

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



THE SEED THAT FLOWERS



Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council

69th Annual General Meeting

May 29th, 2021

(By Zoom)

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
KEEWATIN-THE PAS 69th ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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AGENDA

MAY 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 2020

MAY 28th, 2021 (Friday)

7:00PM Pre-convention meeting for Executives.
Adoption of Minutes teleconferencesx2 &zoom,
Correspondence, Treasurers report, P&P
Elections prep &.oral reports.

May 29th, 2021

11:00 am O Canada, Banners, Official Opening of AGM
Acknowledgement of Treaty Lands
Spiritual meditation (Sr. Bonnie) including prayer Our Lady of Good Counsel
Opening Remarks, & Welcome,
Archbishop's remarks
Provincial President
Spiritual Advisor Message (Fr. Shantha)
Notice of Meeting (Donna)
Roll Call (Donna)
Adoption of Standing Rules
Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes 2019 and 2020 as circulated

Correspondence

Treasurers's report (Bernadette) 2019- 2020

Secretary (oral) Donna

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Parish Presidents reports

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PP report(oral)

President report(oral)

Report of Pre-Convention (Donna)

Registration report/ Credentials Report

2022 AGM invitation ?, other business, announcements

Elections /Installation and re-affirming for Fr. Shantha)

Adjournment.

The League Prayer

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

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

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

The League Promise

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

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

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

Amen



**Lord, season after season,
You continue to renew the face of the earth,
“For from the greatness and beauty of created things
Comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.”
Teach us, Lord,
As members of the Catholic Women’s League
of Canada,
To become attuned to our need to protect
The beauty our common home.
May our efforts lead us to sustain its natural order,
So that, in the words of Pope Francis,
Our heritage is never “deprived of physical contact with nature.”**

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

**1 Wisdom of Solomon 13:5
2 Francis’ Decline in the Quality of**



Archbishop Murray Chatlain

Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

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CWL Archdiocesan Convention

March 10, 2021

Dear ladies of the CWL in Keewatin-Le Pas. What a different year this has been! We are all praying for the vaccines to restore some opportunities for gathering, but we need to remain patient and careful. In the time of Covid I have had more space to do some reflecting and thinking. I would like to share these reflections with you.

In all our ministry and service of our families I think it is important from time to time to step back and have an honest look at our motivations. Be prepared to see some things you do not like! None of us have completely pure motives. Being aware of the layers of our motivation can help make us safer and healthier CWL members and Christians.

A striking example:

Lila Watson, an Australian Indigenous artist and activist, writes:

"If you are coming to help me

you are wasting your time.

But if you are coming because your liberation is bound up with mine

then let us work together."

When I am honest I know that some of my service of Indigenous and other peoples I work with can satisfy my need to help and can flow out of my false ego. Sometimes this is only obvious to me when I am frustrated or not clearly appreciated.

How is my liberation bound up with the people God calls me to serve?

I am still learning some of the answers to that, but these are three things I know:

1) I have learned to be more generous from the people God calls me to accompany.

I remember being surprised at how much sharing would go on in our communities. Sometimes I would share some candy and kids would ask for another candy for their brother or sister. I would go "yah, right, you just want another candy." They would look at me shocked and say "no, it is for him" and they were truly insulted that I thought they were stingy or selfish. I was catching a boat ride to a pilgrimage on a hot summer day. The driver handed me an ice cream sandwich. I knew enough to have some of it and then pass it on to others; not to eat the whole thing myself. While this is not great for Covid times, it is a healthier way for me to live my life always thinking about sharing.

2) I have learned to be more relaxed about time. I can get pretty driven and focused on 'getting things done.' That approach does not get me very far in indigenous communities. I was surprised when they did not really have a way in Dene to say "sorry I'm late." Anyone who has worked with indigenous peoples (and many other peoples!) know that time is considered very loosely. I have had to learn to relax more and be more patient and less accomplishment driven. I still have things to learn in this area, but it has challenged and helped me.

3) I have learned to have my spiritual antennae turned on more.

The people are always looking for signs from God. It can be in the animals, or the weather, or in frost on the windows. They also pray before every meeting and they often are willing to take a long time praying (personally I prefer short and sweet). I remember when we were blessing the new Hospital in Stony Rapids, SK. Many bigwigs and politicians from the South came up and they asked (not me) but one of the elders to lead an opening prayer. The elder took his role very seriously and said some words in Dene and then pulled out his rosary and led everyone in a whole rosary! It made me smile. Working with indigenous peoples and others of the north, I like to think today I am more attentive to God's presence and signs than I used to be.

This is not to say that we are perfect or that life is easy in the north. We know it is messy. But somehow our own personal liberation is bound up in our service of our families and communities.

So, I invite you to look at your own ministry and your motivations. What needs slight adjusting? How are your spirit and attitude bettered by being with the people God calls us to accompany. Are we letting them make us better Christians?

Blessings on this years Archdiocesan Convention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '+ M. Chatlain'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross at the beginning.

Archbishop Murray Chatlain



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-Le Pas Archdiocese
"CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME"
'THE SEEDS THAT FLOWERS'



Dear sisters in the League and friends,

It is matter of pride to pen down the message for the annual CWL booklet. My heart fills with immense pleasure as I perceive the progress being made by our members of CWL, even though we are faced by the COVID-19.

As the Spiritual Advisor of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas for CWL, I would like to wish God's blessings upon each one of us as we are preparing for the Archdiocesan Annual Convention.

"We have no PLAN (ET) B". These words on a placard caught my imagination as I try to reflect on the climate change and the necessity to take care of our common home. As I pen these few lines, I hear the news that the world is confronted with the second wave and third wave of Covid-19 and the governments starting to think of locking down the people once again.

