Reports: 13 out of 27= 48%

[Report was completed by Arlene Elves. Colleen moved on to new challenges January 1, 2021]



RESEARCH AND PREPARATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND BRIEFS

Of the 13 councils that completed the survey, only 2 had a resolutions chairperson. Lack of a chairperson was the biggest challenge for most councils (77%). Without a chairperson to lead, interest waned. No resolutions were developed and therefore the Resolutions Supplement or Resolutions Guide was not used. Communiques were found to be quite helpful in keeping members up to date on new resolutions. About half the respondents felt that annual or oral reports were also helpful.

STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY OTHER LEVELS

All councils responded that they had not studied or considered issues that might become a resolution and did not begin research and development of a resolution during 2021. One council responded that its members were particularly passionate about the issue of euthanasia/assisted dying and another council chose the issue of palliative care. Only 2 councils responded to this question.

Eighty-five percent of councils answered that they have not become familiar with resolutions that require action as listed on the cwl.ca website. Some councils (3) have supported resolutions by sending letters to the federal or provincial governments; one council wrote expressing concerns about the expansion of MAID; one council signed petitions.

Only 2 councils contacted local government representatives. Most contact was with the provincial or federal government representatives, either by email, letter, or phone. One person reported contacting the Diocesan Resolutions Chairperson for a list of past resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO GOVERNMENT AT PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS

No resolutions were presented



**Rose Anne Seymour-
Past President**

January 1 to December 31, 2021

Number of councils reporting: 14 out of 27 = 52%

SERVE IN A CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY

The first section of the survey touched on if the position of past-president is filled and over 90% of the respondents said it was. The majority of members have served the CWL for over 25 years and the majority have held this position previously. Around 40% are over the age of 65.

Past Presidents attended executive and general meetings, social events and spiritual events on a regular basis. It was sad to see that a small minority of past presidents were called upon for advice monthly. And even at three times per month, the numbers were low. About 23% never called upon the past-president for advice. But on a positive side, a large majority of respondents said their president felt supported and encouraged by past president's help.

RESPONSIBLE FOR ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The majority of past-presidents were responsible for council archives and had them stored in the CWL room, cupboard or filing cabinet in the church. Almost 100% knew where their council charter was located. This is a piece of council history and should be of high importance to each council. Photo albums and filing cabinets were the top two methods of storage used by the councils. Only half of the respondents said they kept their annual reports indefinitely while 21% said one to four years. Books of life were kept indefinitely while a really small group did not keep them. It was nice to see that deceased members' histories, which contribute to the councils' histories, are kept also indefinitely. Financial information, lists of past executives, membership renewal data, minutes of executive and general meetings, and records of pin and award recipients are mostly kept indefinitely. When it came to keeping written executive reports, only half kept them indefinitely, followed by 21% who kept them one to four years and 21% not keeping them at all. Once again, these reports contribute to the rich history of the CWL councils.

The majority of respondents said they kept records of member service years indefinitely. As needed, council archives are renewed and this is a majority. The maintenance of a history book was split evenly among respondents. Over 80% of the councils responding keep a labelled photo album.

FACILITATE THE STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF *CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS*

Hundred percent of the councils said they have a copy of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure and a majority have a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws. Both copies are rarely if ever referred to though. About two thirds of the councils have their own manual of policy and procedure and is only updated whenever a policy is changed. One third update it every two years. When asked if a council who does not have one, began a new manual of policy and procedure in the new year, 80% said they would not. Those who would start one would contact the diocesan level to assist them in developing the manual. That was nice to see as all of the respondents would go to diocesan for help. Councils asking the advice sought from diocesan executive was the best at 36% quarterly. Advice from Provincial and National came in at 43% with councils seeking advice rarely from Provincial and 57% rarely from National. National office advice was rarely sought. As for advice from the spiritual advisor and the local bishop, the amounts were rarely and never respectively. The councils seek advice from diocesan first and hopefully their questions are answered. I like to think that. Life Members advice did not fair well either. Half said they never asked them and 21% said they rarely sought their advice.

OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

The respondents were given many duties that they undertook at the request of the president. The top three were; filling in the role of a vacant position, chair executive or general meetings and promote their council in their parish and community. There were many other duties but to a lesser extent. It was nice to see a variety of roles passed onto the past presidents. They did this to support their president was one comment. The next group of questions dealt with communications from National, Provincial and Diocesan. Almost the same percentage of respondents replied they were always satisfied with communication from National and Provincial. Diocesan satisfaction was the most with 57% saying they were always satisfied with communication. As for relevant communication between councils and National, Provincial and Diocesan, communication between councils and Diocesan was the most, followed by National. Once again Diocesan's communications were clear and concise with half of the respondents and National and Provincial were tied at a lower number. There was a concern that duplicate communications come from National, Provincial and Diocesan occasionally. But on a positive side, received communications from National, Provincial or Diocesan, that invite or request participation give the majority of councils enough time to do so. Therefore, they are sent out and received in plenty of time so that councils can participate.

SUMMARY

Past presidents shared that too many communiques are duplicated and time is wasted reading them. There is concern with members filling CWL council positions. People are too quick to decline. Many presidents are repeat presidents or presidents that have held the position for many years. It is hard to get new members and especially hard to get members to commit to a position on executive.

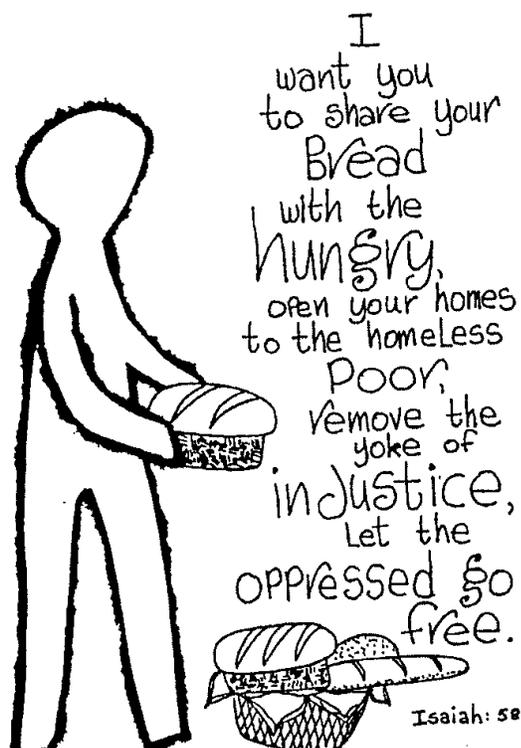
Suggestion was made to promote the CWL, their goals and events in the parishes to promote Catholic women in the parish.

A question was asked if councils support the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Planning Strategically. About half said they did and half said they did not. Respondents were asked, if they did not support the implementation, how would they offer support. Answers ranged from going to the CWL website on a regular basis and reading any information provided.

Because of the pandemic, many projects and workshops were put on hold. Some of the councils had fundraisers when restrictions were eased for a while but keeping in touch with members was the hardest. The biggest challenge in council work was not being able to get together during covid. Members were still approached to take positions on executive but that in person effect was lacking and it was hard to recruit. Many councils have older members who are not computer literate.

Some councils had members pass away and no new members coming to council. Covid made it hard.

Upon reading all these survey answers, it has given me time to think. In order for our League to prosper, we must recruit new members and give them something to look forward to in the future. Covid put a damper on all our plans for the past two years. Yes, we zoomed when we could but first, it is not the same as in person and secondly not everyone could take part in the zoom meetings. As witnessed by the past presidents' reports, we must put our faith in God and proceed onwards promoting the League and all the good works it does.





Parish Council Highlights 2021

W-001 SACRED HEART

MELITA

CONTACT: Loretta Fewings

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Darius Biliran

MEMBERS: 9 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- This year we asked for financial donations from our members and parishioners to raise funds, instead of our normal "Penny Parade".
- As a council, we have chosen to support "Mary's Meals" charity.
- We have also chosen to financially support the "Solidarity Fund" for Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

W-003 HOLY GHOST

WINNIPEG

PRESIDENT: Teresa Driskell

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Tomasz Kosciński

MEMBERS: 46 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- In June, we purchased and arranged to have planted a Parkland Pillar tree at the Holy Ghost cemetery to celebrate the CWL 100th Anniversary.
- Also, in June, we presented two girls, graduating from Holy Ghost School and were going on to further Catholic education, with a bursary of \$250.00 each.
- Since our Sick Visiting Committee was unable to visit ladies, housebound or in the hospital, the members reached out to each other during the Covid shutdowns through phone calls, cards and gifts whenever possible. More recently, it was decided that we would sponsor a mass each month for our ladies who are sick or in hospital. We want to honour these ladies for their many years of dedication to the League and we keep them in our prayers.

