

*Catholic and Living it !*



*Keewatin-The Pas  
70<sup>th</sup> CWL Archdiocesan  
Annual Meeting of Members  
St. Ann's Parish  
Flin Flon. MB  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

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**AGENDA**  
**Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan**  
**70<sup>th</sup> CWL AMM/Convention**  
**April 30, 2022**

**CATHOLIC**  
**and LIVING IT!**

**FRIDAY EVENING, April 29, 2022**

7:00 p.m. Executive meeting—St. Ann’s Parish Hall

**SATURDAY, April 30, 2022** St. Ann’s Parish Hall

8:00 a.m. –8:50 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Official Opening, Flags & Banners brought in  
Business meeting, Welcoming, Spiritual program and Memorial  
Parish presidents’ reports, chairpersons’ reports

10:15 a.m. Health break

10:30 a.m. Business resumes

12:00 noon LUNCH

1:00 p.m. Guest speaker, His Grace Archbishop Murray Chatlain

2:00 p.m. Conclusion of business, blessings, adjournment and retiring of the  
Flags.

5:00 p.m. EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

6:30 p.m. BANQUET St. Ann’s Parish Hall

### **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.

## CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

Loving Father, open our hearts to your infinite love for all people, and to your presence with us wherever we go in your name.

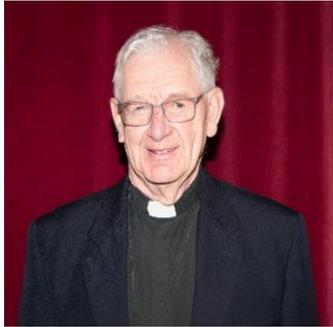
Lord Jesus, deepen the spiritual life of the Catholic Women's League, Strengthen the faith and good works of our members, building -up life in the world by being Catholic and Living It! May we imitate you with works of mercy, welcoming the forgotten, suffering or vulnerable wherever we encounter them.

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 Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.





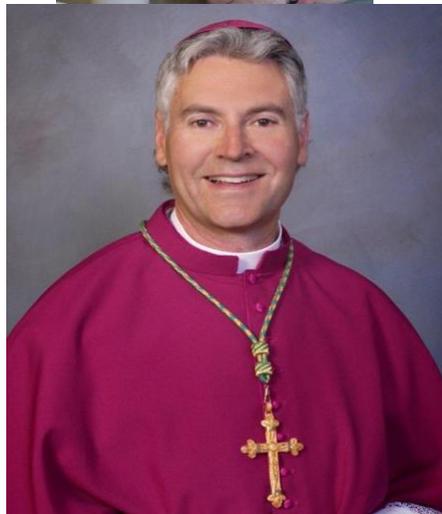
Fr. Jim Fiori  
Deacon Clarence Fisher



Fr. Paul Bringleson  
Sr. Bonnie Bryson, csj



Fr. Guna Pothula, msfs  
Fr. Shantha Kumar, msfs



**Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council  
Archbishop Murray Chatlain  
&  
CWL Spiritual Advisors**



## Archbishop Murray Chatlain

Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

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Good ladies of Keewatin-Le Pas CWL,

Back to normal?

As long as you do not mean back to the same old. Normal in life is change, and have we ever had changes!



At Christmas I was helping in Pelican Narrows Saskatchewan. I was really taken by their manger scene. The essentials are there: Baby Jesus, Mother Mary, St. Joseph. Shepherds. Magi. But there is room for creativity and cultural expression.

The manger is a teepee. The Sacred drum is present. If you look close, along with the sheep and oxen are a couple of moose! And at the base is the Every Child Matters flag. I think it makes a good connection with the best of Every Child Matters and the Christ child.

No, things are not the same old.

But the real normal is that the Holy Spirit is working and some good new things are happening too.

Blessings on our convention, yourselves and your families.

Archbishop Murray Chatlain



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Keewatin-Le Pas Archdiocese  
CATHOLIC and LIVING IT !**

Dear Sisters in the League and friends,

It is a 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.

As we reflect on the Theme of **"CATHOLIC AND LIVING IT"**, I would like to speak on three things:

**1). God created whole world and said, "It is Good". (Genesis 1. 31)**

As a Catholic, it is individual responsibility to keep the world good and unstained, but we fail to keep it because of selfishness. Pope Francis Says, "The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."

**2). "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)**

Morality boils down to love: loving God and loving our neighbors. If we truly love God (Who is love) and neighbor, then our behavior toward ourselves and others will reflect this commitment. The Catholic Church teaches that we are to strive for holiness and perfection, since Jesus told us to be perfect as the Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). However, this is only accomplished with the help of God's grace. Catholics believe that we are called to turn to the good than evil. This means turning away from actions and thoughts that are contrary to God's will. Turning away from evil means eradicating seven Deadly Sins from us (Pride, Envy, Lust, Wrath, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth). Turning toward the good means developing virtue, that is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. The core virtues are divided into the Theological Virtues, which are the foundation of Christian moral activity (faith, hope, and love), and the Cardinal Virtues, virtues around which all others are grouped (Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude).

**2). "One body and many members" (1 Cor 12)**

St. Paul highlights, Jesus is the body, and we are the many members of that body with individual task. our task is to grow as a catholic by following the footsteps of Christ. And also, it is our responsibility to help to renew the house of God. we all are called to build a loving society \ Church where God dwells. It's like a big family where there are many mysteries but with one atmosphere of faith.

As a catholic let us remember the words of St. Paul; **"whether we are alive or dead we belong to Christ."** (Rom 14.8)

I take this as an opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your great support to our CWL. God bless Canada, God bless CWL.

With prayerful best wishes,

**Fr. Shantha Kumar, MSFS**

**Archdiocesan Spiritual Advisor**

**Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas**

Keewatin-The Pas 70<sup>th</sup> AMM

Greetings from Manitoba Provincial President

To all of my Dear Sisters in the Keewatin-The Pas Diocese,

I am deeply honored to bring greetings to you on behalf of Manitoba Provincial Council on this, your 70<sup>th</sup> 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

**KEEWATIN-THE PAS ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE 2021-2022**

Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Shantha Kumar, MSFS
President	Bernadette Benson
Past President	Lucille Rossington
Secretary	Donna Coles
Treasurer	vacant

**STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS**

Spiritual Development	Sr. Bonnie Bryson
Organization	Patricia Campbell
Christian Family Life	Angela Fetter
Community Life	Maureen Benny
Education and Health	Teresa Bodin

**PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS**

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, The Pas	Teresa Bodin
Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake	Jacqueline Nogier
St. Ann's, Flin Flon	vacant
St. Lawrence, Thompson	Flo Tabin
St. Maria Goretti, Lynn lake	Pat Campbell



Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

Keewatin –The Pas Diocesan Council

Organized on: September 28, 1952

First Executive

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



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
**Keewatin-The Pas 69th Archdiocesan Convention**  
**Minutes**  
**May 29, 2021 — via Zoom**

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

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KEEWATIN-THE PAS FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

Four Treasurers reported this year. Following is the information they submitted to the survey:

Tools used by the councils to track receipts and disbursements are:

Bank book	100%
Deposit book	100%
Cheque book	75%
Excel spreadsheet	50%
Receipt book	50%
Ledger/columnar book	25%

The 2021 membership fee range from \$20.00 to \$40.00

Donation of \$100.00 was made to Kee Pas Missions project. Donations were also made re: the following

Standing Committees: Spiritual Development \$677.49; Christian Family Life \$704.51; Community Life \$133.00; Education & Health \$1600.00; Communications \$226.32 for a total of \$3341.32

Parish donations were \$92.39. Total donations made were \$3533.71

Two signatures are required on each cheque. The number of signatories range from 2 to 5.

