

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council

Past President

April, 2023



Communiqué #3

Catholic and Living It!

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, Diocesan Conventions are at hand, and we have a very threatening late winter snowstorm bearing down on us, demonstrating that Old Man Winter is not done with us yet! It appears that Earth Day in Manitoba will not happen on schedule this year, and we will have to wait a bit longer to get out in our yards and gardens to start our spring clean-up! Following that thought, I give thanks for our safe, snug homes, for the freedoms that we enjoy, and we continue to offer up prayers for those that are living in unstable situations.

I have contacted each of our Diocesan Past Presidents to ask if all of the Councils in their respective Dioceses have an active, working Policy Manual, and have offered to assist in the event that they do not. I have further encouraged all Past Presidents to work with their Councils to ensure that archives and history are up to date. It is particularly important to have a short summary, year by year, of achievements and accomplishments for the past year. These summaries can be done at the same time as the Annual Reports and the three highlights for the Annual Report Booklets, and they will serve as a permanent record for your Council. I implore you not to neglect these important documents!

As reported in my last Communique, there are many new and updated publications on the National Website, available to us all. Now is the time that we will begin to use these publications, and we are very appreciative of the diligence expended by many to update these publications! I encourage you to avail yourself of these resources, and plan to spend a bit of time familiarizing yourself with all of them and the information they contain. There have been changes, and these changes will impact some of the normal things we do on a regular basis.

As Past President, remember that you have a unique opportunity, not only to mentor and encourage, but you also have a breadth of experience with which to approach new or potential

members to encourage them to become actively involved in the CWL and on the Executive. Use these tools to your advantage! Share your knowledge – it's by getting involved and by attending events at every level that we can fully appreciate and share this organization with others!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be always with you, in all of your endeavours.

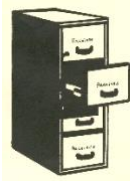
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February, 2023



Communiqué #2

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TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
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FROM: Janet Brunger, Provincial Past President

With January behind us, and mindful that we are still in the depths of winter, we are grateful that thus far we really haven't seen much of Mother Nature's fury. We had a cold snap in December, and another just in the past couple of weeks, but other than that it's been mild. And here in the south, I've heard concerns about the lack of snow cover. However, we seasoned Manitobans know full well that the weather can change quickly, and we can certainly expect that a late-season dump of snow is very much a possibility!

Now that the Christmas Season is over, and we have turned the page on 2022, have you completed the archives and history for your Council? Soon enough the memories of what your Council has achieved this past year will be forgotten, pushed aside by more pressing issues, and then they'll be gone. I urge you, if you have not already done so, to ensure that the history is up to date, and pictures and articles are documented in their proper place. The past presidents that will follow you will thank you for your diligence!

If you are not aware, we have received notification that there are many revised and updated publications available on the National website for our use;

- Constitution & Bylaws
- National Manual of Policy & Procedures
- Guide to Simplifying Meetings
- Spiritual Advisor's Handbook
- Vice Presidents Handbook
- Handbook for Secretaries
- Guidelines for Treasurers
- Past Presidents Handbook

Ceremonies Handbook
Handbook for Chairpersons
Toolkit for Faith
Toolkit for Service
Toolkit for Social Justice
Resolutions Handbook

As you can see, there's a lot of information for everyone – I encourage you to plan to take a look!

The Winter 2023 issue of the League Magazine is available online – again, I encourage you to check it out.

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September 15, 2022



Communiqué #1

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FROM: Janet Brunger, Provincial Past President

With September, we welcome the onset of fall, which means shorter days and a sense of urgency to get everything done before the onset of the cold weather. It's a beautiful time of year, when harvest time is in full swing, the leaves on the trees turn colour, and the late season flowers burst out in all their glory. We give thanks to God for the generous bounty that He has blessed us with, and for every day that we are able to reap the Harvest that has been provided!

Also with September, and with the pandemic's lessening risks, comes renewed activity within the CWL. We are cautiously feeling our way toward what we hope will be a return to more normal activities. Planning for gatherings and fundraisers is taking place, and our members are hopefully anticipating being able to socialize again.

Thank you to all who took part in the instructed voting process, at your respective levels of the League, earlier this year. At the National Convention in August, the results of the vote were as follows:

Amendment I	Annual Meetings of Members	Adopted
Amendment II	Patroness	Lost
Amendment III	Officers	Adopted
Amendment IV	Duties of Officers	Adopted
Amendment V	Standing Committees	Adopted
Amendment VI	Meetings and Quorums	Adopted
Amendment VII	Term of Office	Adopted
Amendment VIII	Election of Officers	Adopted

This means that all of the proposed changes, with the exception of the change from Our Lady of Good Counsel to Our Lady of Guadalupe, were adopted and will proceed. Our Lady of Good Counsel will remain as our Patroness.

As past president, if you have not already had the opportunity to do so, now is a good time to review and update your Council's Policy Manual. If your Council does not have a Policy Manual, your counterparts on both Diocesan and Provincial Council would be happy to assist you in navigating through that process.

Also as past president, it is your responsibility to maintain and update the archives of your Council. Pictures and documentation of any events and achievements relating to your Council should be recorded. It's important to document and update these archives regularly and on an ongoing basis, because it's easy to forget some of these events, and before you know it, they're gone from our priority list, and lost forever. So here's your reminder to document this year's events before Christmas Season!

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