

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
VICE- PRESIDENT**



HERE I AM LORD SEND ME!

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COMMUNIQUE #2

TO: DIOCESAN PRESIDENT to be forwarded to councils' parish presidents.
CC: PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE (FOR INFORMATION)
FROM: Lea M. Colbeck, Manitoba Provincial Vice-President

Dear Sisters in the League,

A new season is fast approaching and it is time to get back into the routine of monthly League meetings. This is the second communiqué that I have written for the League. In the one that I wrote back in April, I was the Acting Vice-President for Manitoba but in June I was elected to the position. I am here to share the League with you for the next two years.

In my last communiqué, I mentioned the “1” Campaign with March’s & April’s catchphrases. We must promote the “1” Campaign to “Recruit, Retain and Regain”. The following information has been supplied by Betty Colaneri, National Vice-President to be forwarded to all Councils.

October: Thankful for the Ultimate ‘1’

In the month that Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on the ultimate ‘1,’ God, and thank him for all the many blessings he has given. ‘1’ way of doing this is to not only count our blessings but make our blessings count. The League’s way of showing gratitude to God is to pay it forward. Perhaps you could invite ‘1’ member with no family to join you for Thanksgiving dinner or visit a shut-in member. Even ‘1’ small act of caring can change a life around.

November: Remembering the ‘1’ Who Planted the Seed

We all have that special person who taught us our faith or helped us grow in different ways. It may have been a parent, priest, teacher, mentor or saint whose life spoke to us. Perhaps it was a member who invited you to come to a meeting or asked you to join the League. They saw your potential, and their joy was seeing the seed they planted grow and flourish. Honour them by being that ‘1’ person to plant a seed for someone else and continue to grow the kingdom of God.

December: ‘1’ Priceless Gift

Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving. A gift that was born so long ago but continues to have an immense impact on the world—a humble gift that did not come with fancy wrapping paper or a bow but, when opened, gave an amazing love to last for all eternity. It is not a gift to be kept unwrapped or for oneself. We are meant to share that gift with others—to show all the love, hope, compassion and forgiveness they too can experience. One way to show that compassion is for members is to give the gift of presence to ‘1’ person. That ‘1’ on ‘1’ attention could be exactly what they need to boost their spirit. Another way is to help ‘1’ member who is unable to pay her membership or give the gift of membership to that ‘1’ person you think would benefit from belonging to the League.

I am encouraging you to use these catchphrases. I would appreciate receiving any feedback on the use of the catchphrases or projects that been created to promote membership.

Meet the Staff Webinar

Set your calendar and register for the “Meet the Staff Webinar” on Thursday, October 10th at 2:00 p.m. CDT. Encourage members to sign up for the webinar so they can meet the wonderful staff who take care of the day-to-day duties at national office and become familiar with who to contact if necessary.

Mentor Skills Bank

The Mentor Skills Bank is being revised and will be available in October. This resource is a way to reach out to members with particular expertise in an area where you may need help. Members willing to be a mentor and offer their services are welcome to add their names to the list by contacting national office.

During my two year term, I will be trying to visit each Council but not at a meeting. I would like to come to an event that your Council is hosting – just to enjoy the event and meet members on an informal basis. It could be any of the following: Annual Tea and Bake Sale; Spaghetti Supper; Fall Supper; etc. Just let me know when you are having an event and I will do my best to attend. This includes the Councils of Keewatin-The Pas.

I wish all of the Councils a prayerful start back to League activities this fall. Let us give thanks for each and every wonderful day.

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