W-007 OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**WINNIPEG****PRESIDENT: Connie Mozdzen****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Msgr. Maurice Comeault****MEMBERS: 91 LIFE MEMBERS: 3 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 0**

- We hosted two virtual retreats this year.... a Lenten retreat "I'm Sorry, I forgive You, I Love You" on February 21 and an Advent retreat "Our Sacred Journeys in a Diverse World" on November 13. Both were well received and enjoyed by participants
- We held a virtual PPE (Pandemic Pastry Event) fundraiser in which we sold virtual baked goods. We collected over \$2700.00 in donations.
- Our council focussed on connecting with our members. We created and sent out 3 newsletters, as well as, held virtual meetings beginning in April of this year.

W-009 OUR LADY OF VICTORY**WINNIPEG****CONTACT: Florence Bevel****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Eric Zadji****MEMBERS: 28 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 0**

- Since we are a prayer council our activities have been centered around praying. The Rosary is led each Sunday before Mass by members of the CWL and is also live-streamed for those at home to follow along.
- During Lent, The Way of the Cross was also led by members of the CWL
- Our card sender faithfully sends out cards to members who are isolated or just need to hear that we are thinking about the.

W-010 NOTRE DAME**SELKIRK****PRESIDENT: Alane Cason****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Gerald Langevin****MEMBERS: 68 LIFE MEMBERS: 1 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 1**

- A personal Easter Greeting was sent in the spring to our full membership. The message was sent by email to those for whom we have email addresses, as well as by post for those who don't. The theme of the message was "Hope", based on Pope Francis' Easter Sunday message of 2020 and was intended to advise the membership that the Executive continued to carry on their duties "behind the scenes", despite the fact that we were not meeting regularly at the time.
- Our council managed to continue our tradition of providing two \$500 bursaries to deserving grads of our parish of Notre Dame. Funds are generally raised through an annual bake sale and Silent Auction that we hold in our parish every December. Since we were unable to do that, we used the church bulletin and email to contact our

membership and other potential contributors. Although this was not quite as effective, we still managed to collect the necessary funds to present the bursaries

- Rather than meeting formally as we would normally do in November, we chose to have instead an informal social gathering for our members. The gathering included music and refreshments and was intended to allow our members the opportunity to re-unite and socialize together. A formal agenda was not prepared but we did use the time to wrap up a couple of items that needed to be addressed and finalized. Since we will not be meeting in December, the president will send a final message to the membership to advise them of our first meeting of the new year (February) when the Instructed Vote will take place.

W-011 SACRED HEART

VIRDEN

PRESIDENT: Lea Colbeck

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Ben Nwaeje, then Reverend Norberto 'Nor' Monton

MEMBERS: 53 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 1 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- Met for our first meeting of 2021 on September 2nd. Our previous meeting had been held on October 2, 2020.
- On Wednesday, October 6th we met at 8:30 a.m. to say the Rosary followed with Mass to honour Mary
- December 2nd, 12 members attended morning Mass with Father Nor Monton, then enjoyed tea/coffee/juice/bread/cake in the Parish Hall Meeting Room to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Sacred Heart CWL. The actual anniversary date is December 13th.

W-013 ST. ANTONINUS

DELORAINÉ

PRESIDENT: Dolores Howden

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Darius Biliran

MEMBERS: 37 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- We are working hard to have executive representation.

W-014 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

WINNIPEG

PRESIDENT: Anna Sanduliak

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Dominic Yeun

MEMBERS: 84 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- At the end of January, we delivered lunch for the Sunday meal for the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen on Austin Street. Due to the COVID restrictions in place at the time, we could only drop off the food. There were no inside gatherings allowed. Immaculate staff provided take out service only, to those in need. We heard that there

were over 300 lunches that were distributed on January 24, 2021. It is a very rewarding community service that we are helping out with.

