



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

September 8, 2017

Good day Parish Presidents of CWL councils:

In the third week of September, all parishes in Manitoba will be receiving notice of a letter writing campaign that our bishops have initiated in response to **Bill-34 THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (PROTECTION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS) ACT** which is currently before the Manitoba legislature.

The bishops seek the support of the CWL to help their parish respond to this letter writing campaign by printing and circulating the form letters that will be sent to each parish priest. If possible, a member of the CWL or a healthcare worker in the parish should speak for a couple of minutes at the Sunday Mass to encourage Catholics in the pews to sign the form letter that would be made available at the back of the church. This must be coordinated with the parish priest in case he has other plans to handle the letter writing campaign. CWL could also assist by collecting all the signed letters, scanning a copy of them into one file, and arranging to have the letters delivered in person or by mail to the MLA of the constituency.

In addition to a brief talk in front of the congregation, it would be helpful to show a short video which explains why this letter writing campaign is so important. Click on the following link to view the video: bit.ly/ConscienceMB Make your priest aware of it so that it can be shown if possible.

Remember that **we must speak out in favour of Bill 34** which protects the conscience rights of healthcare professionals and others. It is to be expected that lobbyists who favour euthanasia and assisted suicide (medical aid in dying) will be sending letters to government in opposition to this bill.

Manitoba has the opportunity to set a benchmark for other provinces in Canada where conscience rights of healthcare workers will be protected by law. Let's do our part to ensure this happens by writing letters or by signing the form letters that are provided to you as part of the bishops' initiative.

Thank you CWL sisters for helping to make this letter writing campaign a success!

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
MANITOBA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



About the National Convention being held in Winnipeg from August 12 – 15, 2018



Is distance and cost keeping you from attending the 2018 national convention in Winnipeg?

A Rural Initiative National Convention Trust Fund was set up at the close of the 2008 convention with the aim of helping with the cost of hotel accommodations for rural members for two future national conventions in Manitoba.

The trust fund would pay 80% of hotel costs, to a maximum of three nights based on double occupancy, when attending the 2018 national convention.

This accommodation subsidy is available to a CWL member

- residing more than 60 km. from the convention site who would otherwise not be able to afford the cost of hotel accommodations, and
- who would have no other means of staying in Winnipeg to attend the national convention.

This subsidy shall not to be used for travel, meals, events, or registration. Interested and qualifying members are urged to complete and submit the attached application form as soon as possible. The application provides for the names and signatures of two qualifying rural CWL members who would like to share a hotel room from August 12 to August 15, 2018. Individual applicants would have to agree to be paired up with another CWL applicant. Those who reserve at the Delta Hotel will have preference, as we are required to fill the requisite block of rooms to avoid paying a penalty.

A committee has been appointed to oversee the application process and to review all applications. The applications will be numbered in the order they are received, and qualifying applicants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Application deadline is February 15, 2018.

All applicants shall receive a reply by March 31, 2018. The number of applications receiving the subsidy is dependent on available funds and the number of applications. The remaining half of the funds will be held in trust for a future national convention subsidy.

Funds will not be paid in advance. To be reimbursed for hotel costs, qualifying members must submit their hotel receipts to provincial treasurer, Lea Colbeck, by August 31, 2018.

Manitoba provincial council looks forward to having as many members as possible sharing in the national convention in 2018 in Winnipeg. Come be part of the action and celebrations!

Rolande Chernichan, President
Manitoba Provincial Council

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Reservation**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

Greetings CWL sisters!



Happy New Year! Advent celebrates the start of a new liturgical year in the three-year cycle of the calendar of the Catholic Church. How easy it is to lose ourselves in the routine busyness of life and preparations in the countdown to Christmas that we risk missing out on the grace that is ours to receive in this holy season!

The gospel of Mark of Year B proclaims a familiar message: to be alert, to keep awake for the arrival of our Lord. Who are the messengers calling me out of the wilderness and trappings of a commercial Christmas season? Will I make time to prepare the way for my Lord through prayer, repentance, and a healthy discipline of putting God first in my life? What is God's plan for me? Can I be faithful as Mary, our Blessed Mother, whose 'yes' gave birth to divine Love?

These questions I put to myself as I meditated on the arrival of Advent and as I pondered what my Christmas message could be. How will you answer the questions? I have decided that my New Year's resolutions will begin with Advent. I am giving myself a fresh start at preparing my heart to receive Christ. Will I still be faithful to my spiritual resolutions when the clock changes from 2017 into 2018?