1 Council reported preparation of a budget; the remaining 3 do not.

All 4 Treasurers present a financial report at each meeting. This includes receipts, expenditures and bank balance.

None of the Councils had their books examined this past year.

Fundraising has been non-existent this past year due to the pandemic regulations.

This concludes my report.

*Bernadette Benson, President*

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

**Community Life Standing Committee**

Chairperson. Maureen Benny

Number of Councils Reporting. 2 Councils: St. Lawrence (Thompson) and St. Ann's (Flin Flon)

End of May 2021 to End of October 2021

St. Lawrence Council (Thompson) have had no meetings as we have not able to use our church because our ceiling collapsed and serious damage has occurred to the roof support. Our Church Hall has also suffered damage and as yet cannot be used. We are only able to use the small front part of the . . .church building where we are at present holding Mass restricted by its size.

Dignity and Rights of persons

In September St. Lawrence Council took part in a Mass said for Sr. Andrea who died a year ago and was very much loved and missed by St. Lawrence parish. Our Council bought flowers for the Mass.

September 30<sup>th</sup> was designated a federal holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In honour of this St. Lawrence Council (Thompson) participated in an outdoor procession of the statue of Our Holy Mother and a recital of the Rosary. Rosaries were handed out (many of them were made up of orange beads) and orange shirts were worn by some of the parishioners.

Social and Economic justice

In September St Lawrence Council (Thompson) was invited by our church's Parish Council to participate in making decisions concerning the rebuilding of our Church, Hall and ways in which we can encourage our parishioners who are suffering from the loss of our church. We attended a meeting in September and October. We are still awaiting to hear from the Insurance company.

St. Ann's council (Flin Flon) delivered Meals on Wheels for the entire month of September.

In October Information cards about ERIK (Emergency Response Information Kit) was handed out to members. The last week of October St. Ann's church's collection of Pop Tabs were taken down to Winnipeg for Tabs for Wheel Chairs initiative.

Refugees, immigration and citizenship

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP)

Community Life Communique #5 was received from Mavis McLaren (Provincial Chairperson) and distributed to members along with Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land. September 21<sup>st</sup> was the International Day of Peace.

Many thanks to Sandra Garinger (Flin Flon) St. Ann's Chairperson Community Life for responding to my request for a report on their activities.

### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart council, The Pas

Edie Markman and Monica Brechka from St. Alphonsus Parish (Winnipeg) drove up to The Pas to donate school supplies, clothing and miscellaneous articles to distribute in the North where there are needs. They also brought a gift for Fr. Shantha. Faith Anderson is bringing school supplies to The Pas on November 11<sup>th</sup>

- A) One member continues to organize the “Operation Christmas Child” shoe boxes.
- B) Some initiatives for 2021 did not happen because of the pandemic and the loss of Guy Hall.
- C) Non perishable food items, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, socks, scarves and hats were collected for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor. All items were taken to the Homeless Shelter and the director was asked if they would consider sharing the donations with the Friendship Centre as well. Members made personal donations to The Pas Friendship Centre, Kee-Pas Missions, Food for the Hungry, CMIC and the Salvation Army.
- D) Continued sponsorship for a young girl in Ukraine through Chalice.
- E) Collect pop tabs for wheel chairs and stamps for Development and Peace.
- F) Members helped with Meals on Wheels whenever possible. (March).
- G) School supplies, clothing, outerwear and footwear were taken to Pukatawagan by Fr. Dana. I was able to pick up an SUV load of school supplies including back packs from the home of Faith Anderson (National Chairperson for Community Life).

In November St. Lawrence Council, Thompson donated \$100. To the Thompson Homeless shelter.

Pat Campbell of Lynn Lake reported their council has no Chairman for Community Life.

4 Councils reported on Community Life

### Community Life Annual Report snap survey 2021

Two Councils filled in the survey: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (The Pas) and Our Lady of the Snows (Snow Lake). Neither have a Chairman of this Standing Committee.

One reported a financial donation to those suffering from Homelessness, and a financial donation to those suffering from poverty.

Both reported marking Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Feb.22<sup>nd</sup>) and International Day of Prayer (Feb.8<sup>th</sup>) and one provided supplies. Both support organizations that assist indigenous people and celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>) and the First National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept.30<sup>th</sup>)

Refugees, Immigration and Citizenship was well supported by both councils as was Canadian Catholic Organizations for Development and Peace also support of Developing Countries. Well done

This concludes my 2021 report

Archdiocese of Keewatin- Le Pas

**Spiritual Report**

January to December 2021

- 2 councils reporting
- Members led the rosary during May (before lockdown) and in October
- Members are readers, Eucharist ministers and presiders
- Members look after music ministry
- Members visit care homes and hospital and take communion to the folks there
- During lockdown members reached out to elders by phone
- Members presided over funerals
- Councils reported 5 deaths;
- Helen Herman passed away 2021-01-11
- Cindy Nordick passed away 2021-11-07
- Elizabeth Sochan passed away 2021 – 03- 10
- Therese Olson passed away 2021 – 10 – 14
- Rose Weber passed away 2021 – 12 – 08

Respectfully submitted,

*Sr. Bonnie Bryson*

Spiritual Development Survey

Two councils responded to the survey.

\*1 Council has an elected position; the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is vacant

\*They discussed various ways to help the planet (i.e. reducing Styrofoam-used their own cups at meetings); assisted with yard clean up; reduce water usage by collecting rainwater and decreasing run off; encouraged to use recycle bags.

\*Prayed the theme Prayer

\*Both councils spend 1/3 of the business meeting on spiritual growth programs and activities of members.

\*Re: types of liturgies & programs organized: One council calls upon their Spiritual Advisor to discuss/explain topics of interest at each meeting; One council only met in November & December of 2021—held a spiritual Reflection at November meeting. In December hosted a spiritual program in the church that was open to all in the parish and the community.

\*Because of covid, the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26<sup>th</sup> was not celebrated but members were encouraged to follow online or on TV

\*The CWL national Faith Day on September 19<sup>th</sup> was not celebrated, but one parish had First Communion on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Spiritual advisors for both councils reporting attend council meetings and they are included on the meeting agenda.

