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Edmonton Diocesan CWL 100th Annual Convention

April 29th, 30th, May 1st 2022
Camrose, Alberta

Convention Program
2021 Annual Reports



Mission Statement

The Catholic Women 's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.



League Prayer

We humbly pray You, O God our Father, to bless
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds
and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfil
Your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others at home and abroad,
the good things You have given us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the
intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

AMEN

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS, LIFE MEMBERS & PAST DIOCESAN PRESIDENTS

POSITION	NAME
Life Member 2019	Ruth Boden
Diocesan President 2007-2009 Provincial President 2015-2017 Life Member 2014	Cathy Bouchard
Diocesan President 2011 - 2013	Gladys Brown
Provincial President 1973 – 1975 Life Member 1975	Natalie Carley
Diocesan President 2013 - 2015	Gwen Elliott
Diocesan President 2009 – 2011 Provincial President 2017 - 2019 Life Member 2016	June E. Fuller
Diocesan President 1988-1990	Jenny Halajcio
Life Member 1997	Pam Hill
Diocesan President 2015 - 2017	Mary Hunt
Diocesan President 2001 – 2003 Provincial President 2013 – 2015 Life Member 2011	Dorothy Johansen
Diocesan President 1977 - 1999 Life Member 2002	Rebecca Kallal
Diocesan President 2003 – 2005 Provincial President 2009 – 2011 National President 2021 - 2023 Life Member 2011	Fran Lucas
Diocesan president 1994 – 1997 Provincial President 2001 – 2003 Life Member 2003	Connie McBride
Provincial President 1983 – 1985 Life Member 1987	Rose-Marie McCarthy
Diocesan president 1997 – 1999 (St Paul Diocese) Life Member 2005	Lynne Persson
Life Member 2017	Jean Reader
Diocesan President 2005 - 2007	Mable Solomon
Diocesan President 1999 – 2001 Life Member 2006	Mary-Lou Veeken
Provincial president 1975 – 1977 Life member 1979	Mary Anne Warren



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EDMONTON DIOCESAN PRESIDENTS 1912- 2022

1912 - Mrs. Samuel Gorman - first CWL President in Edmonton

1922-1925 - Mrs. J.J. Duggan (Margaret)	1968-1970 - Daisy Wilson
1926-1927 - Mrs. Edward Underwood	1970-1972 - Ardis Beaudry
1928 - Mrs. J.W. Connolly	1972-1974 - Genie Slavik
1929 - no record, presumably Mrs. Connolly	1974-1976 - Dorothy Keates
1930 - Mrs. J. McElhone	1976-1978 - Kay Charest
1931 - no record	1978-1980 - Mitzi Crowe
1932 - Miss Eva Dillon	1980-1982 - Anne Laskosky
1933-1935 - Miss Catherine McGrath	1982-1984 - Barbara Beliveau
1936-1937 - Mrs. F.J. Conroy (Marion)	1984-1986 - Terri Gosche
1937-1939 - Mrs. Neil Ross (Sarah/Sadie)	1986-1988 - Dorothy Lang
1939-1941 - Mrs. Irene Hawlces	1988-1990 - Jenny Halajcio
1942 - Mrs. J.J. Duggan (Margaret)	1990-1992 - Ollie Manderson
1943 - Mrs. P.R. Gaboury	1992-1994 - Molly McDonald
1944-1945 - Mrs. G. Dearing	1994-1997 - Connie McBride
1945-1946 - Mrs. D.M. O'Brien (Winnifred)	1997-1999 - Rebecca Kallal
1947 - no record	1999-2001 - Mary-Lou Veeken
1948-1949 - Mrs. C.D. Kelly (Mary)	2001-2003 - Dorothy Johansen
1950-1951 - Mrs. R. Pratley	2003-2005 - Fran Lucas
1952-1954 - Mrs. F.J. Conroy (Marion)	2005-2007 - Mable Solomon
1954-1956 - Mrs. R.G. Byers (Irene)	2007-2009 - Cathy Bouchard
1956-1958 - Mrs. C.D. Kelly (Mary)	2009-2011 - June Fuller
1958-1960 - Mrs. Doreen Melton	2011-2013 - Gladys Brown
1960-1962 - Mrs. N. Carriere	2013-2015 - Gwen Elliott
1962-1964 - Mrs. Barbara Basso	2015-2017 - Mary Hunt
1964-1966 - Mrs. Nina Timperley	2017-2019 - Cheryl Boom
1966-1968 - Jeanne den Ouden	2019-2022 - Mary Molloy





OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 2022

Dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League,

What joy it gives me to offer greetings and blessings to each and every one of you on this, the occasion of your 100th Annual Convention. What a milestone! Please receive my sincerest and warmest congratulations.

As I think about the origins of the Edmonton Diocesan Council back in 1921, I am struck by the extraordinary movement of the Holy Spirit that inspired your charter members to set the course for the CWL in this Archdiocese and in our country.

The 1920's was an era of great development in our province, springing from the spirit of charity and generosity that characterizes the people of Alberta to this very day. It was an era too, though, still very much marked by the tragedy of World War I, and devastating losses experienced in many local parishes and families.

The foundresses must have felt themselves overwhelmed at times in the face of such realities. And yet, obedient to the promptings of the Spirit and enlivened by the Word of God in their midst, they laid sturdy foundations for the League, foundations which have stood the test of time.

All of the joys, the hopes, the memories and the dreams of those early years are celebrated by the convention theme chosen to mark this special anniversary: "Catholic and Living It! A 100 Years of Faithful Service". The Catholic Women's League is indeed alive and thriving in our Archdiocese at the one hundred year mark; you continue to be active and engaged in parishes throughout the Archdiocese, no matter the circumstances of our own present day.

We give our praise and thanks to God for the blessings that CWL members have bestowed upon our Archdiocese and for the pioneers who have come before us, and passed on the faith from one generation to another. As you mark your centenary, I pray that your

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convention is both fruitful and joyful. Be assured of my continuing gratitude for all that you do and that you remain in my prayers.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard W. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

✠Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton





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April 2022

Dear Sisters in Christ,

This year, we are only in the Second Week of Easter; it means this year Easter is late. The women, who came to the tomb, discovered that it was empty; then they heard the words, that the crucified one has risen. The emptiness of the tomb proclaimed that Jesus had passed over into a fullness of new life. While the Passion and death of Christ is very much about the work of men, in the Gospel narratives of the finding of the empty tomb, it is the women who are entrusted with the good news that Jesus has risen. It is the women who emerge as the protectors and guardians of unexpected new life.

At Easter Vigil, we are all asked to renew our faith in the good news, that the one who was crucified in weakness has risen in power. He lives in a special way within the believing community – the Church. He is present to us in a privileged way in the Eucharist. We don't just celebrate Easter once a year. We celebrate Easter every day, because we are always Easter people. Even as we struggle with our crosses, the light and power of the risen Christ is with us. St. Paul said: *I can do all things in him, who gives me strength.*

Dear Ladies of the Catholic Women's League, congratulations on your 100th Annual Convention. May your time in Camrose be a time of reflection, peace and joy, but also a time of dialogue and action. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your presentations and planning of the future programs, for God and Canada. May our Lady of Good Counsel help you to achieve your goals. May God bless this convention and all who attend it, and also your families and friends.

