

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

**Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission**

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**COMMUNIQUE #6**

**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,

We have received two communiqués from National Vice-President Glenda Carson in the past few weeks.

In the first one, she states that it is that time of year again when the Catholic Women's League continues from their elections which began at parish councils during the winter and then we come together at convention—a time of reflection and discernment, as well as personal and spiritual growth, and just having fun. At these conventions, we celebrate the dedication and gifts of members while also acknowledging the challenges we are experiencing.

One of those challenges that we are facing in the Catholic Women's League is lack of leadership at all levels – parish, diocesan and provincial. I just want to restate what Glenda has offered in her communiqué: Each of us is called, in our own way, to contribute to the life of our councils—whether through prayer, participation or taking on new responsibilities when we are able. Many members give generously of their time and talents, often stepping forward again and again to serve in leadership roles. This commitment is a true gift and a testament to the strength of the League. It is not always realistic to expect that everyone will step into leadership roles, and that is okay. However, even small invitations—encouraging a member to assist with a project, chair a committee or explore a new role can open the door to future leadership and shared responsibility. I would respectfully ask members to prayerfully discern whether they would be willing to let their name stand for service at the next level of the League.

As we move forward into convention time, I encourage all councils to continue their good works and follow these simple guidelines:

- Continue reaching out with openness and invitation to new and returning members
- Support and mentor those who may be discerning leadership roles

- Recognize and value all contributions, both visible and behind the scenes
- Foster a spirit of unity, collaboration and hope.

I am truly looking forward to seeing our Manitoba members at the three Diocesan Conventions in April/May and at the Provincial in June. We will celebrate our many achievements. Glenda Carson's second communiqué was entitled "Funding Opportunities for Members and Councils". She states that the League remains committed to supporting members and councils at all levels in pursuing opportunities for personal growth, education and leadership development.

### **National Bursary (For Members)**

Members are invited to apply for the National Bursary, which supports education and faith formation in response to our call to serve "For God and Canada".

### **National Development Fund (For Councils)**

The National Development Fund provides financial assistance to Councils that may experience hardship when hosting workshops that promote membership growth, leadership and spiritual development.

Members and Councils are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to strengthen leadership, deepen faith and support the future of the organization. You can see more details in Glenda's communiqué; on the National Website; or contact myself.

Lastly, I would like to promote the 2026 National Convention in Halifax in August. The experience is a good one.....

Thank you to the Manitoba members for all that they do for God and one another.

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