The start of our Church year coincides with the ending of our calendar year. Parish councils have been diligently working at preparing annual reports. Thank you for persevering in online reporting. It is the way of the future for our League. Many thanks to the 'angels' who helped those who needed it. Celebrate your CWL sisterhood and your council's accomplishments of the past year! I look forward to hearing all about it at your diocesan conventions.

We are living in exciting yet uncertain times. The League is in its final stages of strategic planning to redefine itself in keeping with the results of the town hall consultations done with its members at this year's national convention in Charlottetown. You are part of history as the League approaches its 100th anniversary of organization! 😊

We in Manitoba are on a countdown to hosting the national convention in August 2018! Are you planning to attend? Are you involved as a volunteer on one of the committees? Please see the documents included with this letter that outline an exciting opportunity for an accommodations subsidy through the **Rural Initiative National Convention Trust Fund**. Funding assistance is available for members who live more than 60 km. from Winnipeg. Funds are limited, so do not delay in applying because applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

Also included with this letter are the poster and registration form inviting you to our **Provincial Day of Celebration** being hosted by St. Emile council in Winnipeg on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Fr. Paul Bringleston, our newly appointed provincial spiritual advisor from the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas, will be our guest speaker. How familiar are you with the challenges of serving in Canada's northern missions? Did you know that your donations to Catholic Missions in Canada through national voluntary funds supports religious education programs in the mission dioceses of Canada? Join us for an enriching day and in a spirit of sharing 'with others at home and abroad', those who want, can make a personal contribution to Catholic Missions in Canada. After a hot lunch, the afternoon will provide a training session by a registered parliamentarian about Robert's Rules of Order and how our meetings can be made more effective.

May we await the feast of Our Lord's nativity in faithfulness, preparing our hearts and homes for His coming. Mary gifts us with Love and Hope in her Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Prince of Peace. Rejoice! for indeed, God is with us always!



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

MEMO from Provincial President

Greetings Parish Presidents!

The next few months offer us many opportunities to experience sisterhood beyond our parish level. Please share the news and other important information in this memo to our CWL sisters.

1. **Day of Celebration, Feb. 10, 2018** – News flash!
 - National President, Margaret Ann Jacobs will be sharing the day with us ☺
 - Will your council be represented to benefit from our keynote speaker, Fr. Paul Bringleston, from Keewatin-The Pas diocese?
 - We welcome your donations! Will your council be sending a cheque in support of Catholic Missions in Canada or for Kee-Pas Missions? In a spirit of sharing “at home and abroad”, members are invited to also make a personal contribution.
 - Have you wondered why the League functions the way it does? Come benefit from the presentation by Roger Woloshyn, a professional registered parliamentarian, who will present in simplified form the basics of Robert's Rules of Order which is the parliamentary authority of the League.
 - Bring a guest! Our event is open to anyone.

2. **Diocesan Conventions** – Be part of it!

Diocesan conventions celebrate the accomplishments of its parish councils. They offer enriching spiritual programs, educational speakers, sharing our sisterhood and the opportunity for new friendships.

 - Does your parish council fulfill its obligation set by League by-laws to send a voting delegate (the president or her designate) and pay for her expenses to attend diocesan convention?
 - Does your council also send two accredited delegates to your diocesan convention?
 - Do other members of your council attend the annual convention in your diocese?
 - You are encouraged to also attend a diocesan convention in a different diocese. It presents occasion to learn about and celebrate other good works done by members, to experience our sisterhood on a larger scale, and to expand your circle of CWL friends.

Please encourage attendance to the following diocesan annual conventions; registration information will be coming soon!

 - Winnipeg Diocesan Council – April 13 & 14, hosted by St. Michael Council, Gimli, MB
 - St. Boniface Diocesan Council – April 28, hosted by St. Bernadette Council, Winnipeg, MB
 - Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council – May 5 & 6, hosted by St. Anne Council, Flin Flon, MB

3. **Manitoba Provincial Convention** – Come celebrate with us!

This year's provincial convention marks the 70th anniversary of Manitoba Provincial Council. National President, Margaret Ann Jacobs will attend to celebrate with us. We are finalizing details with host council, Mary, Mother of the Church, Winnipeg to make this a special event for everyone. Come be part of the celebrations on June 2 & 3, 2018!

4. **National Convention** – August 12-15, 2018 in Winnipeg

We are called to be involved on committees to make the convention a success. Please encourage members to give generously of their time and talents. Give glory to God through our joyful service and sisterhood in the League!