Fr. Jan, Spiritual Adviser



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

My dear League sisters,

The past two years have been nowhere near normal and will go down in history as years to be remembered for the many challenges you faced. But now you can revel in the fact that things have and continue to change, a return to a more normal life, a more normal way of being a League member. As you gather to celebrate the accomplishments you made happen, please take time to reflect upon the blessing and privilege of being a part of an organization with more than 63,000 members. May the League's core values of faith, service and social justice help you live out the national theme, *Catholic and Living It!*

With the aid of the Gratitude Project postcards, you have shown community members your appreciation for all that they have done and continue to do. As Catholic women, you too have continued to do valuable work in your community. Whether your work within your community was in-person or your actions were more virtual, all this contributes to the mission that you have been called to through your baptism.

Regardless of the way you are gathering for your meeting, the important thing is that you are gathering. It will be a joy to once again have reports shared and accomplishments and challenges discussed. Future plans will be decided, and I look forward to hearing about all of them.

On behalf of the national executive/board, composed of the 11 table officers and the 11 provincial presidents, it is my pleasure to bring greetings to your annual convention on the occasion of Edmonton Diocesan Council's 100th anniversary. I continue to pray for all members and your diocesan executive as you continue to serve "For God and Canada."

Your sister in the League,

Fran Lucas
National President and Chairperson of International Relations

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Dear Sisters in the League and Spiritual Advisors:

Welcome to the 100th Annual Convention of the Edmonton Diocesan Council! We have so much to celebrate in our 100th Year! We have some catching up to do after not being able to gather in-person for the past two years due to the COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions.

When the ladies first gathered in the basement of St Joachim Parish in 1912 to talk about forming the Catholic Women's League, did they realize the gift they were giving to women not only in the Edmonton Archdiocese but across Canada? A gift of faith, friendship, and service uniting members in the bond of sisterhood working for God and Canada.

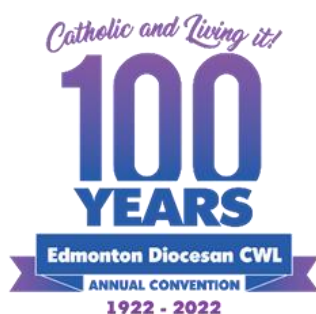
The first Edmonton Diocesan Convention was held on March 31, 1922, with subdivisions, as councils were first called, from Edmonton, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Leduc, Duhamel, Vermilion, Viking, Killam, and Vegreville in attendance. One hundred years later, we have 62 active councils across the archdiocese with approximately 3,700 members.

Faith, Service, and Social Justice have been at the heart of the CWL throughout its history. The annual reports presented in this convention book are but a one-year snapshot of our work. Across these 100 years, imagine how much was achieved. Some of those efforts are recorded, but more needs to be explored and documented.

This weekend will honour our past and build for the future.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to Camrose, a founding member of the Edmonton Diocesan Council.

Mary Molloy
Edmonton Diocesan CWL President





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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

- 8:00 am Registration at Norsemen Inn
9:00 am Welcome and Call to Order
9:30 am **Speaker:** Sandra Prather
Retreat: "Catholic and Living It! Walk in the Light"
11:30 am Pre-Convention Meeting
12:30 pm **LUNCH**
1:30 pm **Workshop:** "Catholic and Living It! Women of the Bible Faithful Disciples"
2:45 pm Introduction of Spiritual Advisors
Doreen Melton Scholarship Presentation 2021 & 2022
3:00 pm **Speaker:** Archbishop Richard Smith
"Catholic and Living It! 100 years of Faithful Service"
5:00 pm **Opening Eucharist and Official Opening** at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Camrose
Celebrants: Archbishop Richard Smith, Fr. Jan Sobkowicz and Fr. Kris Schmidt
6:30 pm **Wine and Cheese Reception** at Norsemen Inn, Camrose (**Hosted by Knights of Columbus**)

DINNER ON YOUR OWN!

PRE-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE MEETING

1. Call to Order and League Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of Fall Meeting October 2nd, 2021
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. 2022 Diocesan Annual Budget
 - b. 2022 Diocesan Convention Budget
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples: Stained Glass Window Project
7. New Business
 - a. Ukraine Relief Project
 - b. Nominations for Provincial Council Election
8. Announcements
9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment



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PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

7:45 am	Registration at Norsemen Inn
8:30 am	Welcome and Call to Order
8:35 am	Land Acknowledgement: Introduction and Meaning Candida Shepherd, Sacred Heart Parish of the First Peoples
9:05 am	Morning Spiritual: <i>Memorial Service for Deceased Members</i>
9:35 am	Convention Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Reports• Instructed Vote• Election of Officers
10:30 pm	Health Break
11:50 pm	Announcements, Angelus and Grace
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	Business Meeting Resumes
2:50 pm	Closing Prayer & Adjournment
3:00 pm	Official Closing & Retiring of Flags
4:00 pm	Closing Eucharist & Installation of Officers at St. Francis Xavier Parish
6:30 pm	Cocktails/Dinner BANQUET at Norsemen Inn

SUNDAY, May 1, 2022

9:30 am	Post-Convention Meeting at Norsemen Inn
10:00 am	TBA
11:30am	Farewells

POST-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. League Prayer & Morning Spiritual
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Pre-Convention Meeting Minutes
6. Reports
 - a. Saturday Mass Collection
 - b. Convention Evaluation Highlights
7. New Business
 - a. Representation to Provincial Convention June 3 & 4, 2022 in Lac La Biche, AB
 - b. Representation to National Convention August 14 – 17, 2022 in Kelowna, BC
 - c. Fall Meeting
 - d. Midwinter Workshops
 - e. 2023 Diocesan Convention
8. Closing Prayer
9. Adjournment



CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and League Prayer
2. Notice of Annual Convention
3. Opening Remarks
4. Introduction of Diocesan Officers
5. Introduction of Special Guests
6. Introduction of Parliamentarian
7. Roll Call
8. Recognition of New Members/First Time Conventioneers
9. Credentials Report
10. Approval of Standing Rules
11. Approval of Agenda
12. Minutes of the 99th Annual Convention 2021, May 15, 2021
13. Spiritual Advisor's Message
14. Report from Pre-Convention Meeting
15. Mass Collection Disbursement
16. Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Past President
17. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Spiritual
 - b. Development
 - c. Organization
 - d. Christian Family Life
 - e. Community Life
 - f. Education and Health
 - g. Communications
 - h. Resolutions and Legislation
18. New Business
 - a. National Instructed Votes
 - o Proposed amendments to *Constitution & Bylaws 2013*
 - o Proposed national *per capita* increase
 - b. Election of Diocesan Officers
19. Invitation to Diocesan Convention 2023
20. Registration Report
21. Announcements
22. Closing Prayer & Adjournment
23. Official Closing and Retiring of Flags



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Edmonton Diocesan Officers 2021



Mary Molloy



**Marguerite
Critchley**



Mariette Huot



Clover Oryschak



Sr. Susan Scott



Annette Valstar



Katherine Tarras



Kara Pelech



Susan Casey



Mary Pat O'Neill



Fr. Jan Sobkowitz
Spiritual Advisor

“GOD BLESS and THANK YOU” to all who gave of their time,
talents and treasures to help those in your parish, community, and country



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EDMONTON DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

ANNUAL REPORT

41 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League:

Despite the restrictions from the ongoing pandemic in 2021, the annual reports confirmed the resilience of the CWL. We gathered to pray, check in on each other, and plan ways to continue our mission within our parishes and communities.