\*Roles of the Spiritual advisor: Takes an active role at each meeting and is prepared to answer any questions that are voiced. He also has various topics he covers at each meeting. He is always supportive and assists with anything the members need help with (including muscle power on occasion). He is very passionate about prayer and meditation.

The spiritual advisor collaborates on spiritual programs (revising & writing); brings a message/thought at each meeting; gives a final blessing at meetings and spiritual programs.

\*The councils have developed their spirituality by daily rosary, liturgy of the hours, retreats, divine mercy recitation, spiritual books, meditation mindfulness.

\*Both councils use the national website resources that are available.

\*League Prayers, Ceremony booklet are very helpful.

\*One council reported praying the rosary daily in May to end Covid-19

\*Leadership roles in the Church include: diocesan council/committees; parish committee chairpersons; parish finance committee; parish pastoral council.

\*Due to the inability of fundraising opportunities this year, members were encouraged to make personal donations to CMIC as funds were not available to donate as a council.

\*Lay ministry is supported through the choir/music, decorating, lectors, catechists, Eucharistic ministry, facilitator, hospitality, sacristan

\*One council reached out to women of other denominations. Promoted awareness of participated in Fellowship of the Least Coin, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, Women's Inter-church Council of Canada, World Day of Prayer

\*Recommendation for training for Spiritual Development chairperson, via Zoom, would be good to help defray travel expenses, etc.

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

Name of Council: KEEWATIN-THE PAS DIOCESAN

City or Town and Province: The Pas MB.

Name and Address of Chairperson: Teresa Bodin

Number of councils reporting: 2/5

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**EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Annual Report for the period  
January 1 to December 31, 2021**

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**(a) Catholic Education:**

(i) Catholic Schools and Catechesis

No Catholic schools in our diocese.

(ii) Rites of Christian Initiation

Members assist when help/support requested

**(b) Literacy and Continuing Education:**

School supplies have been collected through donations from various MB councils and will be distributed to schools in the archdiocese where there is a need.

**(c) Scholarships and Bursaries:**

- Bursaries awarded to graduating high school students enrolled in post secondary education. Monetary adjustments made in one council to reflect the lack of fund-raising opportunities this year.

-Members encouraged to support the Coady International Institute and consider giving a personal monetary donation.

**(d) Wellness and Sickness/Disease:**

Members encouraged to support and follow public health covid 19 recommendations.

**(e) Environment:**

Members encouraged to think about our theme "Care for our Common Home" and make small changes.

**(f) Genetics:**

This concludes my report

Teresa Bodin

The **online survey** was completed by three parishes.

\*One position for this committee is filled by election.

\*None of the councils have Catholic schools in their towns. All three councils do offer bursaries or scholarships to graduates of the local high schools.

\*One council has informed members that they can include a legacy in their will to support the National Bursary Fund.

\*One council has supported the Canadian Diabetes Association as well as Heart & Stroke Foundation.

\*Two councils encouraged all members to pray for palliative care during the week of May 2-8, 2021

\*Two councils participated in the *Care for Our Common Home* initiative. One took part in plastic and waste cleanup. (collected plastic bags)

\*Environmental issues addressed by the councils were: recycling, reducing the use of Styrofoam cups, reducing water use, cutting down the amount of trash in and around the community.

\*Knowledge in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of technology to alter genes in light of the teaching of the Catholic church was responded to as Fair. To improve on this, the person mentioned that the parish priest was handling the teachings.

“Because of no fundraising and lack of money our council members voted on not donating to Coady for 2021; members were encouraged to make personal donations if possible. \$100 was donated to Coady in this manner.”

## **CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE**

### **JANUARY to December 2021**

Two Councils reporting:

One Council gifted our 3 senior members with the CWL face masks and their dues. Also gifted to Father Shanta with the CWL jacket and shirt and a donation towards Father's travel for his mother's funeral. Two members also donated to a mass for Father and his travels. Our league also helped two members with travel expenses for funerals.

Second Council: a member gifted the Clergy with face masks. A donation was made to Euthanasia Prevention.

#### **OTHER:**

One Council gave cards and had masses said.

This concludes my report

AngieFetter

The Christian Family Life Survey for 2021 was responded to by 1 Parish Council.

The chairperson position is vacant; however, the Council did report participation in programs for young people in their parish.

As for seniors in the community, the report is gifting them with membership, involving them in CWL events; and praying with them.

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

**Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council**

City or Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB  
Name and Address of Chairperson: Donna Coles  
Box 402, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N1  
Number of councils reporting 2 out of 5 = 40% Online survey :

**Recording Secretary Standing Committee**

**Annual Report for the period of**

**January 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

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

Teleconference held January 9, 2021 at 10:00 am. Agenda circulated prior. Minutes circulated by email to CWL Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council, Fr. Shantha Kumar, Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Spiritual Advisor and Parish Presidents.

First Zoom Meeting of Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council April 24, 2021. Agenda circulated prior. Minutes of Teleconference January 9, and Zoom Minutes be circulated Manual of Policy and Procedure 7th Revision updated and sent by email.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Pre-Convention Meeting by Zoom was held May 28, 2021 minutes taken. Minutes of the April 24th Zoom Meeting circulated by email to Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons and Spiritual Advisor (prior to pre-convention meeting).

Keewatin-The Pas 69<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Convention by Zoom was held May 29, minutes taken. Minutes of the 67 and 68 Archdiocesan Convention circulated and read at the Convention. Thank you to Jacqueline for taking and getting the minutes done.

Send Sympathy Card and Mass intention cards to Fr Shantha on the loss of his mother.

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Zoom Meeting held Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, minutes taken. Pre-convention Minutes of May 28, 2021 circulated to all Diocesan Executives, Chairpersons, and Spiritual Advisor (prior to Zoom Meeting).

**Reviewing the Secretary Annual Online Survey for 2021.... 2 councils did the survey.**

\*1 council has a recording secretary; 1 has both recording & corresponding secretaries

\*Both were elected.

\*Number of years in this position ranged from 4 to 6 years.

\*Both take minutes at the meetings

\*One is also a signing officer.

\*Both know where the council charters are located.

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

\*Both councils have minute books.

\*One receives written reports from the executive.

\*One knows that their council has a copy of the Handbook for Secretaries from National office; the other doesn't know. The answer re: copy of the CWL Personal Letter Writing guide was the same.....one yes, the other doesn't know.

\*Biggest challenge as a secretary in 2021 and how it was addressed.....

Getting motions passed during Covid 19. The secretary would email, text or phone the members with the motion and enter the proceedings in the motion book.

Zoom meetings were held but the secretary could not get zoom and sometimes had a problem to hear.

