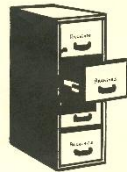


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Communiqué #9

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, my heart is full, for the gifts that we have, for the food that we've been given, for our gardens that have produced abundantly this year (and are still producing), and we are still busy canning and preserving, getting everything cleaned up for the season. I am still trying to wrap my mind around how our apple trees produced such a bumper crop of apples in such a dry year, but that's what happened. And chokecherries - I don't believe I've ever seen the like of what we got this year!

The Winnipeg Diocesan Fall Meeting and Workshop will be held this week-end, and the St. Boniface Day of Reflection next week-end. Parishes are busily planning their fall activities and fundraisers of all kinds are in full swing.

The National Convention in Toronto was enjoyable and packed with information, and I'm glad that I went and was able to participate in all of it; the genuine caring and interest that I experienced from our ladies, and reconnecting with people that I haven't seen for some time; it's a real privilege.

I have already had the opportunity to participate in a National Past President's meeting with Shari Guinta, at which several matters were discussed. These meetings are an opportunity for Provincial Executive across Canada to meet with their National Counterparts. These meetings are held virtually, and are usually very productive.

We are reminded that; “We are here to support, guide and instruct without interfering.” As Past Presidents, we need to take these words to heart. There is a fine balance between ensuring that existing policies and procedures are followed, and insisting that “we have always done it this way!”, and participating in dialogue for the development and establishment of new policies and improvements in processes, and demanding that your way is the right way. I caution our Past Presidents not to be divisive; instead, approach each proposal with an open mind and a gentle manner.

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

Janet Brunger

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Provincial Past President