- In March, we were the Co-ordinating host church for The World Day of Prayer service in District 5 & 6. COVID-19 made this a very challenging task for our council as there were no in-person gatherings allowed in the church. The service had to be modified to be 100% on-line using zoom as the platform. For many of us it was our first exposure using this technology. We had a lot of support from the WICC offices in both Winnipeg and Toronto
- As we became more comfortable using zoom, we were able to offer other prayer services on zoom which kept the lines of communication open with some of our members. We had a service for Our Lady of Good Counsel, a service for our feast day of St. Anthony of Padua, and a Divine Mercy service
- In October, our council hosted the Winnipeg Diocesan Fall meeting and workshop. Members had the option of attending either in-person or on zoom
- As a way of trying to stay connected with our members, we reinstated sending out a council newsletter by either mail or email. Positive feedback was received from our members
- A mass of remembrance was recently held to honour our deceased members. We asked 5 families to attend who lost loved ones during the year. It was such a meaningful service for all of us. It was the first time since the start of COVID that we were able to meet in person

W-015 ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

BRANDON

PRESIDENT: Linda Seitz

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend John Okosun

MEMBERS: 118 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 4 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 4

- The number one highlight in the year 2021 is that we still ARE a Council in spite of having no in-person General CWL meetings all year! We have maintained our membership and the Executive have met monthly via Zoom. We were able to honor most of our financial commitments, in spite of not having any way of fund raising such as our Funeral Lunches. We had money saved from not being able to host two conventions, so that has got us through this year
- Our Prayer Chain continues to be a very powerful and uniting presence for our members. We join together in a personalized prayer dedicated to those who are ill or bereaved. These emails, prepared by Carol MacKenzie-Gruber, provide a thoughtful and prayerful format that we can follow. We have also given out many Prayer Shawls knitted or crocheted by the ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- The Executive condensed the 20 plus pages of the Amendments to the Constitution down to 4 pages which will be distributed to our members for study prior to the vote in 2022

W-016 OUR LADY OF LOURDES [SLOVENIAN]**WINNIPEG****PRESIDENT: Vera Mohoric****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Diosdado Parrenas****MEMBERS: 39 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 0**

- Late November, our council launched a Christmas hamper drive to support our 4 local charities. We raised money via e-transfers and church collections. Through the generous donations of our parishioners, a total of \$1,700.00 was raised, and distributed to Agape Table, Chez Nous drop-in Centre, Christmas Cheer Board, Missionary Sisters of Charity
- Christmas cards were sent to our Shut-In parishioners
- A bouquet and cards were presented to a parishioner celebrating her 100th birthday

W-017 ST. COLUMBA**SWAN RIVER****PRESIDENT: Shari Eggie****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Benjamin Nwaeje****MEMBERS: 18 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 1**

- Presented service pins to members 5 years to 65 years
- Repaired quilts, and sewed quilts which were donated to crisis center and to RCMP for those in need.
- Supported members and people of the community through telephone calls and visits. One member helps a client when homecare cannot be provided.

W-018 ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**WINNIPEG****PRESIDENT: Manuelita Mejos****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Rainerio Sarce****MEMBERS: 34 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 0**

- During the 40 Days of Life Walk, our President Manuelita Mejos volunteered to deliver and pick up the placards from the Women's Hospital site for all 40 days. She has done this, many times over the years
- During the month of November our CWL Book of Life was presented at every mass for remembrance and blessing. This was in conjunction with our parish book of deceased souls.
- Many of our members continued to serve the parish during masses, kept in touch with members via phone calls and thinking of you cards, grocery shopping for shut ins and assisting with transportation to church and medical appointments. We were not able to have any fundraisers but we did make some stocking stuffers which our members purchased and handed out to family and friends.

W-019 ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA**WINNIPEG****PRESIDENT: Marilyn Begg [Acting]****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Michael Wollbaum****MEMBERS: 131 LIFE MEMBERS: 1 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 0**

- In a show of our support to catholic education, the recipient of the 2nd annual St. James-Assiniboia CWL Community Award for 2021 was Charlotte Gietz. Charlotte is a grade 4 **student** who exemplifies our core values of Faith, Service and Social Justice. She received a medallion and was also awarded with a cheque for \$100.00 from our Council
- In the spring of 2021, our members provided 100 dozen homemade cookies for the Immaculate Conception lunch drop-in which is in Winnipeg's core area
- We did not meet for the past year due to covid 19. However, regular contact was maintained with members via monthly email newsletters or phone calls. E-mail Birthday greetings at the beginning of each month are also part of our regular communications
- Gifts of wooden crosses/cord in a prayer notecard were presented to each of the twenty-seven young First Communicants from two of our parishes. A mass is offered at three of our parishes to recognize and honor the Confirmands too. This is done yearly.

W-023 ST. JOHN BREBEUF**WINNIPEG****PRESIDENT: Janice Dobson****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Wayne Morrissey****MEMBERS: 48 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 1**

- We made our second newsletter this winter. We had Masses for the children who were receiving their sacraments, as well as Mass for Fathers, members and deceased members of our council.
- Our council members pre-recorded the Way of the Cross that was used online during a Lenten Friday
- We planted a white lilac bush at our church in honor of our CWL centenary.