\*Satisfaction with communication from National and Provincial and how relevant

it is: 1 said always; 1 said usually 50% & 50%

Both were always satisfied with the communications from Diocesan. 100%

Both feel the communications are clear and concise from all levels

\*Both said they sometimes receive duplicate communications from national, provincial and diocesan. When they receive communications from the above levels that invites/requests participation, both said they have enough time to do so sometimes.

\*Neither had anything more to add pertaining to the position of Secretary.

In closing I would like to thank the two councils for taking the time to complete the Online surveys.

This has been a year of new experiences during this time of Covid, May Our Lady of Good Council continue to pray for us during these trying times.

This concludes my report.

Donna Coles — Secretary

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

# THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

## KEEWATIN – LE PAS DIOCESE

### ORGANIZATION REPORT

#### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

- 3 councils reported for a total of 108 members. One council reported a member in the Phillipines maintaining her membership as she plans on returning to Canada.
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- Councils report membership dues vary from \$40.00 to \$25.00
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- Members are reminded by bulletin that membership fees are due
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- Communiques from National and Provincial are distributed or discussed at meetings
- Members report difficulty in having regular meetings due to Covid restrictions
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- Councils report awarding service pins at a Mass or meeting
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- One council reported having 2 members read from THE BOOK OF LIFE of deceased members

Respectfully submitted

Patricia E. Campbell

### Online Survey results

Two councils filled in this survey. One chairperson was filled by appointment and has held this position previously.

One council reported hearing of the *Embracing Diversity: Tools for Council use* toolkit but has not used it.

Councils use bulletin boards, parish bulletins and personal invitation to encourage members to reflect the cultural and age diversity of the community.

Members participation in the following events are: fundraising-- 61-80%; meetings, social events and spiritual events-- 81-100%

In 2020 the most effective means to recruit new members was by personal invitation and by conversations

Members are recognized by cards or announcements, new member ceremony, 1 presented the Maple leaf service pin

Member renewals are completed online or manually.

One council is current on the latest Strategic Planning implementation committee. Both councils reported involvement at other levels of the League—(1) at diocesan, (1) at national.

Both councils use guidelines to assist executive members in completing their reports.

Both councils appreciate the reduced version of annual questionnaire.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Name of Council: Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council  
City/Town and Province: Flin Flon, MB. R8A 0A7  
Name of Chairperson: Vacant

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COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Annual Report for January 1 to December 31, 2021

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**Three parishes participated in the online survey.** Following is the summary:

\*One of three have the position filled at parish level, filled by election.

\*Published articles in the 2021 editions that resonated with chairpersons were: President's message; from the National Spiritual Advisor; Action in the time of Covid-19; Mary's Meals—A Simple Solution to World Hunger; Role of Women in the Church—a personal reflection; Experiencing Holy Moments; Are You Crazy; Responsible Stewardship; What you need to Know about Folic Acid and Neural Tube Defects; Mandatory Age Verification—the Time to Act is Now; Handy Hints; Honouring the Gift of Service; A Moment in Time; Is it Time to Get Out of Our Boat and Walk on Water

\*Two councils promoted faith-oriented programs; one council promoted National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; one promoted World Communications Day (first Sunday in June)

\*One council shared the League sponsored mass on April 26, 2021 in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

\*Two councils encouraged members to visit the CWL on Facebook or Twitter; All three councils encouraged members to use cwl.ca for current information.

\*One council made use of local media to advertise council activities and events; two councils organized a telephone committee to invite members to events. All three councils use e-mail to send out meeting agendas or minutes.

\*Council activities and events were promoted through the following types of media: church bulletins; e-mail ; church bulletin boards ; Facebook ; local newspapers and radio stations; school newsletters. One council produces a newsletter and it is distributed by e-mail, regular mail and parish bulletin. One council submitted material for publication and advertised with local media for the benefit of the League.

\*None of the councils took additional steps regarding awareness of pornography this year. No actions were taken regarding the several Resolutions pertaining to pornography.

\*All three councils have shared the strategic planning information with their members and have viewed the national website.

\*The biggest challenge of the Communications standing committee is getting the position filled.

Bernadette Benson, President

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### **LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

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Two parishes participated in the online survey. Following is the summary:

Neither council has a chairperson for this committee.

\*One Council reported some awareness of Bill c-7 on medical assistance in dying

\*Neither council reported awareness of Bill c-233 on sex-selective abortion

\*One council reported being very aware of bill C-268 on intimidation of health care professionals.

\*Neither council used the legislation workshop "Faith In Action"; (1) was not aware of it, the second said lack of interest among members.

The recommendations for this standing committee was more zoom workshops that members can attend but not all have internet access.

The biggest challenge in completing this survey was personal lack of knowledge.

--submitted by Bernadette Benson, President

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### **RESOLUTIONS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Annual Report for January 1 to December 31, 2021

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Name of Chairperson: vacant

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A member of the executive for one parish completed the survey. The council does not have a large number of members and thus finds it difficult to generate interest in this particular committee.

Information from National and Provincial is passed on by the Diocesan president to all parish presidents and they are encouraged to inform all members of the happenings in the League. Members were encouraged to participate in the virtual diocesan, provincial and national meetings of members that were available online in 2021.

--submitted by Bernadette Benson, President

# The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council

Flin Flon

Lucille Rossington

Number of councils reporting: 1 council annual report and 2 did survey.

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## **PAST PRESIDENT STANDING COMMITTEE**

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

### **January 1 to December 31, 2021**

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**(a) serve in a consultative capacity**

All past presidents help in some way when called upon by their councils.

**(b) responsible for archives and history**

The Book of Life is kept up to date as necessary.  
Some photos are kept in binders/albums.

**(c) facilitate the study and implementation of the *Constitution & Bylaws***

Being a past president several times from parish level and now as past president from our diocesan council it has been an invaluable little gem for me to use and to share with members as needed.

**(d) facilitate the study and implementation of the *Manual of Policy and Procedure* (national and provincial)**

I have encouraged all councils to have their own policy and procedure and to refer to other levels as well.

**(e) other duties as assigned by the president.**

Prepared a powerpoint for the instructed vote. The Diocesan President gave the presentation for St. Ann's Council as I was unable to attend due possible exposure to Covid.

Continue to host the zoom meetings.

Sharing of information as needed

## Survey results for 2021

### Past President position filled or vacant?

Only one of the two responding is filled.

She has been a member for over 25 years

She has held the position before.

Age between 65-74

Always attends scheduled executive meetings

Always attends scheduled regular meetings

Always attends scheduled meetings (spiritual events)

She is called upon less than once a month for advice

Yes, she does feel her president is encouraged and supported by her help.

She is responsible for the archives.

Archives are kept at their church in the CWL room.

Archives are kept at their church hall

One knows where her Council's charter is.

Using filing cabinets for storage (both)

One has photo albums.

They keep annual reports for more than 10 years. One does not keep.

They have a Book of Life it is kept indefinitely. One does not keep.

They keep deceased members histories indefinitely. One does not keep.

Financial information is kept indefinitely by both.