Women Shelters, Food Banks, School Lunch Programs all benefitted from donations made by our members.

Our 2021 theme, "Care for our Common Home: Fostering a Culture of Care," emphasizes the three pillars of the CWL: Service, Faith, and Justice. The Diocesan priority was to support our parish councils by holding workshops, offering training, and encouraging councils to find creative methods to engage with their membership. Diocesan Officers partnered with parish councils and maintained contact through Parish Buddy Calls.

Diocesan supported provincial and national initiatives by providing workshops on the Welcome Kit and navigating the procedures to hold instructed votes related to amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws 2013 and the Per Capita Fee Increase. Members were encouraged to complete the surveys and requests sent out from the Strategic Planning Implementation Committees.

Many councils participated in the Gratitude Card initiative to thank the frontline workers in their communities. Several participated in the Centennial Tree Planting Project. Diocesan Council partnered with St Joseph's Basilica CWL to plant a tree on the grounds of St Joseph's Seminary and Newman Theological College.

Diocesan held several workshops. Dr. Lia Daniels presented a workshop entitled "Motivation: Pandemic Style," addressing how to manage emotions and feelings through the pandemic. Two workshops related to Palliative and Hospice Care took place. The first workshop on May 1st was a two-part presentation by the Palliative Care and Euthanasian Coalition and the Olds Hospice Society. The second workshop, held in October, provided Volunteer training via the Compassion Care Committee.

Support for Catholic education remains a crucial objective. We launched the CWL Book Project to maintain our relationships with Catholic schools. The theme of the project was "To Each Their Own Story." Councils were asked to donate a book, "Everybody's Welcome" authored by Patricia Hegarty, to a local elementary school.

The 98th and 99th Annual Conventions were held virtually on May 15th to conduct business and receive annual reports. The Fall Meeting was also held virtually on October 2nd. We opened the fall meeting to pray for reconciliation and solidarity with Indigenous Peoples following Canada's First Truth and Reconciliation Day. We invited Fr. Susai Jesu OMI, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish of the First Peoples, to speak on "Building Relationships with Sacred Heart Parish of the First Peoples." This parish

plays a unique role by incorporating the indigenous teaching, symbols, ceremonies, catholic scripture, and customs reflecting the coming together of both traditions. Diocesan Council has initiated a project to support the parish by contributing to the redesign of a stained glass window damaged during a fire in August 2020.

At the 2020 & 2021 National CWL Annual Meeting of Members held virtually on August 9 & 10th, 2022 three members of the Edmonton Diocese were elected to National Council: Fran Lucas, National President, Cathy Bouchard, Second Vice President and Spiritual Standing Committee Chair, and Dorothy Johansen, Christian Family Life, Standing Committee Chair. Diocesan arranged a small presentation following the election.

Declining membership continues to be a concern, at the end of 2021 membership was 3,771 members. Five councils moved to disband mainly due to aging numbers and the lack of members wanting to take leadership roles. On a positive note, Sacred Heart Catholic Parish of the First Peoples are working towards reactivating their council.

Sixty-six percent of the councils completed their Annual online reports in the Archdiocese; a majority used Diocesan mailings or meetings, the Canadian League magazine, national communiques, or websites to inform their membership about the league activities.

The top national priorities introduced and discussed at the parish level included Care of Our Common Home, medical assistance in dying from palliative care/hospice facilities, rights of the pre-born under the UN Convention on Rights of the Child.

Nearly all councils reported having spiritual advisor support, and among those, 39% met monthly, while 37% reported occasionally meeting with 98%, indicating the spiritual advisor is supportive of the CWL. The spiritual advisors participate in Memorial Services for members, saying masses for feast days like Our Lady of Good Counsel, attended meetings virtually, and blessed the Centennial Trees.

Constitution and Bylaws, the Council Policy and Procedure Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order were the principal resources used by councils. The Executive Handbook and the National Manual of Policies and Procedures were secondary references used by 42%. Other resources used were the Resolution Supplement and the National Association of Parliamentarians. The Alberta Association of Parliamentarians offered workshops and meetings via ZOOM.

Presidents represented their council at church functions (56%), Diocesan meetings and conventions (68%), World Day of Prayer (37%), provincial meetings (29%), and national conventions (22%). Other events noted were the Parish AGM, membership drives, and funerals. Due to COVID restrictions, presidents could only attend virtually (via ZOOM or webinars in 2021).

Almost all of the parish councils used The Executive Handbook, and all indicated it assisted them in overseeing their Council's operation. Of those reporting, 56% provide an annual summary to their members, delivered through e-mail (83%), oral report (61%), written means (57%), by newsletter or parish bulletin (less than 44%).

Nearly 54% of the councils have funeral lunch committees, and 37% reported having annual events like

teas bazaars, 30% have social events, 39% have fundraising activities, and 30% make yearly donations. Other committees mentioned were the Parish Liaison with Parish Pastoral Council, mentorship and new members committee. Several councils indicated no committee work due to COVID restrictions.

Parish presidents indicated few opportunities to speak on behalf of their Council in 2021 though several implied communications were mainly through e-mail, and some used virtual meetings. Topics included World Day of Prayer, the instructed vote on amendments to the C&B 2013 and per capita national fee increase, Memorial Mass for Members, and membership drives.

When asked about the communications received from other league levels, 68% reported satisfaction from the information received from Diocesan Council compared to 42% from Provincial Council and 39% from the National Council. Diocesan Council provided the most relevant material at 60%, while Provincial was at 42 % and National at 34 %. The communications from Diocesan Council were 63% being clear and concise, and Provincial and National Communications perceived at 42% for clarity.

Transitioning into the roles of presidents, past presidents provided significant assistance, followed by other executive members. Nearly 40% indicated the Diocesan President provided needed guidance.

Councils reported that the most significant challenges faced when transitioning into the new roles included keeping members interested (56%), recruiting (42%), feeling overwhelmed and not having a full slate of officers (37%), the large amount of paperwork (29%), feeling untrained (24%) and resistance to new ideas (24%).

Comments from presidents concerning what they are most proud of included the executive's willingness to participate even in this time of COVID restrictions. Other achievements included care for each other, meeting virtually to pray the rosary together, commitment to social justice and right to life, members' dedication, and wanting to better our community and parish. The biggest challenges were keeping members motivated, gathering socially, and recruiting new and younger members.

