

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

Past President

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Communiqué #6

Here I am, Lord, Send Me!

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Past Presidents
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Past President (for information)
FROM: Janet Brunger, Provincial Past President

As I write this, here in the south, touch wood, we have not yet experienced frost this fall, and our gardens are still producing, and we are still busy canning and preserving. We are also still scrambling to complete our fall projects before the weather turns.

The Winnipeg Diocesan Fall Meeting and Workshop is coming up fast, as is the St. Boniface Day of Reflection. At the parish level, the fall activities and planning for same are in full swing, and each day brings a new set of challenges and deadlines.

In the middle of all of this, I frequently pause and offer thanks to our loving Lord, for the gift of good health and physical strength, that we are able to do all of these things we want and need to do. I am also deeply grateful for the food that is returned to us through our labours, the shelter and material comforts that we have, and the freedoms that we enjoy. Let us always be mindful to take none of it for granted.

I was also privileged to be asked, and I consented, to remain on Provincial Council in the role of Past President, for another term. It is my hope that I can make a meaningful contribution to the work that these ladies do over the next two years. I ask that you, also, support them in everything they do.

I had the privilege of attending the National Convention in Saskatoon last month, and was able to participate in the workshops and breakout sessions that were offered – they were most informative! Watch for updates in the upcoming League magazine!

Taking from our National Past President's most recent communique, and as Past President in your own Council, I encourage you to undertake the following:

- Establish short and long-term goals for your term as past president, and review them regularly;
- Reach out to other past presidents to share ideas and plans;
- Continue the work of archiving your Council's materials; add pictures and achievements to your photo directory and scrapbooks;
- Continue to recruit and welcome new members to your Council;
- Continue to offer your support and assistance to your President;
- Regularly check the National CWL website for new information, updates and resources. This site is continually being updated and there is a vast amount of valuable material there!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be always with you, in all of your endeavours. May you enjoy a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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