List of past executives kept indefinitely by both

Membership renewal data is kept indefinitely by both.

Minutes of general meetings one keeps indefinitely and one 9-10 years.

Records of pins and award recipients are kept indefinitely by one and not kept by the other.

Written reports of executive members are kept indefinitely by one and not kept by the other.

Both keep the years of service of members indefinitely.

Council archives are reviewed by both as necessary.

One council maintains a history book.

One council keeps their photo albums labelled.

Both councils respond having a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

One council reviews the C&B as a guide to help with a decision every couple years.

They both have copies of the National Manual of Policy and Procedure

One refers to the NMPP every couple years, the other rarely if ever.

Both report having a Parish Policy and Procedure.

One claims it is updated as a policy is being changed and one every 5 years.

Both council sought advice from diocesan executive annually.  
One council sought advice from Provincial executive rarely, the other never.  
One council rarely sought advice from National, the other never.  
One council sought advice from their Spiritual Advisor quarterly, the other annually.  
Advice sought from their Bishop is rare for one and never for the other.  
Advice sought from their life members one is quarterly and the other rarely.

**Duties undertaken at the request of their president:**

Fill the role of a vacant position (2)  
Represent their council at conventions (2)  
Chair executive and general meetings (1)  
Chair a standing committee or taskforce (1)  
Organized a spiritual event (1)  
Prepare agendas (1)

Communication received from **National council** one is always satisfied, the other usually.  
Communication received from **Provincial council** one is always satisfied, the other usually.  
Communications received from **Diocesan council** one is always satisfied, the other sometimes.

How relevant is the communication received by parish from **National:** Always (2)  
How relevant is the communication received by parish from **Provincial:** Always (2)  
How relevant is the communication received by parish from **Diocesan:** Always (2)

Is communication clean and concise from **National :** always (2)  
**Provincial:** always (2)  
**Diocesan:** always (2)

How often **do they receive duplicate communications** from National, Provincial, Diocesan?

One says sometimes  
One says occasionally

When receiving these communications from all **levels that invites/requests participation** do they have enough time to do so?

Both answered : sometimes

**Reflecting on your term as president**, is there anything you could do to make your successor's experience more enjoyable and fulfilling?

This was my second year as Past President; I assisted the President whenever she requested it.

**Did you support the implementation of the envisioned future of the League** through Planning Strategically 2018-2020?

yes (2)

If so, **how** did you offer support?

I attended workshops whenever I could; usually via Zoom this past year.

Shared the information I received.

I am on the Implementation Committee.

**Share your greatest success** (new ideas, projects, workshops).

not sure if I would say it's a success, but I accepted President of our Diocesan Council this past May. Being new to this position, I am still in the learning process.

**Share your greatest challenge** in your council work.

Getting members to accept executive positions.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
KEEWATIN - THE PAS DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Bernadette Benson, President**

January 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021

2021 has been an interesting year as well as one filled with challenges. COVID restrictions are still in place and our five Councils have had difficulty in meeting on a regular basis. Our Annual Members' Meeting was held virtually, and election of new executive did take place.

As the new President, I wish to thank the members of the Executive who willingly took on chairperson responsibilities and I look forward to working with each of you.

I also give a heartfelt 'Thank you' to Lucille Rossington for her dedication to our Council these past several years as President. You are an inspiration to those of us who follow.

Now on to the 2021 report.

**Spiritual Development** was not deterred by Covid. League members continue to pray the Rosary at the beginning of meetings, when held, as well as other times whenever possible; many pray the Rosary daily. They also led Stations of the Cross during Lent. Advent prayer service was held in December. Several members take leadership roles in Church ministries such as music, decorating, welcoming/greeting, prayer chains, parish council, teaching classes for Confirmation and First Communion and being Ministers of the Word and Eucharist.

**Organization**

Our Council consists of five Parish Councils and a total membership of 123: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart—31; Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake—7; St. Ann, Flin Flon—65; St. Maria Goretti, Lynn Lake—10; and St. Lawrence, Thompson—10.

One council reports welcoming a new member. However, our Diocesan council lost 5 members to death this year. "May their souls rest in peace with our Lord."

St. Ann's Council, Flin Flon held a special Mass on December 6<sup>th</sup>; Installation of new executive took place and Years of Service Pins were presented: 15 yrs-- 2; 20 yrs--- 1; 25 yrs—2; 30 yrs—4; 35 yrs—2; 50 yrs—1; 70 yrs—1. Thirteen in total.

They also presented Donna Coles with the Bellelle Guerin award for her dedication to the League.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Council, The Pas presented Years of Service pins for 2020 & 2021 at mass on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Installation of their new executive also took place.

**Christian Family Life**

Members are encouraged to read the League magazine

Special birthdays are remembered with a card and Mass Intention; sympathy and 'thinking of you' cards are sent to members as well as family and community persons;

CWL masks were presented to senior members for their birthdays

A memorial service was held, candles lit, and encouraged people to bring rocks with deceased persons' names and to make a list of deceased persons to be placed in a basket on the altar to be prayed for in the month of November

Members were informed of the virtual March for Life May 13<sup>th</sup> to learn more about Bill C-268 and to consider signing the petition. An update on Bill C-7 was provided.

Members made personal contributions to EPC (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition) and the De Veber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research.

Children's missalettes are provided for their use at Mass.

### **Community Life**

Meals on Wheels are delivered by several members.

Metal can tabs are collected and taken to Winnipeg for the Tabs for Wheelchairs project. Stamps are collected for Development and Peace.

Local Food Banks are assisted with donations of non- perishable foods as well as volunteering and doing baking for them.

Members are involved with their communities as members of Chamber of Commerce, museum, library board, Health Auxiliary

Donations are made to the local Women's Shelters, the Friendship Centres, the Salvation Army, CMIC, Kee-Pas Missions

On September 30th, members of one parish participated in an outdoor procession of the statue of our Holy Mother and recited a decade of the Rosary. Rosaries were handed out and orange shirts were worn by some of the parishioners.

Information cards about ERIK (Emergency Response Information Kit) were handed out to members.

School supplies, clothing and miscellaneous articles were distributed in the north where they are needed.

Monetary donation was made to a local Homeless shelter.

Carnations were purchased for Mother's Day and distributed to mothers in a parish, the hospital and mothers in the community.

### **Communications**

All communiques received from Provincial and/or National are forwarded on to our Diocesan executive and the five parish council presidents to be shared with the respective committees.

Members are kept 'in the know' by newsletters, emails, phone calls, church bulletin, and personal contact.

They are encouraged to read the Canadian League magazine and to use the CWL website and, most importantly, to promote membership in the League.

### **Education and Health**

Three parishes offer bursaries to Grade XII graduates; only two (2) bursaries were given out this year as the third had no applicants.

Personal donations from members included Coady International, Operation Smile, Red Cross, Canadian Cancer Society, and Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

CWL face masks were ordered by councils.