Blessings,
Rolande Chernichan, President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

70th Annual Convention

June 2nd and 3rd, 2018

PRAYER/WATER CEREMONY



"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs". [Laudato Si (pages 1-2)]



Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* embraces our need to look after the environment to protect and preserve it for today and the future. Water is one of the valuable resource of our environment. To honour the protection of water, Manitoba Provincial Council INVITES ALL MEMBERS IN MANITOBA to participate in a water prayer/ceremony as follows:

DIOCESAN CONVENTIONS

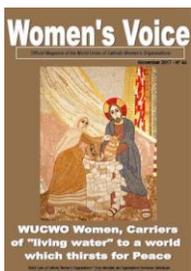
Members are invited to participate:

- ▽ Members are invited to **bring a small sample of water** (no more than **1/8 cup or 25 ml**) from their home to their diocesan convention.
- ▽ Members will be invited to **pour their water sample into a larger vessel**.

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION – June 3rd, 2018

Members are invited to participate:

- ▽ Members are invited to **bring a small sample of water** (no more than **1/8 cup or 25 ml**) from their home to the provincial convention.
- ▽ Members will be invited to **pour their water sample into a larger vessel** during the **prayer/water ceremony**.
- ▽ Indigenous '**water carrier**', Marilyn Nelson, will return the water collected to the Red River or Lake Winnipeg as a gesture of our solidarity with her Indigenous spirituality and out of respect for our



World Union of Catholic Women's Organization have embraced the theme: **WUCWO Women, Carriers of 'living water' to a world which thirsts for Peace.**

Participation from as many members as possible in Manitoba is requested, to come together in unity and solidarity to respect our environment and honour water, a precious and valuable resource. Join our WUCWO sisters and Pope Francis and be "LIVING WATER".



Easter Greetings!

I am pleased to provide more details regarding Manitoba Provincial Council's annual convention being held at Mary, Mother of the Church, Winnipeg on June 2nd and 3rd, 2018. Please share this information with members and encourage their attendance.

Invitation to Bring:

Speakers:



Water Ceremony – The importance of water is a focus of our convention. The League currently has six active resolutions associated with the importance of safe water supplies for Canadians and the world. Convention registrants are invited to **bring a small sample of water** (1/8 cup or 25 ml) from their home and to participate in a ceremony where the water will be collected and blessed.



Catholic Missions in Canada – Elvira Foronda of CMIC will give a brief presentation about charitable gift annuities, endowments, and other forms of donating to support northern missions. Gift planning is an option for estate planning that would support the various mission programs long term.



Support of the less fortunate - Attendees to this year's provincial convention are invited to bring hotel shampoo/soap products for missions, feminine hygiene products for homeless women, pop can tabs for wheelchairs, and plastic bags for recycled products. These will be donated/recycled on your behalf.



Indigenous Spirituality – Marilyn Nelson, a 'water carrier', will enrich our understanding of Indigenous rituals and symbols and will demonstrate the practise of smudging. The water brought by convention attendees will be entrusted to Marilyn to return to the Red River or Lake Winnipeg as a gesture of our solidarity with Indigenous spirituality and in respect for the environment.



Catholic Missions in Canada – We continue our focus on CMIC that began at the Day of Celebration. In response to 'Caring is Sharing', convention attendees and parish councils are encouraged to bring their donations in support of northern missions. Their donations will be forwarded to CMIC to be received.



National President – Margaret Ann Jacobs will be our afternoon guest speaker. She will facilitate a workshop titled "Envisioned Future" which will showcase servant leadership. Convention attendees are invited to put their name into a draw for a chance to be seated with Margaret Ann for lunch.

70th Anniversary – This convention marks provincial council's 70th anniversary!

Come be part of the Mass, the banquet, convention business and recalling our history in celebration.

Rolande Chernichan, Provincial President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

July 2018

Bienvenue! Welcome! to Manitoba, the keystone province of Canada, and the land of 100,000 lakes! Welcome to Winnipeg, its capital city, built on the fur trade and the gateway to the prairies!

On behalf of Manitoba Provincial Council and League members throughout Manitoba, I am honoured and delighted to welcome you to the 98th annual national convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Our national convention is one of many events during this milestone year marking the 200th anniversary of the Church in western and northern Canada. It is fitting that the League is gathered in Winnipeg to celebrate in convention, recalling its contribution to the rich history of the Church in Canada through prayer, service and evangelization.