W-024 ST. JOHN CANTIUS**WINNIPEG****PRESIDENT: Jeanette Moran****SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Yolando Gamallo****MEMBERS: 45 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELLE GUERIN AWARD: 2**

- October 16th Rosary Rally (104th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, Portugal) held outside the church in front of the Divine Mercy Picture & October 30th the Annual CWL Rosary was prayed in 3 languages English, Polish and Tagalog and the CWL, Knights of Columbus and Catechism lead each decade with PP on the overhead showing each

mystery was held in the church before the 4:30 Mass. Both events were streamed if you would like to view them.

- Rosary Scapulars given to the Confirmands at Confirmation in November
- Advent Bakeless Bake Sale to be held to raise funds to support the needy, the poor, the seminarians and our Parish.

W-028 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

WINNIPEG

CONTACT: Mary Lou Bourgeois

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Geoffrey Angeles

MEMBERS: 13 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- We are supporting each other to the best of our ability during difficult times

W-029 ST. JOSEPH'S

WINNIPEG

PRESIDENT: Kathleen Darlington

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend B. Wardzinski

MEMBERS: 19 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- Contacted members regularly by phone or mail out since most members do not have computers. Kept members updated with new information as it was provided

W-030 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

RUSSELL

PRESIDENT: Marg Mushumanski

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Paul Bisson

MEMBERS: 19 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- Due to the pandemic our council has not been active within our parish. A number of our members have helped within the parish with church functions so that we can attend church safely.
- One member has belonged to our council for 65 years. Irene Deschamps is still an active member and we Thank her for her years of dedication. Also in our group is Marlene Pettitt with 61 years of service and Darlene Witty with 54 years of service. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work within. Blessings to everyone for their continued service in our organization.

W-032 ST. THERESA

MIDDLECHURCH

CONTACT: Joan Shaw/Joan Sobieski

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend David Kowalski

MEMBERS: 54 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- We are working hard to encourage new executive members. This has been challenging during the pandemic. Our council has many elderly members who have served faithfully for many years.

W-033 ST. MICHAEL'S

GIMLI

PRESIDENT: Christine Swanson

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Stan Gacek

MEMBERS: 27 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- When restrictions eased, we were able to sell perogies and cabbage rolls to our parishioners thereby maintaining some of our financial obligations.

W-034 ST. PETER'S

WINNIPEG

PRESIDENT: Donna Candelaria

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Monsignor Enrique M. Samson Jr./Rev. Anani Efoe [Emmanuel]

MEMBERS: 44 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 1

- With so many members, families and friends ill this year, many "President's Updates to Members" and other emails asked for prayers and kept members updated with information about webinars, provincial and diocesan communiques. Those without email were phoned. We sadly lost two members in 2021 but offered our support to the families even though restrictions did not allow us to attend funerals in person
- The president attended most of the many Webinars/Zoom meetings offered by the Diocesan, Provincial and National councils during the year. Interesting to learn this way of communicating as this may be the way of the future
- Due to Covid-19, we only held one in-person meeting (in November). We passed our annual budget of donations. No fundraisers were held but as we have some funds in reserve so our usual charities benefitted. We presented 4 '*years of service pins*' and again members are donating money with their membership renewals to purchase gift cards for some of our charities

W-035 ST. VITAL

WINNIPEG

PRESIDENT: Heather Gushnowsky

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Mark Tarrant

MEMBERS: 31 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- We held Zoom meetings on several occasions, particularly with the Executive. Other members were invited, but mostly unable to attend. Had one Executive Meeting and

dinner at a restaurant in November.

- We established a St Vital Mission Award for St. Maurice School graduates. We gave 2 awards, one male and one female
- Volunteer work - Donated some school supplies to Norther Missions, Porters at Sunday Mass, Readers at Mass, made Rosary bracelets for First Communion and RCIA

W-038 ST. VIATOR'S

DAUPHIN

PRESIDENT: Marian Garlinski

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Michel Nault

MEMBERS: 67 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELE GUERIN AWARD: 0

- We had 2 very successful Rummage Sales (Second time around Clothing) this year which is helping us towards our financial obligations.
- Held a bake sale this November with donations from our membership which was so amazing. It met our expenses and helped bring us into the new year financially secure.