### **Resolutions and Legislation**

None of the Councils have chairpersons for these two positions. However, all communications received from Provincial and National are forwarded on to ensure that members have the information available

**Treasurers** keep their Councils well-informed of the financial standings of each Council. Regrettably, Covid, once again created difficulties as fundraisers were not possible during these times.

**Online Survey Report** Two council presidents participated in the survey.

<b>The position of president is filled</b>		100%
<b>How long have you been a member?</b>	11-15 years (1)	50%
	21-25 years (1)	50%
<b>Have you held this position before?</b>	Yes (2)	100%
<b>What is your age?</b>	45-54 (1)	50%
	55-64 (1)	50%

<b>Where do you get your information?</b>	National website (2)	100%
	National communiques (2)	100%
	Canadian League Magazine (2)	100%
	CCCB (1)	50%
	Provincial websites or Newsletters (1)	50%

<b>What current national priorities have been introduced to and discussed or acted upon by your council this year?</b>	Care for Our Common Home (2)	100%
	Bill C-7 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) (1)	50%

<b>How frequently do you meet with your spiritual advisor?</b>	Monthly (1)	50%
	Rarely (1)	50%

<b>Would you say your spiritual advisor is supportive of the CWL?</b>	Yes (2)	100%
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**In what ways have you engaged your spiritual advisor in the CWL?**

He is on our agenda and is called upon to present or discuss various topics of interest. He attends all meetings and is very supportive of our council.

Asking for input on spiritual programs, at times he prepares the spiritual reflection for the meeting, asking for his opinion on activities we might undertake or changes that we might want to make.

<b>What resources do you use to preside at meetings?</b>	Robert's Rules of Order (2)	100%
	Council policy and procedure manual (1)	50%
	Executive handbook (1)	50%
	National Manual of Policy and Procedures (1)	50%

<b>What type of documents have you signed on behalf of your council?</b>	Cheques (1)	50%
	None of the above (1)	50%

<b>At which events did you represent your council?</b>	Church functions (2)	100%
	Diocesan meetings and conventions (2)	100%
	Conferences (1)	50%
	Retreats (1)	50%
	School ceremonies (1)	50%
	Remembrance Day services (1)	50%

**Did your council subsidize your cost to attend these events and, if so, by how much?**

Conferences	0% paid (2)	100%
Fundraising dinners and events	0% paid (2)	100%
Workshops	0% paid (2)	100%
Diocesan conventions	100% paid (1)	50%

	0% paid (1)	50%
Provincial convention	100% (1)	50%
	0% paid (1)	50%
National convention	0% paid (2)	100%

***Have you read the Executive Handbook and understand the duties of your executive team?***

Yes (1)	50%
No (1)	50%

***If yes, has the Executive Handbook assisted you in the responsibility of overseeing the operations of your council?***

Yes (1)	100%
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***Do you provide an annual summary of the council's activities to all members?***

Yes (2)	100%
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***By what method?***

Written report (2)	100%
e-mail (1)	50%
oral report (1)	50%

***What committees, other than standing committees, does your council have?***

Scholarship or bursary (1)	50%
None (1)	50%

***On what issues have you spoken on behalf of your council this year?***

None that I can recall right now.

Welcoming parish and community women to spiritual programs, president's oral report at diocesan convention.

***Does your council use League letterhead when corresponding?*** Yes (1) 50%  
No (1) 50%

***How satisfied are you with the communication you receive from the following:***

National council	Always (2)	100%
Provincial council	Always (2)	100%
Diocesan council	Always (1)	50%
	Usually (1)	50%

***How relevant is the communication your parish council receives from the following:***

National council	Always (2)	100%
Provincial council	Always (1)	50%
	Usually (1)	50%
Diocesan council	Always (1)	50%
	Usually (1)	50%

***Do you find the communications clear and concise from the following:***

National council	Usually (2)	100%
Provincial council	Usually (2)	100%
Diocesan council	Always (1)	50%
	Usually (1)	50%

***How often do you receive duplicate communications from national, provincial, and diocesan councils?***

Sometimes (1)	50%
Never (1)	50%

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

Usually (1)	50%
Sometimes (1)	50%

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

Immediate past president (2)	100%
Former past presidents (2)	100%

Diocesan president (1) 50%

**What were the greatest challenges you faced in transitioning into the role of president?**

Not having a full slate of officers	(2)	100%
Finding the time	(2)	100%
Feeling overwhelmed	(1)	50%
Feeling undertrained	(1)	50%
Amount of paperwork	(1)	50%
Running meetings	(1)	50%
Meeting expectations	(1)	50%
Keeping members interested	(1)	50%
Delegation	(1)	50%
Recruiting	(1)	50%
Organizational skills	(1)	50%

**Do you find it beneficial to have a national theme and/or logo through which you can focus your council activities?**

Yes (2) 100%

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

Very good (2) 100%

**How many years should there be between theme changes?**

Minimum 2 Maximum 4

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

That members are still hanging in there!

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

Loss of our hall which was our meeting place. Also, not able to fundraise...as in teas, rummage/garage sales, perogy bees as we have no place right now. Difficulty accessing our League publications, binders, documents, etc. We have been loaned a room, but we need to contact someone to get a key to go.

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

None...very good.

I must admit, since being new to the position of Diocesan president, reading the answers from the parish presidents made me more comfortable, knowing that I am not alone in my feelings of being unsure, at times, of my position. But knowing there are members available to help, if one only reaches out, is a great comfort. I had a member of Provincial council remind me to "Let go, let God", and with God's help, and each of you members, I know I can do the job I was elected to do.

I pray that our Blessed Mother will guide and protect each of you, as we all work for God and Canada.

May God's blessings be upon you.

This concludes my report.

*Bernadette Benson*

Catholic Women's League  
ST. ANN, PARISH  
President's report

December 2021

Many things have had to be done sparsely because of the Co-Vid restrictions. Fund raising was at a standstill and with no money coming in things like our annual bursary for graduates from high school had to be reduced by \$300.00 and many of our charities that we regularly donate to had to be cut back or paid as funds allowed. However, this wasn't all doom and gloom as an example in the case of a funeral of deceased member or attendance of the Fellowship of the Least Coin one member would represent us all. We as members of St. Ann's Catholic Women's League work as a team and as you will notice there is no "I" in team!

Spiritual Development was aptly handled by Gerdie Sewap, who brought many interesting prayers and messages she found to brighten our meetings and make us reflect.

As our secretary Cathy Daneliuk covered our minutes with great recordings and then jumped in to replace our Corresponding secretary Jan Gourlay when Jan moved to Saskatoon.

Our treasurer Eloise Gawiak handled our finances aptly keeping a lid on things and made sure everyone knew exactly where we stood financially. For sure many members who bought things for the league, just pocketed the bills.