Our members have been afire with enthusiasm to make this your best convention experience! The site visits and events are a sampling of the cultural and historical opportunities that await your "friendly Manitoba" visit. You are wished joy and laughter as you renew friendships and make new ones. May you be enriched by the opportunities for prayer, education, and dialogue of this convention.

As the League journeys towards its 100th anniversary in 2020, my hope is that your time with us will leave you energized and affirmed, and that you will be inspired anew to make Christ known and loved, for "Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen."

Rolande Chernichan, President
Manitoba Provincial Council

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Manitoba Provincial Council

MEMO from Provincial President

September 2018

Greetings CWL sisters!

Rejoice! Have you any idea how awesome you are and how immensely proud I am of all of you? Manitoba hosted a very successful national convention and you are the reason! ☺ Your planning, your joy and hospitality and readiness to address every question, request or need was noticed by our guests and was tremendously appreciated. You volunteered, you participated in convention business, you celebrated sisterhood of the League! When it was all over, we were physically tired, but has your CWL battery been recharged by the experience? Mine has, and I am excited about the new direction our League will take over the next few years as our strategic planning is realized through changes that our members from across Canada voiced the need for! In the meantime, we rejoin our parish councils, ready to resume the many opportunities to serve, and to be the face of Christ in all we do. Please share the following important news to our CWL sisters across Manitoba.

1. **Meeting with Premier Brian Pallister, August 9, 2018** - we finally meet!
 - Officers of Manitoba Provincial Council CWL presented resolutions to the Premier and some of his Cabinet. Invited guests attended as observers.
 - Provincial resolutions of 2017 and others from previous years not yet acted on were discussed. The premier gave feedback of ways his government would attempt to address the concerns and requests of our resolutions.
 - The meeting was a positive experience and provincial council looks forward to continuing the rapport established with Premier Pallister and his Cabinet.

2. **Manitoba Provincial Council Website** – Tap into it!
 - A sneak peak of the website in development was shown at our provincial convention.
 - The anticipated launch for the website is September 15th. The URL for the website is www.cwlmanitoba.ca
 - Provincial council communiques, oral reports and resolutions can be viewed and downloaded.
 - Electronic templates for reports can be downloaded.
 - Diocesan and provincial annual report booklets for 2018 can be viewed online – in colour!
 - Get to know your provincial executive – click on their photos to view their League service
 - Photo gallery of CWL events – more photos to be uploaded
 - Important links and much more! Explore the website and use it.
 - Email option to ask questions, give feedback, and to connect you to provincial council
 - A manager has been hired to monitor the website and update it on direction of provincial executive

3. **Diocesan Conventions in 2019** – Save the date! Plan to attend more than one!
 - Winnipeg Diocesan Council – April 26 -27, 2019 at St. John XXIII, Winnipeg
 - St. Boniface Diocesan Council – April 27, 2019 at St. John the Evangelist, Morden
 - Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council – May 4-5, 2019 at Our Lady of the Snows, Snow Lake

4. **Manitoba Provincial Convention 2019** – Road trip – Hop on the bus with us!

Our provincial convention will be June 8-9, 2019 in Thompson, MB, hosted by Keewatin-The Pas Diocesan Council and St. Lawrence CWL Parish Council. Details are being finalized to charter a bus from Winnipeg departing on June 7. We have received a subsidy from national to assist our members' travel to attend the convention. Circle the dates and start saving for two nights of hotel stay and a getaway to Manitoba's 'hub of the north' city! Our host councils are planning with you in mind.☺