Despite the restrictions of the pandemic over the last two years, it was gratifying to witness the dedication and the love of the league reflected in the president's and standing committee chairs reports. Through their leadership and work of their councils the future of the league is secure.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide and bless us

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

Mary Molloy
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SECRETARY'S
ANNUAL REPORT 2021

38 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

In spite of the trying times, we have experienced this past year coping with COVID restrictions and being creative in developing ways to carry on our CWL business, our Parish Councils have continued to strive and accomplish wonderful things. I have recapped the statistics reported by the Parish Council Secretaries.

Thirty-eight of the 62 councils (61%) of the councils in our Edmonton Dioceses completed their annual reports. This is much higher than last year – 54%. All responding councils have either a recording secretary and/or a corresponding secretary while 63% of councils report one person holds both positions. 50% of council secretaries were appointed, 45% elected and 5% the position is vacant. The average number of years secretaries have held the position is 4.

All secretaries reported they take minutes and 32 reported they are a signing officer for their council. The majority of the council secretaries know where their council charter is and maintain a list of the executive members and their contact information. Nineteen councils maintain a motions book and 18 receive written reports from their executive, 33 have a copy of the *National Handbook for Secretaries* and 20 report they have a copy of the *National CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide*.

COVID-19 was the biggest challenge this year; much the same as in 2020. Councils were unable to hold in-person meetings, but most were able to meet virtually a few times during the year via ZOOM but frustrating at times due to unreliable internet connections for rural councils. One council reported many members do not have internet, so ZOOM is out of the question.

It is important for presidents and secretaries to keep in touch, either by phone or email in order that information is sent to members in a timely fashion. Some council executives continued to meet monthly virtually. Some councils developed “buddy lists”, calling members just to chat and keep in touch. Some councils have a large elderly membership who are not comfortable with technology, so a lot of mailing takes place. This creates hardships when there are items to be shared with members from the Dioceses or National. They just can't keep up with reports and activities. One council reported, and this seems to be prevalent with a lot of councils, before COVID they had less than 25 members attend meetings, including executive. They are concerned what the numbers will be when regular meetings resume. This pandemic has created many hardships on our members. Most secretaries keep up with email addresses so members can be kept informed.

Another area of concern is getting together to vote on the amendments sent out by National in 2020. Of concern for a lot of council members is the increase in per capita fees and changing our Patroness. They understand National needs the funding, but the concern is if the increase is successful, members will not renew. They would like National to come up with different ways to raise the much needed funds other than increasing the per capita fees.

Other challenges with not getting together expressed were getting minutes signed by the president, getting cheques signed, passing motions, and voting during virtual meetings. Audio recording the meetings was helpful in taking minutes. Close to 50% of all councils reported they were satisfied with the communication they receive from National, Provincial, Regional and Diocesan Councils

whereas 33-42% considered the communication from the same councils to be relevant. Close to 50% of councils receive duplicate communication and the same number report they do have enough time to respond to invites/requests to participate.

In closing, some additional comments received from secretaries' worth sharing:

- personal contact and the group enthusiasm always present at monthly meetings was greatly missed
- very thankful for ZOOM and other means of virtual communications which have made things easier and more accessible
- it would be helpful if memos were posted on the National Website making accessibility timelier
- have National advise us when new material is added to the website; have a Secretary's Workshop.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

Marguerite Critchley
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TREASURER'S
ANNUAL REPORT 2021

36 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

In reading the 2021 recap Treasurer's report from National I was not surprised by any of the results. We did have 7 less councils submit their reports than the previous year, which brings us back to the same reporting % as in 2019.

Our councils continue to balance their books on a monthly basis and report to their councils the activities of the previous month along with outstanding items. There are some councils who have not been able to get their financials records reviewed due to COVID restrictions. Please note that these should not be forgotten but reviewed as soon as possible. I cannot stress how important it is to have your books reviewed on an annual basis, you don't want to be one that is losing funds due to mismanagement of the account.

I was pleased to see that 64% of the councils that reported produce a yearly budget. Even when funds are tight, it is still prudent to create a budget for the year.

As expected, the financial contributions have decreased from last year. At the National level the average contribution is down by 20%. Donations made to the parish was down by 40.58% and other donations was down by 36.47%. Considering the inability to do any of our usual fund-raising activities, the total contributions made was still \$76,017. Remember this amount is only from the 36 councils that did report, so taking into account the lack of fund raising, it is still wonderful that so much was donated.

Here is a quick recap of the contributions for the Annual Parish Donations sent to the Diocesan council:

Sign of Hope	\$2,930
ALIES/Alberta Pro-Life	\$1,955
Chrism Mass	\$ 580
St. Benedict's Chapel	\$2,780
Refugee Bags	\$1,385
Total Donation:	\$9,630

This is an increase of overall donations by \$262.00 – way to go councils.

Unfortunately, our contribution commitment to St. Benedict's Chapel was insufficient from the donations received for the 2021 payment. The shortfall of \$2,790.00 was covered under Donations/Extra Ordinary Expenses in our 2021 Budget. This made the line item over budget but due to the restrictions on travelling and meetings, we were still within our overall budget by year end. In reviewing the donations, I predict that we will still be in a shortfall for the 2022 payments, unless more donations are received by June of this year. As of March 1, 2022, we still have another \$1,595 to collect prior to June 1st, 2022.

Considering the restrictions that were in place in the past year, you are still giving where and when you can. We can only hope and pray that this year will be better than the previous two.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

25 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

The role of the past president is to mentor, advise, listen and undertake assignments from the president. A past president is a tremendous resource to their council as they have experience and knowledge of League matters including publications such as the Constitution & Bylaws and the Policy & Procedure Manual. They may be called upon to help review and update policies in their councils from time to time.

The majority of Past Presidents reported that they attended Executive meetings, General meetings, social events and spiritual events.

Past Presidents were called upon monthly for advice and the President and council members felt supported by their help.

Past Presidents are responsible for maintaining and securing the history of their council. Half of the reporting Past Presidents indicated they were responsible for archives of their council. Council archives were mostly stored at the church in a designated CWL room, cupboard or filing cabinet. These materials were stored in photo albums, scrapbooks, banker boxes and on memory sticks. The majority of the councils knew the whereabouts of their council charter.

When asked how long councils kept documents and archival materials, items that were kept indefinitely were Annual Reports (55%), Book of Life (90%), Deceased member histories (76%), lists of past executives (69%), membership renewal data (55%), minutes of Executive meetings (51%), minutes of General meetings (62%), record of service awards (62%) and years of service (79%). Council archives were reviewed as needed by 82% of councils. 68% of councils reported maintaining a history book and 90% of councils reported having labelled photo albums.

One of the duties outlined in the Constitution & Bylaws (C & B) is that the Past President shall facilitate the study and implementation of the C & B. All councils reported having a copy of the C & B and reviewed it as needed. 86% reported having the National Manual of Policy and Procedures and referred to it annually. 76% of reporting councils had their own manual of policy and procedures and updated it whenever policy changed or reviewed it at least once in a two-year cycle. Providing support and mentorship to councils to create their own manual of policy and procedures will be my goal for the next year.

