



The Catholic Women's League
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ORAL REPORT

President

Rolande Chernichan

What an honour it is to serve as your president! You are awesome! Our League has been afire with the prompting and nudging and inspiration of the Holy Spirit! Our members really are living spirited energy in their response to our national theme and the many ways God calls us. Your annual reports reveal that you serve with humility; you pour love and faith into everything you do.

The excitement is mounting as the years and months have whittled away into a countdown of just weeks where we will lay out our welcome mat and give guests from across Canada their best national convention experience ever! What a privilege to be part of a sisterhood that gives you a connectedness no matter where your travels take you in Canada.

Our Rural Initiative Trust Fund proved to be a huge success. Your provincial executive is thrilled that so many from rural Manitoba seized the opportunity to apply for an accommodations subsidy so as to attend our national convention. It was fantastic to see that our sisters from Keewatin-The Pas Archdiocese were of the nineteen members who applied. We were able to approve every applicant for an 80% subsidy for their three-day hotel stay at the Delta hotel. We even had enough funds left over that we were able to also subsidize the accommodations for Fr. Shantha Kumar, their diocesan spiritual advisor, to come and experience his first national convention. How good is that!

Hopefully many of you will take in the events of national convention week. Yes, many of you will be working behind the scenes, but we want you to also take the time to experience the spirituality, the speakers, and the fun that it can be. Come be affirmed why we belong to this vibrant organization that makes such a difference in the world. We especially hope you will join us on Tuesday for Manitoba Night. You've all had a hand in preparing to host our national convention, and Manitoba Night is to celebrate YOU who helped to make it happen!

I encourage all CWL members in Manitoba to come and join in forming the honour guard on July 15th at St. Boniface Cathedral when Cardinal Gerald Lacroix will be here to celebrate a Mass in honour of the 200th anniversary of the Church in western and northern Canada. There will be a full day of festivities, and we can all be proud that the League has had a share in the evangelization of the west and the north, and it continues to do so.

I close with the good news that in the next few weeks our provincial website will go live. We hope you will enjoy its features and that it will help make your involvement in the League a lot easier. Our aim is to use the website to help our members embrace the digital age. Maybe one day we will be able to report that 100% of our reports were done online! Keep up your good works! You are a blessing to many!