Covid19 brought more hunger, violence, illness, and destruction. These are not indestructible catastrophes done by the hand of God; they are human-made crises. It has killed thousands of people, brought about economic crisis and crises in human relationships.

And many of our scientists wrote that our mother earth is breathing well. But how can we, as humans celebrate when a pandemic is killing thousands of people. "Coronavirus is a major test of citizenship". Is it not a question on our irresponsible behavior towards our climate?

What about our irresponsible way of buying and selling (consumerism), and our way of using plastic..?

People say that a crisis brings best or worst in a society. What has COVID 19 bring in our lives? Is it not a wakeup call to us as a society? Pope Francis writes in his encyclical Laudato Si': "It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves." However, as seen with the coronavirus outbreaks, some people chose to treat nature as a property to exploit instead of simply respecting its dignity. And once again, many others are paying the price for the greed of a few.

Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic is not merely a health issue, but also a result of how we treat our climate. So let us go forward with a genuine ecological approach in the words of Pope Francis who says that we must "integrates questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

I take this as an opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your great support to our CWL. I wish you all the very best in your efforts to educate the people in Canada and your small steps to make a big difference making our common home livable and lovable. God bless Canada, God bless CWL.

With prayerful best wishes,
Kumar, MSFS
Advisor

Fr. Shantha
Archdiocesan Spiritual
Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

Greetings from Provincial President

It is truly an honour and a privilege to bring greetings on behalf of Manitoba Provincial Council on this your 69th year of inception! Each and every one of you special ladies, are my inspiration! To see our Manitoba Provincial Theme, *“The Seed that Flowers”* in action, in the way our Sisters in the League reach out to each other in care and concern, is exactly what I envisioned. I am awed and humbled that you have taken this theme to heart and brought it to fruition. Thank you! – for what you have done and are doing! Let’s keep the movement going, and let’s create a garden that we can all enjoy!

Without a doubt, 2020 will go down in history as an unprecedented year. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, all programs and planned events ground to a screeching halt as the whole world went into lockdown. As a result, Councils saw their incomes reduced to near zero, and most were unable to provide the level of support to their charitable organizations that they were accustomed to.

In reading through the annual reports, despite all of the challenges that Councils encountered, I was greatly impressed by all that you WERE able to do! You continued to reach out to each other with the means available to you – virtual meetings, emails, phone calls, and written communications. You used whatever resources were on hand to make donations, however humble, to as many charities as you could manage. Of particular note was that if your Council did not have the means to support your regular charities, many of you took it upon yourselves to offer that support on your own! You supported children receiving First Communion and Confirmation. You supported breakfast programs in your local school. Congratulations on your achievements during these extenuating circumstances!

Although many struggled with loneliness and isolation, most used the time to deepen their relationship with Our Lord. Everyone I’ve spoken to draws strength and support from watching daily Mass and other spiritually enriching programs on TV or online. We are indeed grateful for the guidance of our Holy Father, our Bishops, and our Spiritual Advisors. Please keep them in your prayers, as they, too, are shouldering a heavy load.

Without a doubt, we are all eagerly anticipating the day that we can come together again!

Although we are in challenging times right now, we will persevere, as CWL ladies do, and we will come through stronger and more resilient than ever!

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

J. Brunger

Janet Brunger
President

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

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

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

CHAIRPERSONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Spiritual Development

Sr. Bonnie Bryson

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

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

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

***Teresa Bodin
Jodie Kowalchuk
Gail Baker
Rachelle Safronetz
Pat Campbell***

Keewatin –The Pas Diocesan Council

Organized on: September 28, 1952

First Executive

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



Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council



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

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Lucille Rossington

Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council President

Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocese Council

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant (Lucille Rossington)

Number of councils reporting one online report done some info from presidents report

COMMUNITY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2020

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

(b) **social and economic justice**

Supported the following programs:

Least coin collected at meetings, prior to provincial restrictions Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Samaritain Purse, Chalice, Save a family Plan, World Vision, Women;' Safe Haven, CMIC "A Port in the Storm." New Year's Baby, Meals on Wheels delivered by council and individual members.

School breakfast programs.

Due to covid 19, a list was sent to individual members who wished to help either donating money, food and clothing, toiletries,some recipients were : soup kitchen, homeless shelters, Women's Safe Haven Resource Centre, Food Banks, toiletries, Friendship Center, winter clothing for kids north and homeless.

Supported children going to camp and beach by offering monetary and rides to beach for swimming activities.

Take out thanksgiving dinners were offered only due to Covid 19

Funeral services, wakes or gravesite services (following provincial guidelines) were done as they are the only church in the community.

(c) **refugees, immigration and citizenship**

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

(e) **developing countries**

Online Survey:

Domestic violence/minority groups/poverty groups...support is done through monetary donations.

Support organizations that are geared towards assisting Indigenous people.

Pamphlets are distributed to promote Near East Welfare Association.

Support Chalice

Support Operation Christmas Child

Food banks

Samaritain Purse

Note : a lot of our donations had to be cut back due to no fundraising during this pandemic time.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant (Lucille Rossington)

Number of councils reporting :2 online reports done

COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2020

(a) *The Canadian League magazine*

Online report indicates that the league magazine is very informative, useful as a spiritual resource.

The articles that resonated the most (winter issue) were the president's message, All We Can Be, Resolutions and Our Baptismal Call, Who Do You Choose To Communicate With.

For the spring issue it was, the president's message, Embrace Change by Being a Part of it, We are mission, Living with Alzhemier's Disease.

For the fall issue Spanning the Century with the Education and Health Standing Committee, What on earth is a Ditty Bag, Manitoba Throughout the Past 99 years, Pandemic Report.

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

Newsletters are done by some councils, they are emailed, mail and left in the church entrances.