When questioned as to what levels of the League councils would seek advice, the most communication was with the Diocesan Council with 41% of councils seeking advice at least once per year, provincially 23% at least once per year, National Executive 14% at least once per year and National Office 14% at least once per year. 37% of councils reported seeking advice from their spiritual advisor at least once a month and 24% of councils reported seeing advice quarterly. The majority of reporting councils did not seek advice from their local bishop and 72% of councils rarely or never sought advice from Life Members. Life Members are available to serve, and I will be encouraging councils to engage in this opportunity

Those reporting were asked to share what they could do to make their successor's experience more enjoyable and fulfilling. Many answered to provide encouragement, open communication and offer a listening ear while supporting in any capacity. Providing mentorship and training to help the new president transition into the role and always attend meetings to be a resource as needed.

When asked to share a great success, many councils said learning and successfully setting up virtual meetings via Zoom and keeping in touch with members regularly.

The greatest challenge by many Past Presidents was COVID-19 restrictions and keeping CWL visible in a pandemic lockdown. Fortunately, virtual meetings were introduced and that provided a new way for us to get together and keep motivated. Recruiting new members and collecting membership dues as well as finding members to take on leadership positions provided challenges for many councils.

It's important to recognize the future of the League depends on each member continuing to share their own special talents. For those invited to run for a Diocesan officer position, say "yes". If you have already served a parish council leadership role, the Holy Spirit may be calling you to expand your faith life further.

This concludes the report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

This position was vacant in 2021

Mary Pat O'Neill prepared the Annual Report from the Annual Parish Councils Survey Results



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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

30 of 62 councils reported

Dear Sisters in the League,

God works in mysterious ways, and we are sure to be stumped if we attempt to “know the mind of God.” We do however, trust that God’s plans – even though they are not our plans – are meant for our good and our growth. (Isaiah 55).

Over the past year, I have attempted to connect with our members through sharing resources available for either their personal or council use on topics such as: World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, I have used the Vatican website for updates and announcements re. these important topics for educating and informing our ladies. Updates from the Implementation Committee with resources for the core values of *faith* and *social justice*, both of which fall within this standing committee. At our Diocesan Convention in May, we gathered virtually to hold the Memorial for Deceased Members from 2020. Of course, it’s not the same as *being* together to remember these our sisters, but it offered the opportunity for some of our members who would not normally be able to participate to join us.

Many thanks to those of you who completed the annual report for this standing committee. Of our 62 councils, 30 reported and almost all had this position filled! What an inspiring fact! Many councils were able to take at least some action on the national theme of *Care for Our Common Home* with many trees being planted. One of our councils actually planted 100 trees in a natural area in honour of the League’s 100th Anniversary! There is a widely used practice of balancing the faith, business and social aspects of our meetings. Our women became creative in finding ways in which they could honour their deceased sisters with *Honour Guards* as well as ways to pray together without being together! Women found ways to honour Our Lady of Good Counsel through online discussions, mass, prayers, education about her history etc. The introduction of *National Faith Day* as an annual event was too close to the actual day and did not provide our councils enough time to plan for the event which I’m certain will be widely celebrated in the years to come.

Spiritual Advisors support the work of CWL in their parishes as time allows. I truly hope that we can nourish these relationships more consciously, garnering growing awareness of the critical role that CWL councils play in the life of the parish, and encourage a more visible support from our pastors who play a key role in the ability of our councils to flourish. Half of the respondents to the annual report indicated that they use resources from the National website. There are some practical, enriching resources that are now available that have been gifted to the League by the Implementation Committee working groups in the areas of both faith and social justice. The diversity of prayer resources be it written, video, local or international is truly amazing and there waiting for you to use.

Many councils reported highlighting the role of women in the church. “Catholic women's role in the church is often in our minds and in our actions.” Most councils have as yet not addressed the

encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* but almost all councils responded to Pope Francis' call to pray the rosary in May. Our councils continue to support Catholic Missions in Canada and are key participants and leaders, in virtually EVERY ministry within our churches. There is, at this point in time great potential for improving interaction and contact between women of other faiths and denominations.

World Day of Prayer was the most significant way of encountering our Christian sisters. I would suggest that there is a growing awareness of our Indigenous sisters and a desire to do a better job of making connections with them to build better relationships. For example, "*We promoted the online Lac Ste. Anne pilgrimage to our members.*" "Our members were encouraged to participate in two retreats pertaining to Truth and Reconciliation to foster a better understanding of our relationship to First Nation Peoples." I find great comfort in knowing that the "National Day of Truth and Reconciliation" as well as "Orange Shirt Day" will become regular events in our councils across the diocese. There are far too many inspiring examples of ways in which our women **lived their faith** last year in spite of all the obstacles. Such good news needs to be shouted from the tops of the mountains to every corner of our churches. You are God's prophets, and nothing will shut you down! Thank you for being an inspiration to me,

This concludes my report.

Respectfully Submitted,
For God and Canada

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DECEASED MEMBERS 2021

St. Albert - Lloydminster Region 2021

Theresa Auger - St. Edmund
Conrada Caduhay - St. Edmund
Anne Rischke - St. Edmund
Theresa Dechamplain - St. Albert
Margaret Deck - St. Dominic Savio
Helen Delorey - Holy Family
Anna Dilullo - St. Dominic Savio
Theresa Gibeau - Holy Family
Nellie Grandish - St. Charles
Florence Idiong - St. Anthony
Laura Kieser - St. Charles
Eva Kolenc - Our Lady of Good Counsel
Jeannine LaFreniere - Holy Family

Maureen Lalonde - St. Matthew
Theresa Logan - St. Charles
Elizabeth Loiselle - St. Charles
Dorothy Lukan - St. Anthony
Rosaleen McEvoy - Holy Family
Carolyn McRae - Holy Family
Kathleen Noyes - St. Anthony
Dorothy Pidwerbeski - Holy Family
Josephine Stratychuk - St. Michael
Phyllis Twardowski - Our Lady of Good Counsel
Olga Walsh - St. Anthony
Pauline Herzog - Holy Name of Jesus

Edmonton - Jasper Region

Erine Baptist - Annunciation
Ardis Beaudry - St. Joseph's Basilica
Yvette Beland - St. Andrew
Janette Bennett - St. Andrew
Jennie Bruha - St. Andrew
Rosemarie Casavant - St. John The Evangelist
Kathleen Feehan - St. Joseph's Basilica
Susan Fish - St. Thomas More
Isabel Hauck - St. Joseph's Basilica
Justine Hergott - St. Andrew
Josie Irlbacher - St. Joseph Basilica