With Donna Coles looking after organization and keeping excellent records, she forwarded to provincial whenever we lost a member in our league, such as Elizabeth Sochan on March 10, Therese Olson on October 17 and Rose Weber on December 07. Donna kept up the birthday record for every month and passed on special birthday to our Christian Family life convenor. Donna also kept track of membership dues and at the time of this reporting 83% of our members are paid up for 2022. We have 66 members and one spiritual advisor in Father Paul Bringleston. Our membership dues are \$40.00 and divided amongst National who receives \$13.00, Provincial \$6.00, Diocesan \$3.00 leaving us with \$16.00. At our December meeting we had an installation ceremony after mass with Fr. Paul and President Gail Baker installed the new executive that had been nominated.

After the installation membership pins were blessed by Fr. Paul and presented to: Maria Benko and Joyce McLennan-15 years, Irene Stein-20 years, Rae Baumgartner and Gerdie Sewap- 25 years, Bev Beever, Jan Gourlay, Evelyn Oliynyk and Marlene Poirier-30 years, Kathy McCormick and Gaby Taylor-35 years, Bernadette Benson - 50 years and Helen Schaff-70 years. AND then St Ann's CWL was pleased to present to a most deserving member, Donna Coles with the honour of receiving the BELLELLE AWARD! Through the years Donna is only the third recipient to receive

such an honour next to Cathy Daneliuk and Blanche Kryschuk. We are so proud of them!

Christian Family Life with Irene Stein who made sure that special birthdays were honoured with recipients receiving a mass card and a special birthday card. Cards were routinely sent to Father Paul Bringleston, ArchBishop Murray Chatlain and St Anne's retired parish priest Fr. Denis Bourbonnais.

Unfortunately, Irene has had to resign her position due to health issues with the husband Don. We keep in touch with Irene and of course our prayers.

Community Life's Sandra Garinger doesn't let the Co-Vid restrictions ground her. She organized our September obligation to "Meals on Wheels" by arranging for members to take turns doing this community job. She also took a huge load of metal can tabs to Winnipeg to the organization who has them melted down and made into motorized wheelchairs for handicapped children. Her main project now is the local food bank, and she has set up food donation boxes and with the help of League members, they work at the shelter as well as doing baking out of our church for them as needed.

Education and Health saw Maria Benko working with all three high schools when selecting a student to receive our bursary. She also brought to our meetings articles from news, magazine and TV helping to keep us aware of what new was going on in education and our health in our community and country.

Communications was aptly handled by Denise Davis who arranged newsletters to be sent to all our members keeping them up to date on what was going on in our league. She also made signs, posters and did work with the media on anything going on in our league or fundraising in our church.

Resolutions and Legislation had Lucille Rossington taking this as a stand in and who became our policy, procedure and regulations expert. We found out quickly, what she wanted done and when we stepped out of line. There was no new resolutions in this term.

After mass in December before our general meeting we had an installation ceremony with Father Paul and President Gail Baker residing. Installed were Cathy Daneliuk as Recording secretary as well as Corresponding secretary, Eloise Gawiak as Treasurer, Lisa Crone as Christian Family Life, Sandra Garinger as Community Life, Donna Coles as Organization, Denise Davis as Communications, Maria Benko as Education and Health, Darlene Winfield as Spiritual Development. We will not have a President In the next term but members will take turns in that position on a monthly basis in the hopes that some newer members will give it a try. For January, Cathy Daneliuk will take the chair. Past president is Gail Baker.

Legislation and resolutions is vacant.

In our league our parish activities person, Bernadette Benson, happens to be our

paid staff secretary who acts as liaison between the league and our church parish, letting us know what is going on and where we can help. Such as our take-out turkey supper we held in November replacing our fall supper. There were 315 tickets sold with all the Co-Vid restrictions put in place it went very well. Such as the Christmas Market that is taking place this weekend in place of our bazaar. There will be no tea but baking, books, arts and crafts for sale as well as our ever popular Toonie parade.

Fund raiser Bev Zollen organized a peroghy bee and with help of the league members they made 97 dozen to be sold at the Market place.

Funerals, with Co-Vid of course there have been no lunches but Cathy Daneliuk has handled this position for many, many years and will get us back to work once the restrictions are lifted.

SO! As president of this fantastic group of women, you must know how proud I am to serve this League. As my term comes to an end my last function will be to “ring the bells” as was requested by the Salvation Army.

It isn't difficult to see that St Ann's CWL for the most part work very well together as a team. I am disappointed that no one wants to step forward to take the presidency but perhaps by getting volunteers to do the job monthly may give members the chance to realize that it isn't really that overwhelming, especially with this executive behind you! January will see Cathy Daneliuk taking the chair. Please think about it! Why, you may ask am I stepping down well, I have been a member for 24 years with 20 of those years on executive and I want to step back, just be a worker and not in authority. I love the league and will work in it until the day I die.

Thank you all, I have learned so much, especially about myself and how to treat people with respect even if you don't always agree. Merry Christmas to all and may 2022 be one of your best years ever!

This ends my  
report

Respectfully,

Gail Baker

## 2021 President Report

Our Lady of the Snows

Snow Lake

As for most councils, 2021 was an incredibly difficult year. We held only 2 meetings; in November and December. We have four members regularly attend meetings in normal circumstances and one of those members does not use technology at all.

At our November meeting a new executive was formed by acclamation. Positions filled are president, treasurer, and secretary. We have one member who sends congratulations, sympathy, and “thinking of you” cards. These cards are sent to League members and their families, parish members, and community members.

It was also decided at our November meeting that we would have executive meetings every second month and would alternate with a prayer service. We hosted an Advent prayer service in December that was attended by league members, parish members, and community members. This was a positive start to something new. We will continue this until June 2022 and re-evaluate at that time.

Our parish council members are involved in the parish in various ways. They are readers, musicians, and help with church cleaning. Our spiritual advisor, Deacon Clarence Fisher attends all meetings and prepares a short spiritual reflection for our business meetings.

We are hopeful that 2022 will bring more opportunities to meet and grow as Catholic women.

Jacqueline Nogier

President, Our Lady of the Snows Parish

Snow Lake

## ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT—PATRICIA E. CAMPBELL

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### **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT—Sr. Bonnie Bryson**

- members led services most of the year due to absence of parish priest
- members participated in saying a decade of the Rosary when being presented on Wednesdays from The Pas
- members are Eucharistic Ministers and take Communion to patients in the hospital when visitors are allowed
- we recite Prayer for Residential Schools at lay led services
- members assist and preside at funeral and graveside services
- present candidates making their sacraments with certificates, candles, crosses or bibles.

