

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council**

Christian Family Life

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Communiqué 1

Care For Our Common Home

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Chairpersons of Christian Family Life
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Christian Family Life (for information)
FROM: Marielle Rigaux, Provincial Chairperson of Christian Family Life

“We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth”
(George Bernard Shaw)

Hello from rural Manitoba. This is my favorite time of the year because of harvest, when we reap what we sow. This year is proving to be a challenge but God provides and so he shall in “his time”. It’s like writing reports at the end of the year, we gather all of our works, pray it has made a difference and we share.

I’m starting my 4th term on Provincial Council, I am what I consider a recall. I am a now retired farm wife but am busy in our community. I have one loving husband, 2 daughters (1SIL) 1 son (1DIL) and 6 grandsons. I was a nurse and have done palliative care here in our hospital. Christian Family Life is new to me but I will give it my all and try to provide you with the latest in the area relevant to Christian Family Life.

Ministry to Seniors, the Disabled and Youth:

Pat Deppiesse, our National Chairperson of Christian Family Life encourage us to watch the clip from a meeting at the UN Status of Women Conference which you can find at lifeneews.com/2019/04/22/watch-lila-rose-slams-abortion-at-the-un-its-never-right-to-intentionally-take-a-human-life

Speaking of a “human life”, how many of you this summer had the opportunity to see the movie “**Unplanned**”? For those us who had the opportunity, speaking for myself it was emotionally disturbing and I cried. It reminded me of when as a young woman, I worked at the Vancouver General Hospital and there were marches back then against abortion and the lawn in front of the hospital was covered in bouquets of Baby Roses in remembrance of all those tiny lives taken.

I will provide the date for “March for Life” when contacts and plans have been made.

Euthanasia: We are encouraged to read “LifeCanada’s” article, “The Current Situation of MAID in Canada” at lifecanada.org to learn about the status of medical assistance in dying. In comparing other countries in the world, Canada has an unusually high number at over 4000 deaths since legalization in 2016.

Please check out the “National CWL” website and read the communique from Pat Deppiesse, there is far more information there and I do not do her communique justice by giving you small snippets.

Ministry to Separated and Divorced:

In the spring issue of the Canadian League magazine there is an article on the “Annulment Process”. It used to take years to get an annulment in the Catholic Church. The process was long, required people vouching for you etc. and if you had the money you could speed things along. With approximately half the marriages ending in divorce the process has been revised. At the Fireside Chats with Fr. Caruso in Mesa, Arizona, he related to us that the process should only take 18 months (in the U.S) Fr. Caruso sat on that committee so was knowledgeable about the topic.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any problems or questions that I could help you with or find information for you. I am here to serve and do my best.

Reminding everyone that annual reports will be due, never too early to get a start and please remind your members that your memberships are also due. Time to recruit.

We could also use some help at Provincial Council as there are a few vacancies. I’m a “recall” you are “called”.

Blessings to all and pray for those who “in the League” are facing and struggling with illness, health issues in their families and for those who are struggling with family faith issues.

Respectfully,
Marielle Rigaux