Josephine Jagiello - St. Joseph's Basilica
Louise Karlowich - Our Lady of The Foothills
Mary Labuda - St. Joseph of Wabamun
Elsie Larose - Good Shepherd
Anna Lovell - Sacred Heart
Mary Marlow - Our Lady of The Foothills
Betty McCoy - St. John The Evangelist
Joan Newberry - St. Anthony
Pauline Nowicki - Our Lady of The Foothills
Bridget Peters - St. Andrew

DECEASED MEMBERS 2021

Edmonton - Provost Region

Henrietta Bone - Our Lady of The Assumption
Beatrice Burkard - Our Lady of The Trinity
Elsie Demuynck - Our Lady of The Assumption
Gracie Bubar - Our Lady of The Assumption
Betty Germain - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Josephine Houle - St. Theresa
Josephine Ilnicki - St. Francis Xavier
Anita Kingdon - St. Theresa

Anne Laskosky - St. Francis Xavier
Yvette Letourneau - St. Michael
Katie Reschny - St. Mary
Marion Sommer - Our Lady of The Trinity
Sophia Sych - St. Francis Xavier
Edna Tyler - Our Lady of The Assumption
Henrietta Vos - Our Lady of The Trinity

Red Deer Region

Doddie Braconnier - St. Anne of The Prairies
Doris Barry - St. Mary
Luella De Beaudrap - St. Anne of The Prairies
Angelita Capico - St. Mary
Jeannette Dunning - Sacred Heart
Darlene Friesen - St. Mary
Amelia Hammer - St. Stephen

Johdoreee Hermary - St. Mary
Anne Herman - Saint Margaret
Terry Orom - St. Augustine
Elizabeth Raher - Our Lady of Grace
Joan Spruyt - Our Lady of The Assumption
Marianne Williams - Sacred Heart



In Memoriam

(Helen) Ardis Beaudry



Honorary Life Member

It is with great sadness we learned of the death of Ardis Beaudry, on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the age of 93 years. Ardis's deep faith guided her and led her to become an advocate for women throughout her life. This was especially evident in her many leadership roles with The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Ardis joined the League in 1950 and served at all levels, being elected Edmonton Diocesan President (1970-1972) and Alberta Mackenzie Provincial President (1977-1979). A member for over 70 years, she served as national president from 1984 to 1986.

Anne Therodora Laskosky



Life Member

Anne Laskosky, sadly, passed away, on September 7, 2021, at the age of 91. Anne volunteered in countless organizations at the local, provincial and national levels. Her razor-sharp attention to detail and her intense intellect made her a natural for executive or Chair positions. She was asked by groups to present on how to run efficient meetings or how to follow the Rules of Order. She served as Edmonton Diocesan President (1980-1982) and Alberta Mackenzie Provincial President (1989-1991). A member for over 57 years, she became a Life Member in 1992.



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ORGANIZATION CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2021

36 of 62 councils reported

Dear Sisters in the League,

Despite the continuation of gathering restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, parish CWL councils and members found ways in the past year to stay connected, predominantly through the extensive use of virtual meeting platforms and phoning one another. These efforts helped to keep members engaged and informed about CWL initiatives throughout the diocese and to identify needs within their local community.

The Edmonton Diocese had 3,771 members in 2021, representing a decrease of 464 members compared to 2020. This is just over a four-fold drop in membership compared to that which was observed between 2020 and 2019. In addition, 5 parish councils voted to disband or go inactive. The decrease in number of active members in the Edmonton Diocese is also being experienced in all diocese and regions of Canada, underscoring the ongoing effects the pandemic has had on all League activities and the importance of League members staying connected to one another as much as possible.

In late 2021, at the invitation of Father Susai, pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in downtown Edmonton, the Edmonton Diocesan Council began meeting with the amazing women at the parish to begin the process of reactivating Sacred Heart's CWL Council. These women are the heart of a vibrant and active community that strives to serve the needs of the poor and the local community. Sacred Heart Church was one of the original councils that formed the Catholic Women's League. Today, Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples is a beautiful example of Indigenous traditions and practices being celebrated within the Catholic faith. In early 2022, Sacred Heart's council will be reactivated. I invite all councils in the Edmonton Diocese to extend a warm welcome to our newest sisters in the League!

Many councils reported that the single biggest challenge encountered this year has been the inability to meet or to attend mass in person due to public health restrictions. In-parish activities are vital to the League's sustainability. In-person activities at the parish not only help members stay engaged in the League, but the church parish is also the place where the vast majority of membership recruitment (e.g., stewardship fairs, tables set up for membership drives, announcements before/after mass) and memorable League activities (e.g., teas, dinners, potlucks, fundraisers) take place. Most importantly, the church parish is where we join our League sisters to worship God together and to grow in our Catholic faith. For much of 2021, most Catholic parishioners in the Edmonton Archdiocese attended mass on-line which did not provide the opportunity to attend mass together. Our shared faith is our glue and being able to gather at local church parishes is important for us to stay connected. As soon as health restrictions ease to allow councils to return to in person meetings and activities at local parishes, I encourage CWL councils to return to reconnecting in person once again.

With heavy reliance on virtual meeting platforms over the past year, most Organization Chair positions were filled by appointment; most having held the position previously. This was also

observed in 2020, but to a greater extent in 2021. In particular, it was noted that in many council members are not letting their names stand for President-Elect at election time. Many members are willing to help take care of Organization tasks (i.e., 83% of councils renew memberships online), but are apprehensive to take on the role of council President in the subsequent term. This results in a chronic vacancy in the President position. While this trend was also observed prior to the pandemic, the shift to online meetings has likely increased the reluctance of members to take on these two important positions. The average council executive in 2021 had only 7 out of 11 positions filled (4 by election and 3 by appointment); remaining positions were left vacant. Good mentorship is best provided one on one in person over time. Please encourage new members in your parish council to take on an officer position and to think about one day stepping into the President-Elect or President role. Recognition of each member's gifts and talents and spending time getting to know one another better can really boost confidence.

On average, parish councils have 3 members aged 16-24. Some councils have fewer, some have more. What types of activities does your parish council offer for its younger members to get involved with? Are younger members encouraged to lead special projects in your council? Are younger members buddied up with older members or provided with mentoring in any way? Annual report surveys indicate the majority of council members participate in less than half of council activities. Only about 10% of members participate in the majority of council activities. That means there is room to grow! And one way parish councils can invest in the sustainability of their council is in encouraging younger and newer members to take on special projects and provide them with mentoring to help prepare them to take on executive positions down the road. Want to know which types of events have the highest participation? Those related to spiritual development! Remember, our shared faith is our glue. Younger members may still be growing in their faith and seeking opportunities to enrich their spiritual development while learning from more experienced sisters in the League about how to navigate life's ups and downs. Councils that provide these types of opportunities for younger members and parishioners are likely to find participation increases and memberships grow.

In order to encourage a wide cross-section of members to join the League, most parish councils found reaching out by personal invitation to be the most effective. In 2020, the National CWL introduced its Welcome Program which was disseminated as a workshop by the Edmonton Diocesan Council virtually with materials sent out to all parish councils via email. As such, most parish councils in the Diocese were familiar with the program. While only 7 councils reported implementing the Welcome Program in their parish, most councils are engaging new members through conversations and invitations and welcoming new members at meetings. Fourteen councils provide new member kits.