Reminders are sent by email or phone of upcoming meetings also by parish bulletins. Agendas are sent prior to meetings to those who have email.

All emails and mail shared at meetings by each convenors/presidents .

(c) media relations

Some masses are paid by councils for shut-ins, vision T.V.

Our Lady of Good Council

Some members are starting to turn to CWL facebook /twitter and website.

They use local radio stations for Graduation and Christmas Messages.

Strategic planning was shared with members.

(d) pornography

No wrap campaign done.

Due to Covid 19, a lot of our events were canceled.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Donna Coles

Box 402, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N1

Number of councils reporting 0 out of 5 2 = 40 % Online survey :2

Recording Secretary Standing Committee

Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2020

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

Teleconference held February 22, 2020 at 10:00 am. Agenda circulated previous. Minutes circulated by email to CWL Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council, Fr. Shantha Kumar, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and Parish Presidents.

April 18, 2020 - Notice of Meeting, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council 68th Annual Convention Care For Our Common Home The Seeds That Flowers— date and venue change for the convention. Date to be Saturday May 2nd, 2020 time 1:00 pm at 15 Mitchell Road, FLIN FLON, MB. No one permitted to attend. Notification sent to CWL Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council; Parish Presidents; Life Members: K-P Archdiocesan: Ella Nogier, Jacqueline Nogier; Albertine Moran, Provincial Life Member Liaison; Janet Brunger, President MB Provincial Council; Paulette Chase, President, St. Boniface Diocesan Council; Pat Ward, President, Winnipeg Diocesan Council; Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Keewatin-Le Pas Archdiocese and Fr. Shantha Kumar, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Keewatin-The Pas 68th Archdiocesan Convention held May 2nd 2020, held at 1:00 pm at 15 Mitchell Road, FLIN FLON, MB adjourned 1:05 pm by Lucille Rossington President Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council. No business conducted.

In July a Congratulations card was sent to Fr. Shantha Kumar MSFS, on his new appointment, as Rector of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral and his new home in The Pas.

A Congratulatory card was sent to Sister Andrea Dumont on her retirement, and we were sadden to hear of her passing in the Fall.

Teleconference Informal gathering was held Saturday November 14th, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Minutes were circulated by email to CWL Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council, Fr. Shantha Kumar, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and Parish Presidents.

Reviewing the Secretary Annual Survey for 2020 2 councils did the survey.

Thank you to Flin Flon and The Pas Councils for taking the time to do the survey.

One person holds both recording and correspondence

Both attend general meetings,

One distributes agendas, takes roll call.

One takes minutes

One is signing officer

Both know where her council charter is

Both maintains executive list

One brings motions book to meeting

Both receive written reports from the executive and sometimes get reports from chairpersons

Both have a copy of Handbook for Secretary

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

Biggest challenge — One council writing concise information but enough, and I have made an agenda and minute format to help me have all the monthly minutes of the same. It saves a lot of time as well.

Another challenge was when we had a zoom meeting. I was having a hard time taking minutes as sometimes I could not hear what was said. I wrote the minutes and something to the president to help me see the parts I could not hear.

Something I would like to share in the questionnaire you are only allowed one answer and it wanted to answer yes and sometimes for an accurate response.

In Closing I would like to thank Bernadette Benson and Lucille Rossington for their help while I was in New Zealand visiting my family.

This has been a trying year, with so many changes to everyone's life during this Covid 19 pandemic. May Our Lady of Good Council continue to pray for us during this difficult time.

This concludes my report,

Donna Coles

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Secretary

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant (Lucille Rossington)

Number of councils reporting 1 council and 2 online survey done ,

ORGANIZATION

**Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31,2020**

(a)

Recruit membership

All councils do a drive usually on weekends before and after church services.

They also do personal invitation, announcement in the parish bulletins, in their newsletter which is left at the back entrances of their churches.

This year was a bit harder as all councils had to deal with Covid 19 restrictions imposed by our provincial government. They found ways to get their messages across and get their memberships fees either by mail, or e-transfer and left at their parish church offices. At the time of writing this report some are still in full lockdown so memberships in some are still coming in late.

Thompson council had 2 new recruits. Congratulations St. Lawrence Council! You did it again !

Membership in Keewatin-The Pas (2020)

Snow Lake	8 members	Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Clarence Fisher
Lynn Lake	13	Spiritual Advisor	Sr. Bonnie Bryson
Flin Flon	69	Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Paul Bringleson
Thompson	12	Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Gunasekhar Pothula MSFS
The Pas	32	Spiritual Advisor	Fr. James Fiori O.M.I.

Diocesan Council consist of president, secretary, treasurer, spiritual development and past president .
Our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor is Fr. Shantha Kumar Gandamalla MSFS

Diocesan Council regretfully advises the passing of members .

Margaret Ohryn The Pas
Jessie Burton The Pas
Lois Burke Flin Flon
May they rest in Peace!

(b) Leadership development

Our diocesan council had 2 councils (Flin Flon and The Pas) who took a workshop on the Strategic Planning given by Jacqueline Nogier. These were done prior to the provincial restrictions came in force. Diocesan Treasurer and Diocesan President attended the Day of Celebration.

(c) League resource material

Executive manuals are kept up to date, articles in the league magazine are discussed at meetings. Some councils leave their old League Magazine at the church entrances for anyone to view. The CWL website is used to inform members of upcoming events and share communiques

(d) annual reports

All councils had difficulties doing their reports as most councils only met a few times in 2020. Even though we have the telephone to help it's not the same as when you can discuss in person. Many thanks to all who gave an effort to finish it. Online surveys were not too plentiful.

(e) life membership

We have 2 life members	Jacqueline Nogier	Snow Lake
	Ella Nogier	Snow Lake

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

Online survey:

2 councils filled the report

One position is vacant and one takes memberships only.

