


**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council
Resolutions**

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| April 2023 |  | Communiqué #3 |
| <i>Catholic and Living It!</i> | | |
| <p>TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils) Diocesan Chairpersons of Resolutions</p> <p>CC: Provincial Executive (for information)</p> <p>CC: National Chairperson of Resolutions (for information)</p> <p>FROM: Janet Brunger, Acting Provincial Chairperson for Resolutions</p> | | |

Following on my last Communique, a couple of weeks ago we had two or three deer visit the birdfeeders, and when they didn't find anything of substance underneath the feeders, they planted their feet and looked at us in the window, as much as to say, well?? I turned my palms upward and said, "I'm sorry! I've got nothing for you!!" So, they left in disgust, wandering off into the bush.

Judging by the feedback and comments that have come my way, there is still a great deal of confusion surrounding the new format for resolutions. The Whereas clauses have been removed from the resolutions, but at the grassroots level, we're still looking for them, to support the resolution. I do understand! However, as in all things progress, we cannot go back; we can only go forward.

I am pleased to advise that Madame President Crystal did us all proud when Provincial Council met with our Provincial Government on February 15th! She handled the meeting with quiet energy and grace, and from my own perspective she presented the CWL as the compassionate, caring organization that we are.

I would encourage you to spend the next couple of months writing letters to our elected representatives, regarding past adopted resolutions. Further, I challenge you to write one letter per week! There are so many topics on both the Manitoba Provincial Website and the National Website, so there is no shortage of topics! Let me know if you receive responses!

And, following on that topic, on both the Manitoba Provincial Website and the National Website, there are links to Archived Resolutions. These are resolutions that are considered to

have been satisfied or no longer relevant; if you feel the need to research and resurrect any one of these resolutions into a new, updated resolution, you are welcome to do so.

Finally, National Resolutions Chairperson Rolande Chernichan advises that there will soon be available new resources for developing resolutions; *Resolutions Workshop PowerPoint*, *Resolutions Workshop PowerPoint Speaker Notes* and a *Resolutions Guide*. Look for these resources soon on the National Website.

As we work in our yards, gardens and flowerbeds, I encourage you to spend some time considering your next resolution – there are countless topics just waiting for us to address. And talk to people. A year ago I considered a resolution that, when I started researching, I couldn't get at the information I was looking for, so I abandoned the whole concept. I hadn't even got to the point of striking a committee. Then, a couple of weeks ago, someone else addressed the same topic in a report, but from a different angle that I had not considered. That, right there, is the beauty of working in a group. Everyone has different ideas and different ways of approaching a problem, and together we can achieve.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel be always at your side, guiding and protecting.

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



DATE: February 01,2023

Communique #2

"Catholic and Living It!"

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Chairpersons of Spiritual Development
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Spiritual Development (for information)
FROM: Lucille Rossington, Provincial Chairperson of Spiritual Development

Pray -Reflection on the Psalms-Daily Readings-Be Still and Listen

Dear Sisters,

A New Year has begun and with it lots of activities going on in our CWL. The League is changing, and I am excited! I pray that God and Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless these wonderful ladies that have taken on this monumental task of bringing the league to the future. The hours spent on the strategic planning and “delivering” the goods to us in this five-year period shows their love for the league!

On these cold days, it is hard to imagine that spring will be upon us soon. A few things to remember is.

Ash Wednesday February 22,2023

Holy Week: Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday April 06,2023

Commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ and when Jesus establishes the sacrament of Holy Communion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood.

Good Friday April 07,2023

Easter April 9,2023

How do we prepare for lent? What can I do differently this year?

A few suggestions come to mind.

Have you tried daily bible readings, putting aside one hour for your lent each day? Half hour in morning /night.

Add a walk and pray an extra rosary.

Attend mass if available during the week.

Do something for someone without expecting anything in return.

Visit the manors etc. (if allowed)

Offer a mass for the priesthood and those in seminary.

Is there a shut-in, a homeless that could benefit from a meal?

The list is endless, and yes, if you want to stop drinking coffee and chocolate that's ok too!

A reminder of the communique sent in 2022 regarding our Spiritual Advisors how to help them adjust to their role. I am enclosing it again with this communique'. They are an asset to us please include them in your meetings!

Please continue to pray for peace around the world.

Wishing you Easter Blessings!

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October 18, 2022

National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Spiritual Development, Cathy Bouchard, October 18, 2022.

[PDF](#)

[PowerPoint Presentation to Clergy \(short final\)](#)

[Script Presentation for Clergy \(short final\)](#)

[Catch the Fire Powerpoint for Spiritual Advisors](#)

[Guide for Spiritual Advisors Handout](#)

[Background for CWL Leaders for a Presentation to Spiritual Advisors](#)

Guidance for Engaging Spiritual Advisors

I am happy to share resources that may help you and chairpersons at other levels work with the spiritual advisor and assist them in understanding their role.

Enclosed is a background document that describes the challenges from both the perspective of spiritual advisors and councils and provides ideas to help overcome them. The background document is for your review to assist in meeting with spiritual advisors one-on-one with a parish council spiritual advisor or in a larger group.

There are also two PowerPoint presentations that can be presented at larger gatherings of clergy. The shorter presentation has a script, while the longer PowerPoint, based on *Catch the Fire!*, offers all the information on the slides. Please review both to

see what will work best, both with your time availability and the information you wish to share. A suggested handout is attached to be given to all those in attendance. You are encouraged to give each person attending a welcome kit for spiritual advisors, with information about the League, including the Guide for Spiritual Advisor's Brochure (#167).

Another resource that could be shared is the [2021 Annual Report Summary](#) to demonstrate the accomplishments of the League. The summary can be found on cwl.ca.

If you create other effective materials, please share them with me so they can be shared across the country.

Cathy Bouchard

Second Vice-President and National Chairperson of Spiritual Development

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



DATE: September 12,2022

Communique #1

"Catholic and Living It!"

TO: Diocesan Presidents (for information and forwarding to Parish Councils)
Diocesan Chairpersons of Spiritual Development
CC: Provincial Executive (for information)
CC: National Chairperson of Spiritual Development (for information)
FROM: Lucille Rossington, Provincial Chairperson of Spiritual Development

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Many of you will recognize me as I have attended many events of the CWL at different levels.

I have been a member of the St. Ann's Parish council in Flin Flon, for the past 32years. During that time, I was privileged to be able to serve as chairperson of several standing committees. I have been president of the Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan council for three full terms plus one year. Currently I am now Past Diocesan President and am looking forward to working with you as your provincial spiritual development chairperson.

As you all know Pope Francis made a pastoral visit to Canada July 24th to 29th, "(Walking Together ") to meet and listen to our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Many hours were spent to try and build a better understanding of the past and to focus on the future.

Each diocese in our province has mentioned to educate ourselves in the truth and reconciliation. Contact your diocese, check their website there are programs available.

One thing we can all do is pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe (the prayers will be attached to this communiqué). I encouraged everyone to recite the prayer every day plus a rosary for reconciliation when you can until December finishing with a Novena to our Lady of Guadalupe.

Dates to remember:

September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 12 – Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows (previously Seven Sorrows of Mary)

September 24 – Our Lady of Mercy

The entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

October 10th Thanksgiving

November 11th Remembrance Day.

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday December 12, 2022.

May our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in our works for God and Canada.

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