5. **Pornography Hurts Postcards** – Make your voices heard!
In response to national resolution [2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites](#) your provincial executive ordered and paid for “Pornography Hurts” postcards that send a message to our federal government to implement what our League resolution calls for. Each province will be assigned a specific month so there is a constant flow of postcards to government throughout 2019.
6. **Marian Hour Centre** – Important info.
Many councils support the Marian Hour Centre through the sale of angels during Advent and the Walk for Mary in spring. The proceeds support the rosary being prayed daily on CKJS. Marian Hour Centre’s charitable status with CRA has been revoked since March 2014. Councils are advised that Manitoba Provincial Council can no longer support the Centre as charitable receipts may not be forthcoming.
7. **Women’s Interchurch Council of Canada (WICC)** – FYI.
Memo from national office: “CCCB no longer wishes to be involved with WICC; CWL will no longer be recommending an individual nor will the CWL be directly appointing an individual. WICC has been informed of such.” The CWL logo will no longer appear on the WICC website. Councils
8. **Charity of Choice, National Convention** – Change of recipient.
Manitoba’s charity of choice to receive half of the national convention collection, originally designated to Jocelyn House, was instead assigned to House of Peace. The reason was that Jocelyn House cannot refuse someone medical assistance in dying if it is requested. CWL does not support this action which is contrary to Catholic values and teaching.
9. **Link for Photos of Conventions and Special Events 2018** -
<https://1drv.ms/f/s!Ama9Q-UVluwRgtBAaAxxZB224axA9Q>
Thank you to Eva Arsenault, volunteer photographer, and Suzanne Moore who make these photos available for your viewing.
10. **Link for photos of 2018 National Convention in Winnipeg** –
<https://1drv.ms/f/s!Ama9Q-UVluwRgtkaDgd6CATuzLx5EQ>
Download or print the photos you want; they are available online until October 10th, 2018.
Thank you to Crystal Seymour and Eva Arsenault, national convention photographers, who captured the week in pictures.
11. **Email protocol** –
 - Please keep contact information of members private.
 - Send a bulk message (to many recipients) using *blind cc*, and put a note within the email about who the message was sent to.
 - Phone numbers and email addresses should be used for CWL purposes only.
12. **Provincial Day of Celebration** – 20th anniversary!
Manitoba Provincial Council’s annual Day of Celebration is marking its 20th anniversary! Our event is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019. Save the date! More information to follow!

May all we say and do be inspired by the Spirit; give glory to God through prayer, good works and joyful service.

Blessings,

Rolande Chernichan, President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

MEMO from Provincial President

November 2018

Manitoba Provincial Council Website – Your provincial executive is delighted to announce that we are officially live on the world wide web! The launch was delayed a bit, but the wait is over! You can now access our provincial website by clicking on its URL <https://cwlmanitoba.ca/>. Keep this link at your fingertips by saving it in your 'favourites'. Share the link with friends and family.



The website has been designed with our province, our organization, and our members in mind. It opens to the crest of The Catholic Women's League of Canada superimposed over a photo of the Manitoba crocus, our provincial flower. A second image for our home page is spiritual in nature, an open Bible being read by a woman.

A special feature of our website is that it is a single page format with responsive design features. Whether you view the website from your computer, your cellular phone or tablet, it will adapt to your device for easy reading and navigation by simply scrolling down the page. Clicking on any of the website's menu options at the top of the home page will cause the page to quickly drop down to options within that menu item.

Selecting a link (in light blue) within a menu option will cause the page to drop down to what you have selected. You will be able to select and open other links within that menu. Links in the 'Resources' menu will open either in Word, PDF or PDF fillable documents that will appear in the bottom left corner of the website's page; simply click on that document to open it for your use. The resource documents in Word and PDF fillable have been prepared and formatted so that you can insert the information and save it to your computer, giving it your personalized file name. By simply clicking the return arrow at the top of your browser, you can return to the home page of the website. Try it! Explore our website and what it has to offer! Other features include:

- Save the Date: Upcoming important events; the date is your link to more information about the event and the registration form.
- Provincial officer communiques, oral reports as well as provincial resolutions can be viewed and downloaded.
- Communiques by provincial officers appear in chronological order; simply scroll down the page. Using the right click of your mouse, you can save or print the documents.
- Templates for annual reports can be downloaded. They are formatted and ready for you to input your information; save it to your computer with a personalized file name.
- Diocesan and provincial annual report booklets for 2018 can be viewed online – in colour! Enjoy reading about the League in action in Manitoba!
- Get to know your provincial executive – click on their photos for a brief bio about their League service.
- Photo gallery of CWL events – photos of this year's conventions to be uploaded.
- Links to informational documents, the history of the League in Manitoba and web links frequently used by League members are at your fingertips.
- Nomination and elections guidelines for diocesan and parish levels; use the resource documents for each step of the process
- Contact us using the email option to ask questions, to give feedback, or to connect to a member on provincial council; don't forget to click on the check mark of the captcha.
- The website will be reviewed monthly and updated as required by a manager under the direction of a committee of provincial council.

You can also link to our website through the links provided on our national website. We hope you will enjoy visiting Manitoba Provincial Council's website and that you will find it easy to use, informational and helpful. Please share this document with all members of your council. Thank you!

Blessings,
Rolande Chernichan, President

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Manitoba Provincial Council

Greetings CWL sisters!



