

Manitoba Provincial Council

St Boniface Diocesan Council Annual Report

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While reviewing the oral reports submitted by my amazing St. Boniface Parish Presidents, I have to admit that I was very impressed in their dedication and willingness to keep going even in hard times. We have had one council go inactive with the possibility of disbanding this year and membership has been down, however things are starting to look up. We had about fifty percent of councils complete the Annual Report which enables us to complete our reports at the Diocesan level. Every council was able to submit their three highlights for our Annual Report Booklet at the AMM and I'm proud to report that every council was able to meet, vote on and submit their Instructed Votes.

Some of the councils were able to meet by Zoom while still under provincial restrictions and many are now transitioning back into in person meetings. All the presidents have been very good with passing along all information sent to them from Provincial as well as National through Communiques and mailings. Some of the initiatives that were sent out that have been acted on are: The Food Bank Project, the Gratitude Project, National Telephone Call, and Spiritual Bouquet for Pope Francis. Many councils were able to continue with their parish level initiatives as well which include: Prayer Partners, CWL Masses, sending birthday, Christmas and sympathy cards, and Stations of the Cross. A few interesting things that our councils have done include: learning about the Amoris Laetitia Family Year Theme, participating in the Moral/Human Virtues and Theological Virtues presented by Matthew Leonard, watching the "Catholic and Living It!" video, having a Life Member present on the Hierarchy of the CWL, host a parish viewing of the film "A Matter of Life", participated in the Synod process and had a rummage sale.

The one thing that our councils are always on top of and can always be counted on is their love of helping others, which was shown by everyone through their donations. This was done with a variety of ways, from financial aid to items of need. The councils donate to all forms of charities such as: Good Shephard Campaign, Catholic School of Evangelisation, Serena, Jocelyn House, Children's Hospital, Cancer Care, Rossbrook House, Sisters of Charity, Mam Bear Clan and You Can't Spoil a Baby. They also donated bras to Nigeria, Quarters for a Cause and made perogies with funds going toward Ukraine.

Some of the councils were able to hold elections this year which went well and were able to fill most spots. From all accounts, everyone is hopeful moving forward that things will improve and are excited to get back to meeting in person and attending special events such as this AMM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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