Members who participate in <i>fundraising events</i>	41-60%
Members who <i>attend meetings</i>	21-40%
<i>Social Events</i>	40-60%
<i>Spiritual Events</i>	41-60%

Recognition of members include:

Maple Leaf Service Pin
Presentation of awards
Presentation of Certificates
Presentation of Service Pins
Reaffirming ceremony
BelleElle Guerin award
Cards or announcements
Luncheons, teas or other special events

Engaging new members are done by:

New member ceremony (they are also given a new member kit), welcome at meetings, conduct an orientation session.
Conversations
Invitations
Mentoring
Offer workshop, planning strategically
Participation in sub-committees

Renewal of memberships is done both online and manually
They are current of the Strategic Planning information
Some set annual goals/plans which include members input

They promote religious vocations by:

Supporting a seminarian
Encouraged families to invite priest and religious to their homes.
Participate in prayers for vocations
Supported discernment events for youth

Note 1. It is unfortunate that more councils did not do this report as the first part of the survey which dealt with race, ethnicity, place of birth, national origin, visible minority in our memberships etc., it would have been interesting to know the percentage in some councils.

Note 2. Once Covid 19 starts to leave and we are able to make our lives return to a more normal situations, workshops such as Catch the Fire , Spiritual Workshops are already being looked into. This of course will be done with the new president wishes and time frame. Our Elections which was postponed in 2020 will hopefully be done in 2021..

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
SPIRITUAL REPORT
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

Council: Archdiocese of Keewatin Le Pas

Name: Sr. Bonnie Bryson, csj

Number of Councils reporting: 4

Members took leadership roles and assisted with Services and Mass – readers, Eucharistic ministers, Presiders, playing piano, hospitality, etc. at mass and service.

1 Council began meetings with a decade of rosary and League prayer.

1 Council began meeting with full rosary.

2 Councils had their spiritual advisors give reflections on a variety of topics at their meetings.

1 Council had members help plan and participate in World Day of Prayer

Members of all councils were encouraged to participate in live stream masses on Sundays, rosary on Wednesday, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Members attended the Advent and Lent retreat over zoom.

On special occasions one council began their meeting with Mass

One council led the live stream rosary one Wednesday in May.

Some Council members lead a decade of the live stream rosary at various times.

One Council had rosary in May and October with social distancing and masks.

One council had monthly masses for ill and deceased members in care homes.

A number of regular activities such as memorial services in November, fund raising activities etc. were unable to take place this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

No councils did online survey.

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Bonnie Bryson, CSJ

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: (Vacant) Lucille Rossington

Number of councils reporting: one council did online survey (report taken from presidents reports)

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2020

(a) marriage and family

Birthday cards sent to members celebrating milestones...sympathy cards and mass cards are sent to the bereaved families.

Christmas cards sent to Archbishop Chatlain, parish priests and deacon, and past parish priest.

Mass card and congratulations on 20th year anniversary for parish priest (Fr. Paul Bringleston).

(b) sanctity of life

Circulate pamphlets to protect the unborn.

Rosary for Life recited (mostly at home due to Covid 19)

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

Prior to provincial restrictions, some home visiting done, communion for shut-in ,attend mass at seniors home care centres and in hospital.

Gifts presented to children for Confirmation and First Holy Communion

(d) vocations

Members encouraged to show appreciation to our clergy and Net ministry group.

Donations to KeePas Missions, CMIC, support of seminarian.

Online survey report was done by one council which shows :

Positions was filled by election.

They have pro-life brochure available in church vestibule.

Written letters to legislators regarding CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia.

Pray for the protection of life.

They have participated in programs for the youth, Net Ministries.

They also provide transportation to disabled, sent cards, initiated social program, invited newly retired women to join, involved them in intercession prayers, involved them in CWL events, called them.

For the widows/widowers, they provided funeral lunches, encouraged them to participate in parish activities and community events, provided prayer and support to the bereaved.

Support a seminarian.

Note a lot of activities were canceled due to Covid 19

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The-Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

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

Number of councils reporting : report taken from parish presidents reports/online survey

EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2020

(a) Catholic education

(i) Catholic schools and catechesis

No Catholic Schools in our Diocese but members support catechesis programs where available and support Bible Camps by donations.

(ii) Rites of Christian Initiation

Members help when approached by families to be a sponsor.

(b) Literacy and continuing education

Support schools with breakfast programs with monetary donations.

Provide supplies to schools.

Introduced a new book written by a person who had cerebral palsy, who can't walk, speak and communicates in a unique way. The point was to encourage people not to give up hope, that with God's help people with limited options can do meaningful things.

(c) scholarships and bursaries

Provide bursaries to graduating students.

(d) wellness and sickness/disease

Information received by National Education and Health (Faith Anderson) on how to deal with stress management being critical to women's health was read and discussed at meetings.

Related information on research work by Dr. Rayleen De Luca on stress related serious illness.

(e) environment

Hints on gift wrapping ideas using recycled material (using wrappers also as part of the gift)

(f) genetics

Online survey report

Two councils did the online report which shows the following results:

Only one council has a convenor.

No Catholic School in diocese. Not aware of the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign. One council used the Palliative Care Postcard. Information on advance care was shared by one council.

Information on emergency response info kits one council. Care for our Common home initiative one council

Plastic and waste clean up. (whole parish got involved, each household gathered plastic bags and brought to their church to be submitted to recycling.

Knowledge on technology to alter genes: not enough knowledge on subject was stated.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The Pas

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant (Lucille Rossington)

Number of councils reporting One online survey done

LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for the period

January 1 to December 31, 2020

a) Monitor and study legislation at all levels of government

Communication sent to us by provincial and national shared with councils mostly by email because of Covid 19 provincial restrictions.