As 2018 draws to a close, we conclude our liturgical year in Ordinary Time with the Gospel of Mark, and we begin the season of Advent as well as a new liturgical year with the Gospel of Luke. I would dare say that the past year was anything but 'ordinary' for CWL members in Manitoba! Inspired by the Spirit, women of the League have responded to God's call by living out the call to holiness through ordinary and extraordinary ways in their daily lives.

You have participated and helped celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Church in western and northern Canada through your involvement in year long special events that marked the bicentennial of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. You did the League proud and showcased Manitoba hospitality by your outstanding accomplishment in hosting the annual national convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada as one of the key events of Catholica 200. Felicitations! Manitoba Provincial Council received \$500 in appreciation for CWL volunteerism in the Jubilation events of mid July. On your behalf, your provincial executive has donated the full amount to help support priestly vocations.

This past year in its annual Day of Celebration, Manitoba Provincial Council sought to raise awareness of the challenges to serve in our missionary archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas, and the need to financially support it through Catholic Missions in Canada. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support to make it possible for Archbishop Murray Chatlain and dedicated clergy and lay faithful to continue to minister in our northern diocese. As guest speaker at national convention in Winnipeg, Archbishop Chatlain invited us to 'listen slowly', to watch the "First Contact" series on APTN, and to take practical steps towards reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. On behalf of CWL members in Manitoba, your provincial council has gifted \$3000 to Archbishop Murray to help replace his bishop's crozier and several personal items that were stolen while he attended our national convention. Our decision was influenced by the financial success of our national convention, thanks to our members' fundraising efforts coupled with the frugal leadership of convention chairperson, Susan Bernier, and her fantastic team of volunteers.

Looking back on 2018, we give thanks for the blessings in celebrating the 70th anniversary and annual convention of Manitoba provincial council. We plan for 2019, embracing the vision for The Catholic Women's League of Canada as it plans strategically for the future and towards its 100th anniversary with a new mission statement that "calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service."

Included with this letter are a poster and registration form inviting you to our 20th annual **Provincial Day of Celebration** being hosted by St. Edward council in Winnipeg on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Come share in the sisterhood of a fulfilling day that includes a guest speaker and viewing of the DVD, *Over 18*, to educate us about the impacts of pornography. In a spirit of sharing 'with others at home and abroad', we invite your support for the H.U.G. project by bringing items that can be donated to women's shelters.

"For God so loved the world ..." God's love is beyond our understanding. In his apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis calls us to everyday holiness through perseverance, patience and meekness, with boldness and passion, and with joy and a sense of humour. May your Advent and Christmas season be filled with quiet moments where you can pray and ponder the gift of God's love through the birth of His son, Jesus. God is with us! Rejoice!



President, Manitoba Provincial Council



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Manitoba Provincial Council

2019-2020
 National Theme

CARE FOR
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**20th ANNUAL DAY OF CELEBRATION
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019**

Host Councils: Winnipeg Diocesan Council/St. Edward's Parish Council

THEME: CARING IS SHARING

You are invited to bring H.U.G. items to support women's shelters.

PLACE: CanadInns Polo Park

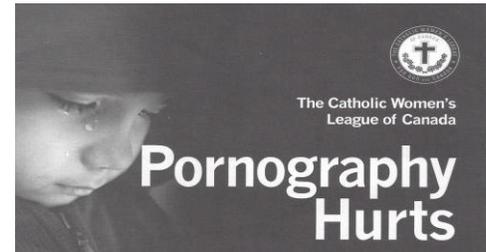
1405 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3G 3P7

TIME: Registration & Gathering - 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WORKSHOP - 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome, League Prayer,
Morning Liturgy
- 10:30 a.m. Pornography – Over 18 Video
- 11:45 a.m. Alpha House – Historical Presentation
- 12:00 noon LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. CWL GOES TO COURT
- 1:15 p.m. CWL Strategic Planning
- 1:50 p.m. HEALTH BREAK
- 2:00 p.m. Janet Zacharias Keynote Speaker
TOPIC: Pornography
Harmful to One's Health
Questions and Answers
- 3:15 p.m. Evaluations
Closing Prayer



**BRING A FRIEND!
 THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

COST: \$25.00 per person

DEADLINE for registration: February 1, 2019

Travel subsidy may be provided. A minimum of three persons per vehicle is required to

Contact cwlmanitoba@gmail.com for additional information.

This is a SCENT FREE EVENT.