Councils across the Edmonton Diocese worked hard to recognize members for years of service, birthdays and milestones via phone calls, cards and announcements. Most councils were able to present service pins to their members and one-third were able to hold a new member ceremony while abiding by social distancing guidelines. Other councils recognized members through the presentation of awards, certificates, and small gifts. One council awarded the Bellelle Guerin Award, and twelve councils awarded the Maple Leaf Service Pin! Four councils were able to hold reaffirmation ceremonies.

The vast majority of CWL members do not have a role in levels of the League outside the parish council (e.g., Diocesan, Provincial or National levels). Seven councils have members who serve on

the Edmonton Diocesan Council, three councils have a member that serves on the Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council, and three councils have a member that serves on the National CWL Council (National President, National VP/Spiritual Development, and National Christian Family Life). In some cases, the same parish council may have multiple members serving at other levels of the League (eg a member on Diocesan and a member on National Council). Parish councils report being most engaged with the Diocesan level compared to Provincial or National levels. Eleven councils reported having a life member who actively provided mentoring and advice in the past year, which is an increase from 2020.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully Submitted,
For God and Canada

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2021 SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to all dedicated and long serving members

5 Year Service Awards

Sylvia Hoffman-Gordon
Bernice Koroluk
Marie Owen
Mary MacLagan
Syna LacLagan
Lucie Tettamente
Charlotte Clark
Heidi Maas
Vera Bendfield
Paulette Gruending
Michelle Pulkrabek
Teresa Doucette
Charissa Chung
Loretta Kohlman
Ingrid Robin
Breanna Palmer
Simone Amyotte
Rosetta Baldasserre
Jeanne Boutin
Clara Dzenick
Judith Humeniuk
Lorraine Dancock
Michelle Puyo
Alexandra St Onge
Carrie Effen
Ludwina Mary Crosby
Danika Zagar
Wendy Bendoritis
Marie MacDonald

Sharon Trottier
Cathy Desnoyers
Betty Hinrikson
Deborah Hurley
Barbara Kamstra
Katherine Weimann
Tamara Neilly
Jeanne Buckland
Maureen Labby
Therese Lacroix
Theresa Trommelen
Sonia Lemke
Yvonne Olsen
Lorraine Oakes
Katherine Duteau
Nadia Tapsoba
Linda Lagace
Maureen Russell
Joyce Stevens
Marie Stolson
Elaine Crummy
Debbie Sackiw
Laura Riou
Yolanda Cabangbang
Rosemary McCallum
Theresa Lungal-Kunyk
Josephine Libito
Heather Alexander
Roberta Nowlan-Smith

Francine Laforest
Pat Lemire
June Plemel
Halina Solkowski
Jeannette Sullivan
Desiree Augustyn
Grace Ferguson
Yvonne Ritzu
Debie Sharp
Bernice Verklan
Lindsey Stanway
Valerie O'Reilly
Margaret Anne Coyle
Caroline Shave
Marianne McFaull
Deana Valacco
Linda Liewellyn
Claire Dolinski
Riza Armstrong
Joyce Beauchamp
Louise Franche
Ange Giffin
Barbara Rosmer
Marciel Durana
Birgitta Rocha
Lita Recto
Anna Veen
Sherry Chirka
Jacquie Vallee

10 Year Service Awards

Carolyn LeClerc
Claudette Brown
Dawn Megic
Evelyn Sopkow
Marvic Vinluan
Sophie Ogle
Theresa Muench
Victoria Koller
Irene Friesen

Cecilia Bertram
Frances Berry
Teresa Pinkoski
Emma Rose
A Sharon Brown
Estelle Charron
Rita Cooke
Joan Fullam
Marion Martin

Hildegard Prediger
Joyce Zietarski
Lana Keating
Mary-Ann Kinaham
Karin Mullin
Kashley St Pierre
Norma Jani
Phyllis Normandeau
Linda Barkley

Kathy Breunig
Barb Shave
Iwona Gutman
Marta Collier
Verna Attwood
Martha Bantle
Jeanne Chatot
Gail deBoon
Gisele Cramer
Catherine Dacyshyn
Cecile Wasson
Victoria Andreas
Simone McMillan
Mariama Nallo
Anna Ogrodniczuk
Georgenia McGee
Patricia Stogrin
Mary Ann Garbencius
Joceline LeBlanc

Angeline D’Almeida
Alison Foster
Madonna Rioux
Aline Garneau
Mary Duchscherer
Vera Fischer
Angela Grootelaar
Krystyna Jackson
Cathy Ehm
Sharon Kieser
Connie Dimaano
Charolette Coulombe
Sr Paula Maher
Cheryl Laforest
Theresa Oucdrago
Alma Labossiere
Esther Bundu
Micheline Dilullo
Jo-Anne Berube

Susan Johnson
Shirley Rutherford
Irene Schaub
Kay Sivak
Marieta Paul
Wendy Serbin
Johanna Snoek
Joanne Willette
Katherine Varga
Norma Fate
Grace French
Mary Macdonald
Nicole Lymburner
Louise Groulx
Marilyn Amos
Carol Mikulin
Marilyn Hennesy
Maxine Cherwonka
Teresa Ruzycki

15 Year Service Awards

Susan Taylor
Fran Huguenin
Isabelle Nash
Estrela Pereira
Jocelyne Spilak
Irene Shuya
Olive Michaud
Sophia Motoska
Audrey Erickson
Paulette Morocco
Joanne Thomsen
Margaret Lefebvre-Hosack
Anica Baricevic
Elaine Bredo
Gemma Cerminara
Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Brenda Mitchell
Hilda O’Neill
Maria Zumbuehl
Marni Wright
Julia Joyal
Eileen Hyrzulak
Itala Francecut

Angeline Becker
Marlene Malyj
Rita Deck
Julia Hamlyn
Lorraine Jungwirth
Kathy Klaus
Mary-Ann Platz
Cynthia Rynn
Helen Jozic
Silvana Guerra
Norma Gates
Helen Parmiter
Georgia Lufkin
Cheryl Moskaluk
Melissa Nolin
Joan Pelletier
Karen Petrone
Lisette Berry
Thelma Boco
Dora Castuciano
Muriel Hartley
Carol Kozlevcar
Liz LePage

Margaret Cikaluk
Marie-Therese Mageau
Louise Siracky
Rita Storvold
Patricia Genollen-del Barco
Pamela Benko
Cermelle Bouchard
Elaine Dextrase
Bernadette Ritchie
Lorena Diaz
Gisele L’Abbee
Adel Moster
Elizabeth Mujica Petersik
Margaret Barrie
Marge Thom
Donna Maclean
Tracey Robert-Brooke
Sandra Boutwell
Nicole Cieslikowski
Carliss Glover
Sharon Rushton
Vera St Jean