Communication usually shared by president as most council do not have a convenor for this position.

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

none

Online survey:

Most council have no convenor for this position.

Level of awareness for following Bills.

Some knowledge on Bill C-7 (Act to amend the Criminal Code medical assistance in dying)

Not aware Bill C-13 Covid 19 Emergency Response Act.

Not aware Bill C-14 Covid 19 Emergency Response Act #2

Not aware Bill C-15 Canada Emergency R=Student Benefit Act

Not aware Bill C-71 Act to amend Certain Acts and Regulations in Relations to Firearms.

Comments, lack of awareness of issues, no convenors, lack of time at meeting.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB

Name and Address of Chairperson: Vacant (Lucille Rossington

Number of councils reporting : One online report done (info from presidents report)

RESOLUTIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2020

(a) research and preparation of resolutions and briefs

No resolutions brought forward in 2020

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

Communique's shared at meetings

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

Communique's shared at meetings

Online survey:

Positions in most councils vacant.

Information received from other levels were shared mostly by email as on 2 in person meeting was held due to provincial guidelines.

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

**Ella Nogier Past President
Annual Report for the period
January 1 to December 31, 2020**

Online Reporting

The online reports from two past presidents were received in Feb, 2021. They were often approached for advice. Archives are kept by both. Scheduled events were attended. Annual reports, book of life, lists of past executives, photo albums, copies of Constitution and Bylaws and many more items are kept in a safe place and renewed regularly. Both councils have their own Constitution and Bylaws. They have asked all levels for advice. One greatest challenge was to get members to step up to take leadership roles, Another councils challenge was to keep up with the archives. As usual past presidents have been very busy. Their dedication is definitely appreciated!

Meetings

Teleconferences were held in Feb .and Oct. of 2020. Our Oct. meeting was about catching up with each other, no reports. And NO convention. The face to face gatherings were really missed especially the face to face and the hugs! Maybe in 2021!

Archives and History

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

Diocesan Book of Life

The Book of Life has been kept up to date. To my knowledge there has been 3 sisters pass in 2020. It was Lois Burke from St. Ann's council and Margaret Ohryn , Jessie Burton The Pas council. May Our Lady of Good Council keep them well.

In concluding,

This has been quite a year with the Covid-19 pandemic. We have known nothing like it! One hundred years from now our CWL members will look at the archives and wonder what it was like. As we do about the Spanish flu pandemic in 1918-1919! Many of our grandparents survived it.

THEN.....Looking back 100 years what amazing thing happened??? Bellelle Guerin started the CWL. And here we are 100 years later. Think of that! Amazing! Within three years she had 440 members. Wow! And the rest is history!

Some thoughts for us.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Tomorrow's forecast: God reigns and the Son shines!

Why pay for GPS? Jesus gives directions for free.

Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water!

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

God wants full custody not just a weekend visit!

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1

This concludes my report,



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

President's Annual report

January 1 to December 31, 2020

Dear sisters of the league, the year 2020 will forever be known for generations and implanted in our memories as the year the world turned upside down and sideways. The world as we knew it will never be the same again. Our new goals now should be, how do we adapt and continue to grow! What we are missing now will never be taken for granted again I am sure. Did we learn anything by this immense slow down / lockdown that was imposed upon us?

As I continue with this report you will see that even though we were restricted many things were still able to be accomplished by our league members.

As many have mentioned in their annual report, due to Covid 19, no meetings hardly were done in 2020 until some got a little technically savvy (with some help of course).

Spiritual development still happened in many ways.

Here are some: online mass streaming was done and bible studies, rosary, adoration, novenas, advent and retreats over zoom/you tube, personal increase in bible readings and prayer times.

Members continued to help their parishes ministries before the lockdowns. One parish who does not have a priest visiting every week, and due to lockdown, none traveling, members oversee funerals, wakes as they are the only Church in their community.

Of course, all community events that normally were attended had been cancelled.

Through organization our diocesan had an increase of 2 memberships with bragging rights going to our St.Lawrence Council in Thompson . Our diocesan council lost 3 members who went to their Eternal Rest. Two were from The Pas Margaret Ohryn, Jessie Burton and one from Flin Flon Lois Burke. May they rest in peace!

Of course, all events for members recognitions, pins etc were cancelled and to be done the next time each council meet.

In their community life, members have generously given to Coady International, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace also Catholic Near East, Kee-Pas Missions, etc., adding all the standing committees, a total of \$4796.63 was sent this year. Amazing for a year of upheaval!

Most councils had to cut down on their donations this year to various organizations due to no fundraising. Some members wanted to donate on their own so were given a list of the regular organizations their councils usually supported.

They supported *Educations and Health* by donating to school breakfast programs as well as bursaries for graduating students. Discussed the communique' on stress management. We were able to have two Strategic

Planning workshop given by Jacqueline Nogier, one in The Pas and one in Flin Flon prior to lockdown.
Encourage to join in the Speakers Series in August given by our League 's National Council.

Christian Family Life was still supported for children receiving First Communion and Confirmation. One council sponsors a young girl in the Ukraine through Chalice. Members were encouraged to show appreciation to their clergy and Net Ministry team. Help was given to children attending Bible camp.

They communicated to members by email, telephone, parish bulletins and newsletters.

There were **no resolutions** worked on this year.

The legislation communique's were discussed at meetings and shared via email.

It is sad to see Thompson's St. Lawrence Church closed to due structural damage as well as their parish hall.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Last years convention was very lonely as I was the only one there. Looking forward to being able to meet my sisters once again and receiving my dose of CWL hugs.!

Wishing you all a safe and healthy year.

May our Lady of Good Council continue to bless us!

This concludes my report,

Lucille Rossington

President

Online Survey Report:

Two councils answered the survey report.

