

December 1, 2022

Season's Greetings as we start into the Advent Season! Hope, Peace, Joy and Love! This is the time we look forward to year after year! I, like many of you, am so excited as I look forward to the opportunity to have all of my children and their children together under one roof! Even my parents will be able to join us this year! Now that is Joy and Love for me, truly I feel like I am

Catholic and Living It!

I have been listening to The Bible in a Year over the last two years and a couple of things have stood out to me.

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Feels like my instructions to be Catholic and Living It!

More recently I have been listening to the book of Acts. The beginning of Acts chapter 8 talks about the persecution of the church under the rule of Saul and how that led to the spread of Christianity. Covid can hardly be called persecution, but it has certainly caused suffering in all areas of our lives. *Let's take advantage of the end of this time of suffering and reach out to all our sisters! Let's grow the League as we return to community life!*

As we move into the New Year I am looking forward to a wonderful Day of Celebration! We will have some prayer, some learning, and some time to be together! Watch for the full agenda early in the New Year – the event is taking place in person on February 11, 2022!

Coming our way in the new year is an outreach program that is originating at the National Level. All councils – provincial, diocesan, and parish – will be visited by a member from the council above them on the CWL organization chart. Councils will be interviewed about their needs and what can be done for them and the members at that level in their council. The CWL is in a crisis, members are not renewing and are being lost through death, we need to identify how to meet the needs of our existing members, so when the time comes for your council's workshop be ready and be sure to attend!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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<p><i>Catholic and Living It!</i></p>		
<p>TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)</p> <p>CC: Provincial Executive (for information)</p> <p>CC: National President (for information)</p> <p>FROM: Crystal Reiter, Provincial President</p>		

*“You did not choose Me. I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.” John 15:16*

What a glorious experience to be able to gather together with women from all over Canada! We have missed so much by not being able to come together as a sisterhood for the last two years! I was overjoyed to be able to continue that feeling as I attended the Winnipeg Diocesan Fall Meeting. We are poised on the precipice of a brand-new year where we have the ability to join with our sisters in person and celebrate the new vision of the league as we serve God!

So very many topics were discussed over the National meetings held in conjunction with National Convention. Following are some of the highlights.

- Resolution 2022.01 Enact Federal Legislation to Address Food Loss and Waste
- The moratorium on Life Membership has been lifted with some minor changes in criteria! Watch for Life Member news!
- Strategic planning is moving along nicely! Check [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for updates!
- New versions of the Constitution and Bylaws and National Manual of Policy and Procedure will be available after approval by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Expected date is December 1, 2022.
- Faith, Service and Social Justice Guidelines have been prepared. Look for them on the website! Great resource for newly elected councils.
- Communications protocol during these years of transition was discussed. All communications will go through council presidents and secretaries to be distributed as is that council's custom. This will be both top-down and bottom-up communications. (Sounds easy enough but it has sure required a lot of thinking for me!)

- New Development and Peace projects are
  - Sustained and equitable primary education for girls and boys living in rural areas in Afghanistan
  - Inclusive governance for women of Kasenga through functional literacy in the Democratic Republic of Congo
  - Food and nutritional security and climate change in the Sahel region of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso
- Watch for new annual reporting processes!
- Please continue to use social media to promote the league! Post your events on the Facebook page, promote yourselves!

Our provincial website is frequently updated, so check it from time to time. The next event on our schedule in Manitoba is the Day of Reflection on October 22.

Also, Shari Guinta has suggested that each council designate someone to check the National website – [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) – very frequently! Many of the strategic plan working groups are wrapping up their work and new workshops and other things are appearing regularly.

I look forward to two years of Sisterhood, Spirituality, and Socialization (to quote a sister!) as we work and serve together!