W-041 ST. DOMINIC'S

NEEPAWA

PRESIDENT: Mary Platt [Acting]

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Mark Filips

MEMBERS: 40 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELE GUERIN AWARD: 0

- Our council organized a group 25 members and women from the parish to prepare, boil and sell 360 dozen perogies. This was an excellent fund raiser and we were very much in need of some funds!
- Paint night was organized for the end of November. 18 members attended and went home with some Christmas art work they had created. It was fun to be able to meet face to face.
- We were able to have 4 in person meetings in 2021. However, attendance was quite small

W-042 GOOD SHEPHERD

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

CONTACT: Kerry McGowan

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Michael Raj Savarimuthu

MEMBERS: 30 LIFE MEMBERS: 0 BELLELE GUERIN AWARD: 0

- As a council of older ladies, we lack the ability to safely gather, use newer technology, or sometimes even recognize our sister members between the bridge of their noses and silver locks. However, we are still a sisterhood of Catholic ladies who care about each other, our parish, our community, the world around us and especially God

- We are blessed to have a visually impaired member who uses her phone as her lifeline and calls many members regularly to keep us connected and reminds us how fortunate we are to care for each other.
- When possible, we have joined in Zoom presentations and relayed information to others in our council. We look forward to the day when hugs won't need to be virtual, smiles will be toothy and bright, and plans can be made without risk of more restrictions.

W-043 SACRED HEART

ROBLIN

CONTACT: Jeanine Landry

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend Soosai Antonyiar, HGN

MEMBERS: 9 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- Two council members attended the CWL Winnipeg Diocesan 100th Year 1st Annual General Meeting on May 15th, 2021 on Zoom.
- CWL led the rosary before Mass, using Pro-Life Intentions each Sunday during “The 40 Days For Life” in October
- CWL members are involved in the Roblin Food Bank in both donating and dispensing

W-044 ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA

WINNIPEG

CONTACT: Rebecca Skinner

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Reverend D. Gurr

MEMBERS: 13 **LIFE MEMBERS:** 0 **BELLELE GUERIN AWARD:** 0

- We did not meet so we have no activities for 2021. We have maintained our paid membership.

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Treaty Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory, and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Winnipeg Diocesan Council Standing Rules of the 101st Annual Meeting of Members

[Annual Meeting of Members further referred to as AMM]

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

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

1. Each person attending the AMM shall register at the AMM registration desk. Those attending in person shall be required to wear the official identifying lanyard.
2. When attending the AMM in a virtual format, all delegates login with the virtual host, using the link sent to the email address that was provided when registering.
3. Voting cards shall be issued to the voting members (of the Winnipeg Diocese) and these cards must be exhibited when a member votes. Members voting virtually must use the hand icon to indicate their vote.
4. Voting delegates shall sit within the areas designated for them at all business sessions of the AMM unless prior arrangement has been made with the Chair.
5. No member shall speak more than once or longer than two minutes on the same motion or issue without permission of the Chair, but the mover may reply before the vote is taken.
6. Only resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Standing Committee in advance of this AMM shall be considered for presentation to the convention.
7. No goods shall be distributed, displayed or sold at this AMM without the prior approval of the Chair

Robert's Rules of Order

The League follows Robert's Rules of Order. A booklet, based on Robert's Rules of Order, 'Parliamentary Procedure' by Edith Mockler - Life Member and Registered Parliamentarian, was revised May, 2020. It is available from the CWL National Office. [Item No. 617]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

League Promise

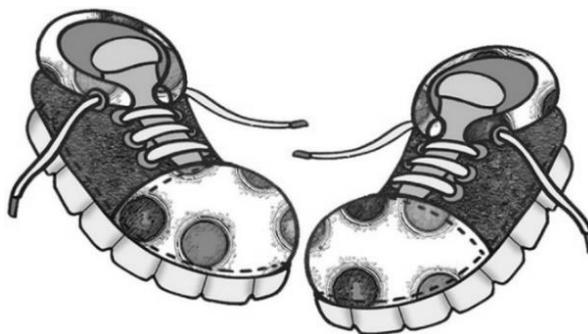
*For the glory of God and the good of God's people,
I promise as a Catholic woman to honour, invoke and imitate
our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.*

*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 cooperate with officers in all programs
under their direction and to conform to the best of my ability
to the bylaws of the organization in all League activities.*

Amen

**“Since we see the way, let's run together.”
St. Thérèse of Lisieux**



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