Amalgamated parish		no =100%
President position filled		yes=100%
Been a member for 11-15 years	50%	
Been a member for 21-25 years	50%	
Held this position previously	100%	
Age 55-64	50%	
Age 75-84	50%	

Where do they get information which to inform members:

National website	100%
National communiques	100%
Provincial website or newsletters	100%
Diocesan newsletters	100%
CCCB	50%
Catholic Family for Life and Family	50%

Current national priorities that have been introduced and discussed/acted upon:

Care for Our Common Home	100%
Rights of the pre-born (UN convention on the rights of the child	50%
Establishing standards of testing /labelling products deemed " flushable"	50%
Excluding medical assistance in dying from palliative care/hospice facilities	50%

What methods did they use to introduce these topics:

Engaged the standing committee chairperson	50%
Discussed the topics at a meeting	50%

How frequently do you meet with your advisor?

Monthly	50%
Rarely	50%

Is your spiritual advisor supportive of the CWL?

Yes	100%
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What resources do they use to preside at meetings?

Constitution & Bylaws	100%
Council policy and procedure manual	100%
National Manual of P&P	50%
Robert's Rules of Order	50%

Documents signed on behalf of their councils:

Banking documents	50%
Cheques	50%
Letters directed within the CWL	50%

Which events did they represent their councils: Did their council subsidize their cost to attend these events

Church functions	100%
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Conferences	100%	50%
Workshops	100%	50%
School ceremonies	100%	
Sacramental events	100%	
Community events	50%	
Regional meetings	50%	
Diocesan mtg /conventions	50%	50%
Provincial meetings/conventions	50%	50%
National convention	50%	50%
Remembrance Day services	50%	
World Day of Prayer	50%	

Did their council subsidize their cost to attend these events

- 1 50% paid
- 1 50% nothing paid

Do they have a parish policy and procedure ? yes 100%

No new policies develop this year 100%

Did they read the Executive Handbooks yes 100%

Does it assist them yes 100%

Do they provide an annual summary of the council's activities to members 50%

by what method newsletter/parish bulletin 100%

What committees, other than standing committees?

Teas, bazaars etc. 50%

Scholarship or bursary 50%

Fundraising 50%

Funeral lunches 50%

Do they use League letterhead when corresponding 50%

Who provided the greatest assistance to you when you assumed the role of president.

Diocesan president 100%

Personal mentor 50%

What greatest challenges faced in transitioning into the role of president.

Feeling undertrained 2= 100%

Keeping members interested 2= 100%

Feeling overwhelmed 1= 50%

Not having a full slate of officers	1=	50%
Running meetings	1=	50%
Meeting expectations	1=	50%
Inexperience	1=	50%
Delegation	1=	50%
Recruiting	1=	50%

Did they find it beneficial to have a national theme/logo through which they can focus councils activities?

Yes 100%

Do you like the change of theme with each new national president?

Very poor 50%

Very good 50%

How many years should there be between theme changes? = 5 100%

List the top two or three things about which you are most proud in your council.

The ability of our members to work together and ignore the "well it has always been done this way" members who are close minded or maybe feel pushed aside.

The membership that regularly attend meetings are very supportive One or two members are always helpful with fundraising efforts. Many members are involved with leadership roles in the parish.

What was your biggest challenge as president and how do you intend to address it?

Trying to let everyone know that their opinion is valued and that they are needed, but that there are different ideas as there are different people and we need to respect each and everyone opinion.

Getting people to work together for a common goal.

Not enough communication or personal contact with members in 2020 - (more phone calls and inquiries about how they are doing) Not asking members what they would like to see in our council or if changes should be made ...future for our council (surveys and personal calls about what is positive)

List the greatest challenge(s) in completing the survey, if applicable.

Being honest...At one time, it was just an annual president's report and no online reporting. With most chair positions vacant and one with no computer, it takes up a lot of time for the president to complete numerous online reports.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
PERIOD: January 01 to December 31, 2020

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

Our general meetings always begin with the rosary and on special occasions the Mass. Reflections were on many topics including readings from daily meditations of the Holy Spirit, Living with Christ and the Passion of Christ as well as from the church calendar. Our last month, (September), we celebrated the nativity of the blessed virgin Mary, her birthday, who is pure and stainless, beautiful and full of grace and whose soul dwells in the divinity as she rests in the arms of her mother, St. Ann. Unfortunately our memorial service in November, in honour of our deceased members had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

ORGANIZATION:

St. Ann's Council has a membership of 69 members and 1 Spiritual Advisor, Father Paul Bringelson. Of our membership 24 ladies are over the age of 80. There are no new members as of this report.

To date we have collected 92% of our total membership dues. The chairperson for organizations has put weekly notices in our church bulletin as well as has sent many e-mails to the CWL membership. All members have been notified either by e-mail, personal phone call or by letter. Our membership dues are broken down as follows: National fees -\$13.00, Provincial fees- \$6.00, Diocesan fees-\$3.00.

During our October meeting we voted to raise our 2021 memberships dues from \$30.00 to \$40.00. Our parish ladies are encouraged to come to our meetings and to join our CWL by personal invitation, by reading about our meetings in our parish bulletin or reading our monthly newsletter.

Due to the Covid restrictions in this area our June wind-up and our service awards presentation did not take place. Each new member receives the Catholic Women's League of Canada Welcome Kit, along with a CWL pin and are installed at one of our CWL masses.

Communiques were received from Fran Lucas, National Chairperson of Organization and Crystal Reiter, Provincial Chairpersons of Organization sending information on annual reports and updates and continuing to communicate with members during this difficult time.

