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Manitoba Provincial Council

ORGANIZATION



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Care For Our Common Home

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Chairpersons of Organization
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Organization (for information)
FROM: Crystal Reiter, Provincial Chairperson of Organization

Welcome back, after a very busy convention season and, hopefully, a relaxing summer! I am happy to be serving you in the position of Organization Chairperson for the next two years! I have been an active member of the Notre Dame Selkirk Council since 2008 and have been on Manitoba Provincial Council in various roles since 2013. I am available for assistance and guidance wherever and whenever needed, and what we do not know we can learn together!

Recruit members and maintain membership

I am pleased to report that all of the Manitoba Councils have submitted membership dues to National office. Some councils are using the online membership tools and some are using them partially. You are encouraged to use the online membership process which national office provides through a secure website as outlined in the Finance section of the *National Manual of Policy and Procedure*.

Leadership development

We know that the League is in a restructuring phase right now as we move through the planning strategically phases. There will not be any huge changes in the immediate future but things are evolving. In the meantime, we can continue to get everyone excited about the League with our Catch The Fire workshops!

League Resource Material

The League has a wealth of online resources available to peruse or for free download. Please consult the national website <https://www.cwl.ca/>. At minimum, councils should have on hand a printed copy of *Constitution & Bylaws*, *National Manual of Policy & Procedure*, *Executive Handbook*, and *League Prayers*.

Annual Reports

Soon we will be thinking about, dare I say - dreading, annual reports. I encourage everyone to use the on-line reporting method developed by the league. It really does work quite well. If you have any concerns or problems, please feel free to reach out for help to other councils or to myself, once again we can learn

together! I hope to have the opportunity to talk with all councils through my time as Organization chair and hopefully we can get annual reports from everyone and share and learn from one another!

Life Membership

This falls under my portfolio as Organization chair and there are some in the works in Manitoba! But I would like to remind everyone to celebrate your members! Not everyone will find themselves on the track to life membership but the League has many ways to recognize people. The Maple Leaf Award is one way and there are several certificates and things. People love to celebrate and to be celebrated, consider some awards!

Lastly, a little personal message from me! I have learned in the last few years that everyone has a story. We are all struggling or suffering in some way. Take time to get to know fellow parishioners, we can learn from each other and we can love each other. This is one of the most beautiful things about the League for me – Ladies, let's continue to love and support each other and let our love draw people towards us!

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