### **CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE—vacant**

- presented CWL masks to senior members for their birthdays
- held memorial service and lit candles and encouraged people to bring rocks with deceased persons' names and to make a list of deceased persons to be placed in a basket on the altar to be prayed for during the month of November

### **ORGANIZATION—vacant**

- 10 paid up members and our dues are \$25.00 but intend to increase at next meeting

### **EDUCATION AND HEALTH—vacant**

- we offer a scholarship of \$200.00 to a student entering university or college but had no Applicants this year.
- two members joined diocesan meeting via Zoom
- members assist with preparation of sacraments

### **COMMUNICATIONS—vacant**

- Members are informed of meetings at Sunday service and phone

### **COMMUNITY LIFE—vacant**

- Member is on executive of Chamber of Commerce, museum, library boards
- 3 members are on Health Auxiliary, 1 as treasurer
- 2 members on Parish Council, 1 as treasurer
- 1 member is Justice of Peace for province of Manitoba
- Memos and info discussed
- We purchased carnations for Mother's Day and distributed them to mothers in the parish, the hospital and if any left over to mothers in the community.

**LEGISLATION**—vacant

-Memos and info discussed

**TREASURER**—Pat Campbell acting treasurer

-Keeps books and prepares financial reports

**SECRETARY**—vacant

This concludes my report.

Patricia E. Campbell

Catholic Women's League of Canada Parish President's Annual Report  
For the period January to December 2021

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#### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

- a) The League prayer and a decade of the rosary are said at the beginning of each meeting.
- b) Father Jim Fiori (Spiritual Advisor) continues to attend all council meetings as well as CWL Rosary, masses, and other CWL functions. Father Jim is placed on our meeting agenda and is called on at each meeting for support as well as meditation/spiritual teachings.
- c) Unable to collect for Fellowship of the Least Coin because only one meeting was in person.
- d) Led Stations of the Cross twice during Lent.
- e) Attended and led weekly rosary in May and October (as restrictions allowed) as well as at other times during the year. One member continues to recite a decade in Cree when she is present.
- f) Monthly masses paid up for ill and deceased members alternating between St. Paul's Home and Pineview Manor. (Members unable to attend due to Covid)
- g) Unfortunately, we were unable to send our annual monetary donations to Kee-Pas Missions, CMIC Coady or food bank. Members were encouraged instead, to support these and other charities personally ( in place of and on behalf of our council, with a note of explanation).
- h) Encouraged to live stream Sunday mass and Wednesday Rosary if unable to attend in person.
- i) 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

- a) Council membership: 31 (2 not renewing, 3 moved, 2 passed away and 1 new).
- b) Cards sent on a monthly basis (anniversaries, birthdays and sympathy) Also reported at meetings.
- c) Membership dues are being collected by Dorothy LeBlanc.
- d) Elections held in November. This was our only in person meeting for the year.
- e) A CWL mass was held on December 7. Service pins for 2020 and 2021 were awarded to those who were able to attend. The installation of the 2022/23 executive and Reception of 1 new member also took place.

#### COMMUNITY LIFE

- a) One member continues to organize the "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes
- b) Sadly, some initiatives for 2021 did not happen due to the pandemic and the loss of Guy Hall..
- c) We were able to collect non perishable food items as well as toiletries, feminine hygiene products, socks, scarves and hats for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor. All items were taken to the Homeless Shelter

and the director was asked if they would consider sharing some of the donations with the Friendship Centre as well.. Members made personal donations to The Pas Friendship Centre, Kee-Pas Missions, Food for the Hungry, CMIC, and The Salvation Army,

- d) Continued sponsorship for a young girl in Ukraine through Chalice.
- e) Collect pop tabs for wheelchairs and stamps for Development and Peace.
- f) Members encouraged to help with Meals on Wheels when possible (March)
- g) School supplies, clothing, outerwear and footwear taken to Pukatawagon by Father Dana. I was able to pick up an SUV load of school supplies, including backpacks, from the home of Faith Anderson (National Chairperson for Community Life). An inventory and plan for distribution still needs to take place. (Faith was unable to bring the supplies as planned because of severe winter weather).

#### CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

- a) Encouraged to read our League magazine.
- b) Informed members of virtual March for Life (May 13), to learn more about Bill C-268 and to consider signing the petition. Provided update on Bill C-7.
- c) Personal member contributions include the EPC (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition) and The De Veber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research,

#### EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- a) Personal donations from members included Coady International, Operation Smile, Red Cross, Canadian Cancer Society and Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. .
- b) Grade 12 Graduation Bursary (\$400.00) awarded to Megan Edwards. Presentations were virtual.
- c) Will be distributing school supplies( as mentioned above) to schools and communities in need.
- d) CWL face masks ordered for member/parish purchase. Gifted masks to Archbishop Murray, Father Jim and Father Shantha.
- e) Two members attended the diocesan convention by Zoom.
- f) Education and workshop opportunities/webinars emailed or passed on to members.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Members encouraged to read the Canadian League magazine and to use the CWL website. Also encouraged to follow and keep up with our CWL 5 Year Strategic Plans.
- b) Encourage members to approach ladies from the parish to think about joining the league.
- c) CWL announcements are made by word of mouth, church bulletin and/or phone calls.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- a) Communiqués shared at meetings and forwarded by email/paper

#### LEGISLATION

- a) 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  
St. Lawrence Council  
Thompson  
Flo Tabin President**

We filled in the on-line annual surveys – 2021 either by mail or on-line.

Connie Scheiber (treasurer) collected CWL membership fees (22.50 each) from the members and sent off the forms.

We have ten members and our spiritual advisor, Fr. Guna. We lost two members in 2021 (1 moved away, the 2<sup>nd</sup> did not renew membership).

We held no elections the end of 2021. We just decided to stay on as we are. We are not able to use our church or our church hall at present as they are both under repair. We raised no money in 2021.

We stay in contact with our members by email, text or phone and record any motions required in our Motion Book. We will use these means to ascertain our instructed vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Benny (Secretary)

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

### **Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocesan Council**

#### **Standing Rules of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Meeting/Convention**

Each AMM/ convention sets its own standing rules in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

They are applicable for the duration of the AMM/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 AMM/convention.

At the beginning of the business session of an AMM/convention, the rules are read and a motion is proposed, discussed and voted on to adopt the standing rules of the AMM/convention. This motion requires a two-thirds vote. To suspend a rule requires a majority vote.

1. Each person attending the AMM/convention shall register at the convention registration desk and shall be required to wear the official convention badge for admission to all meetings.
2. Voting cards shall be issued to the voting members of Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan and these cards must be exhibited when a member votes.
3. Voting and accredited delegates shall sit within the areas designated for them at all business sessions of the AMM/convention unless prior arrangement has been made with the Chair.
4. No member shall speak more than once, or longer than two minutes, on the same motion, without permission of the Chair, but the mover may reply before the vote is taken.
5. Only resolutions submitted to the Resolution Standing Committee in advance of this AMM/convention shall be considered for presentation to the AMM/convention.
6. No member shall speak longer than two minutes on any issue without prior authorization of the Chair.
7. No goods shall be distributed, displayed or sold at this AMM/convention without the prior approval of the Chair.
8. All provincial public health Covid-19 guidelines must be followed.

## **Roberts Rules of Order**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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