COMMUNITY LIFE:

Due to Covid restrictions and our inability to meet on a regular basis, the donations of toiletries, winter clothing, toys/gifts for children, non perishable food stuffs to the Women's Safe Haven/Resource Centre, Aboriginal Friendship Centre, Kids North, Lord's Food Bounty and Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox and Christmas dainty tray made up for shut-ins in the community all had to be cancelled to us as a organization and left up to individual members. We were, however able to deliver "Meals on Wheels" during the month of September.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE:

Throughout the year members who celebrated “special” birthdays were sent a birthday card as well as a mass intention. This was also done for families who suffered a death in their family We also sent a special card and mass intention on the celebration of Father Paul Bringelson’s 20th anniversary as a priest. Christmas cards were also sent to Archbishop Murray Chatlin and our previous parish priest Father Denis Bourbonnais.

EDUCATION and HEALTH:

Our annual bursary for high school graduates was presented to the winner Meagan Oliynyk after the five people who applied and met our criteria, had their names put into a hat and Father Paul drew the name since it was very difficult to decide the recipient. Also a communique from Faith Anderson, National Education and Health that related to dealing with stress management being critical to women’s health was read at a meeting, and discussed.

Communications.

Our newsletters following our monthly meetings, which because of Covid restrictions amounted to five, are sent out to about 58 members by e-mails, and 20 receive paper copies. Five are actually sent out of town members. Copies are left in the church for all who are interested to pick up. Reminders of upcoming meetings are emailed to members just ahead of the meeting.

LEGISLATIONS AND REGULATIONS:

Correspondence is regularly received from both Provincial and National and is passed on the membership. No resolution was submitted by our council.

PRESIDENT:

This has been a very trying year for everyone. We sometimes feel like our hands are tied behind our backs.

Thank God we can communicate by e-mail and phone. Many of the things that we did as a group, we do as individuals. For example I do a “cinnamon bun” run about every couple of weeks to shut-ins even though it

is very difficult to visit them from six feet away. Homemade soup is well received too. It has been difficult for our members as fund raising is virtually out of the question so we have had to tighten our belts as there is not much money coming in with the absence of teas, bake sales, funeral lunches, and bazaars. Happily our fall supper was done on a take out basis and was very successful. We are still able to air special greetings on our local radio station for graduates and at Christmas.

At least during our Diocesan Teleconferences we get to hear everyone’s gorgeous voices. Well with the passing of this awkward year, it can only get better!!!! Onward and upward, God bless each and every one of you, stay safe and healthy.....fingers crossed see you at the next convention!

This concludes my report,
Sincerely,
Gail Bake

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
PRESIDENT ‘S YEARLY REPORT 2020**

Snow Lake, Mb

Spiritual Development: Our CWL members assisted with reading at services, acted as a Eucharist minister, and played the piano on Sunday at mass.

We held meetings on the 1st Monday of January, February, and March. We did not conduct in person or online meetings following these months.

We began each meeting with the league prayer. Deacon Clarence Fisher continued to act as our spiritual advisor. He blessed members at the conclusion of our meetings in January – March. One of our CWL members traveled to Thompson on Feb. 28 & 29 to a presentation which focused on the Gospel of Mathew. CWL members went online and assisted with the recitation of the rosary with Deacon Clarence Fisher during online sessions of Adoration.

Organization: We had 4 active members attending meetings. Our local CWL members filled the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We have 8 members with 1 member being a life time member.

Community Life: January through March involved sending a donation to “A Port In The Storm” as we matched all donations collected at our local CWL Christmas party. Our meeting in January brought discussions about the New Year’s baby gift and preparations for upcoming events. A gift was sent to our local New Year’s baby. Our local CWL sent sympathy and get well cards to community members.

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

Resolutions: (Position Vacant)

Legislation: (Position Vacant)

Other:

This concludes my report,
Jodie Kowalchuk

**ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE
LYNN LAKE, MANITOBA, ROB OWO**

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

- members take part in Lay Presiding, administration of Holy Eucharist, and reading at Sunday services,
- had a lay led service for Feast of Our Lady of Good Council
- members led the daily rosary during month of May and October and the Way of the Cross during Lenten season while following Covid19 guidelines.

ORGANIZATION:

- we have 14 paid up members this year counting spiritual advisor, because of age of members and Covid19 we meet and discuss issues at quick meeting after services,

COMMUNITY LIFE:

- held pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday and served pancake breakfast for the winter carnival
- had a farewell BBQ for Father Shanta on his transfer to The Pas and followed Covid19 guidelines
- members and CWL sponsored children going to Berge Lake Bible Camp which was held at the arena this year because lightning struck and burnt down the Bible Camp site at Berge Lake. Members also volunteered to drive the youngsters to Berge Lake for swimming activities during the camp.
- members did funeral services, vigils and graveyard services , being the only church in the community and absence of priest.
- assisted members with funeral expenses,
- held take out and delivery Thanksgiving turkey and ham supper as fundraiser

EDUCATION AND HEALTH:

- followed Covid-19 Guidelines and contact tracing of all visitors to services and discussed them with community members
- gave bibles and crosses to children being confirmed
- gave certificates and candles to children being baptized
- gave certificates and junior missals to children making Holy Communion
- handed out touques and mittens to people which were donated by seniors in Winnipeg

COMMUNICATIONS:

- sent cards to members and families for sympathy and other occasions
- phoned members for any issues needing discussing

RESOLUTIONS: -no report

LEGISLATION: - no report

This my dear ladies in the league is my report.

Respectfully submitted by
Pat Campbell

St. Lawrence Council
2020 CWL Parish President Annual report
Thompson, Manitoba

President Rachelle Safronetz

This is Rachelle's first year as president, replacing Flo Tabin.

Thompson Council, as all other councils, lived an incredibly unique and challenging year in 2020.

We held general meetings in January, February, and March. When the pandemic came to our attention, it was decided that we would postpone meetings until further notice for their wellbeing of our council members. As of today (Feb 2021) we still have not resumed meetings.

This year we welcomed two new members (one of whom received her sacrament of Confirmation this year) to our council and transferred another to a council in BC.

In July we learnt of the appointment of Fr. Shantha as Rector of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Stephens Parish. We are immensely proud of him, but we were saddened to see him leave.

For donations, at the beginning of the year we were given \$100 from a member of the congregation for us to purchase toiletries for the Homeless Shelter. We were more than happy to follow through on this for them. In March we donated \$100 to CNEWA to go toward the Well Initiative in India. In November we donated \$150 to the Salvation Army as we do every year.

In the spring we were devastated to have to close the doors to St. Lawrence Parish due to structural damage. The Ukrainian Church granted us permission to use their chapel in the meantime and once assessed, we were given permission to use the front chapel of our church for Masses. In the summer we held Masses outside which was a happy change. To date, we do not know what the plan is for the church although Parish Council and the Archdiocese are working hard to come to a resolution. The St. Lawrence Hall is also closed for repairs, which is a double hit on our Parish.

Finally, on a solemn note, in the summer we held a farewell Mass for our dear friend, Sister Andrea. We purchased her a painting by a good friend of hers of the northern lights, something she loved. To her we wrote:

"God has blessed us with a wonderful Sister and friend all these past years. You've guided us when needed with your wisdom and experience. You've taken on any task that was thrown your way and found great volunteers within our congregation when you needed the extra hands. Thank you for blessing us with your time and friendship, your teachings and patience. Enjoy your return to your Mother House and know that you will be missed but always loved and remembered."

I included this message that we wrote to her only because she returned to God not that long after her departure. A celebration of Life was held at the St. Lawrence Parish parking lot, approximately 120 people attended to say their farewells to a wonderful woman who spent many years educating and supporting the faith in northern Manitoba. She will be greatly missed.

Catholic Women's League of Canada
Parish President's Annual Report
For the period January to December 2020

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

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The League prayer and a decade of the rosary are said at the beginning of each meeting.
Father Jim Fiori (Spiritual Advisor) does a meditation/spiritual teaching each meeting
Three members participated in the planning of World Day of Prayer and some attended the event.
Members attended the Lenten and Advent (virtually on zoom) retreats
Led Stations of the Cross one week in March
Rosary one Wednesday in October (following diocesan and provincial protocols)
Monthly masses for ill and deceased members alternating between St. Paul’s Home and Pineview Manor. (Masses for the year were paid for but members unable to attend most due to Covid)
Annual monetary donations sent to the Kee-Pas Missions.
Members encouraged to support CMIC.
Fellowship of the Least Coin collection continued at meetings
Members encouraged to live stream Sunday mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Fridays) and Recitation of Rosary (Wednesdays).
Members take leadership roles in church ministries: Music, Decorating, Welcoming/Greeting, Parish Council, Prayer Chain, Children’s Liturgy, Confirmation and First Communion prep/classes and Ministry Scheduling.

ORGANIZATION

Executive maintaining their positions for another year due to Covid.
Cards sent on a monthly basis (anniversaries, birthdays and sympathy) and also reported at meetings.
Still busy collecting dues which are being sent by mail to Dorothy LeBlanc.
Membership: 32
Two members passed away (Margaret Ohryn and Jessie Burton)
One member not renewing for 2020
Three members have moved away (Christine Maracle, Teen Hlady and Teresa Pease)
One member has transfer papers from another council and will be joining us in 2021.
Service Awards: No presentations/wind up this year (no meetings in person since March).
Due: 1x55 (Eileen Lamontagne), 1x40 (Aline Neveux), 2x35 (Muriel Armstrong, Rita Hayward)
3x15 (Marie Louise Francoeur, Theresa Bastien, Adrienne Stilborn)
Other: 50 Year Wedding Anniversaries: Angie and Dave Fetter, Simone and Rick Atkins

COMMUNITY LIFE

One member continues to organize our “Operation Christmas Child” Shoeboxes

unfortunately many initiatives for fall and end of year did not happen because of the pandemic. We will review again in 2021. (St. Paul's Gift Giving Christmas tree, World Day of the Poor Grocery Cart donations).

Collect pop tabs for wheelchairs

Collect stamps for Development and Peace

Members encouraged to help with Meals on Wheels

Annual monetary donations to the local soup kitchen/homeless shelter. Members also encouraged to consider donating individually the homeless shelter (list of needs sent out by email)

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Gifts presented to children for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Members encouraged to show appreciation to our clergy and NET ministry group

Our council continues sponsorship for a young girl in Ukraine through Chalice.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Annual monetary donation to Coady International

Grade 12 Graduation Bursary (\$400.00) awarded virtually this year. Recipient: Ally Finnerty

COMMUNICATIONS

Members encouraged to read the Canadian League magazine and to use the CWL website.

Encouraged to personally approach ladies from the parish to consider joining the league.

Meetings are announced in the church bulletin and one member calls to remind/invite

Encouraged to register for the on line Speaker's Series in August and made aware that it is also available to see on the CWL national website.

RESOLUTIONS

Communiqués shared at meetings

LEGISLATION

Communiqués shared at meetings

OTHER : Parish Activities

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

This concludes my report

Teresa Bodin

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council**

Standing Rules of 69th Annual convention

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

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

1. Each person attending the 69th convention (by zoom) shall register prior by email and given a code to attend.
2. Parish president to send their credentials by mail.
3. The voting members (of the Keewatin-The Pas Diocese) this year Presidents only will show the hand icon /or hand when a member votes.
4. No member shall speak more than once or longer than two minutes on the same motion, without permission of the Chair, but the mover may reply before the vote is taken.
5. No member shall speak longer than two minutes on any issue without prior authorization of the chair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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