20 Year Service Awards

Georgina Fedor
Subina David
Rosalinda Murray
Rosie Ness
Louise Smith
Rosemarie Casavant
Irish Gilley
Helena Boos
Margaret Velthuis Kroeze
Terez Toth
Marion Greenwood
Ursula Ano
Pauline Kaminski
Fay Henry
Sheila McGee
Corrine Lindsay
Isabelle Hebert
Gertie Henderson

Irene Vaillant
Gail St Pierre
Ann Burton
Audrey Convey
Margaret De Hoog
Angela Kryba
Nancy Grefner
Janet Harach
Patricia Burchak
Rosaleen McEvoy
Helen Porteous
Cora Costales
Rose Kostiuk
Nicole Stansky
Irene Doucette
Audrey Bilawchuk
Mary Laliberte

Barb Hehnke
Henriette Carriere
Maria Leonardis
Jackie Nahayowski
Sylvia Reiter
Jo Hrycak
Karen Porter
Rita Mitchell
Debbie Binfet
Yvonne Peters
Sharon Holmes
Theresa Doherty
Shelly Barabash
Elenita Bordador
Angela Horne
Gilda Dionne
Grace Webster

25 Year Service Awards

Gloria Opgenorth
Milagros Fuentes
Linda Coulthard
Virginia Coes
Pearl Herbert
Marjorie Kissner
Nellie Allers
Mary Anne Day
Kathy Hermanson

Solange Fika
Irene Kroetsch
Leonne Normandeau
Jeannette Charest
Annette Waskul
Joyce Fife
Paulette Rodziewicz
Anna Slezinsky
Maria Csaszar

Donna Horpestad
Bernadette Phillips
Rose Villaneuva
Eileen Bulgar
Marilyn Foy
Rosina Ward
Rose Sabourin
Ester Boychuk
Yvonne Theroux

30 Year Service Awards

Kathy Roszko
Agatha Kohlman
Anna Pallier
Joan Zubick
Anna Lovell
Deanne Sidoruk
Irene Forcier
Denise Boulanger
Marlene McKeeman
Eve Hempel

Mary Tunke
Roberta MacGillivray
Claire Donaldson
Marie Napier
Lily Labelle
Evelyn Dunne
Susan O'Conner
Joy Swap
Velvet Andiuk
Marian Holitski

Dolores Hawgood
Bonnie Bredo
Blanca Bickell
Mary Molloy
Anita Patsula
Eileen Hurshowy
Anne Rizzuto
Christene Horne
Anne Marie Gauthier
Anna Podloski

35 Year Service Awards

Gerda Alexander
Noreen Reid
Darcy Burkett
Anne Dwyer
Sophie Sobon
Leis Vandeleeest

Elizabeth Cherniak
Carolyn Fougere
Rose Chodkiewicz
Suzanne Mereniuk
Pat Murray
Mary Wilson

Eileen Wilson
Joyce Huot
Linda Stuart
Cecilia Bulva
Marilyn Buchan
Kay Zurawell

40 Year Service Awards

Doreen Allen
Theresa Keeler
Adele Molnar
Bertha Casavant
Isabel Blatz
Beverly Smith

Betty Phelan
Evelyn Montgomery
Gloria Weeres
Giovanna Shyian
Iris Kirschner

Shirley Rolheiser
Cathy Bouchard
Joanne Hirsch
Maria Voss
Marion Rudyk

45 Year Service Awards

Bev Liwczak
Kay Cote
Liz Kutcher
Lucy Lucic
Yolande Acheson
Bonnie Rix
Marilyn Poniewozik

Evelyn Keller
Ruth Meiklejohn
Beryl Pugh
Lorna Stewart
Sharon Aney
Peggy Teixeira
Stella Lozinski

Phyllis Bodnarchuk
Geraldine Kolacz
Theresa Chowaniec
Donna Hill
Irma Kil
Hazel Bustin
Rose Goudreau

50 Year Service Awards

Doris Lynch
Elizabeth Poirier
Claire Emerson
Marie O'Neill
Marquita McKinley
Ann Ivan
Pauline Pucci

Jean Shymanski
Marie Tailby
Clara Blast
Anne Jones
Rachelle Capp
Mary Slomka
Inge Schutta

Myrna Bates
Joan Koshuta
Gerty Levesque
Linda LaGrange
Francine Bukkems
Carol Hanlon-Karrel

55 Year Service Awards

Lil Roszko
Ursula Armstrong
Terry Smith
Maureen Moran

Betty Lou Yuzyk
AnnaBelle McMillan
Vernes Lozinski
Gina Sibbio

Johanna Dietrich
Mary LaRose
Mary Naslund
Ellen Greeley

60 Year Service Awards

Margaret Tiedmann
Marguerite Verstraete
Annie Trach
Helen Brophy
Mildred Mack

Nat Payne
Doreen Shain
Mary Litwin
Angeline Boulet

Mary Margaret Siwak
Barbara Schmidt
Jean Bara
Doreen Sheremet

65 Year Service Awards

Lenora Pinkoski
Jenny Drouin

Rose Bischoff
Cathy Klatt

Gertrude Hanly
Margaret Stumborg

70 Year Service Awards

Margaret Gangl
Sophia Jacula

Elsie Sullivan
Caroline Sarnecki

Leona Curle
Clara Mitchell

75 Year Service Awards

Frances Bohme

Jean Paniak

Maple Leaf Service Pins

Evelyn Dunne

Alice Arie

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2022

28 of 68 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Our activities in the League for 2021 were defined by the parameters of the pandemic, most being conducted virtually. The bright side was that more sisters were becoming comfortable with the formats, virtual attendance was up, travel in bad weather was down, and we could comfortably ensconce in our own place.

Common concerns from my Parish Buddies were aging members and lower membership. Councils kept connected to their sisters by phone and cards, and clever ideas to raise funds showed our ever creative perseverance.

Throughout the year my attendance at meetings, workshops, webinars were all virtual. Included were Diocesan Regional Meetings, World Day of Prayer, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition/Diocesan sponsored Compassionate Care workshop, WUCWO on Child Abuse, Knights of Columbus Stewardship series, GRACE Educational forum, online live Rosaries, March for Life, 12 hours for Palliative Care, Diocesan Workshops for individual Councils, National Convention, Parish Buddy calls, and one socially distanced brief in-person visit with the Carmelites in Devon. Our adopt-a-Seminarian program had 37 Councils adopting 29 Seminarians. Please keep them in your daily prayers. I sent out two communiques with links to pro-life organizations. In response to the 2019 annual survey, I started the process for a February 2022 presentation on Marriage-divorce-nullity, which had not yet been addressed.

In the Annual Survey, 28 Councils participated, representing seven cities and thirteen towns. Keep in mind that all activities were curtailed by COVID restrictions.

Family life issues included Sacramental support in Marriage, Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, Pro-life issues like Pregnancy care and women's shelters were mostly addressed through phone calls, prayer, cards and donation of cash, clothing or food. Half of the Councils were members of a pro-life organization and participated, if possible, in person (life chain). 68% wrote to legislators about pro-life issues or signed petitions. For youth, one parish had a Catholic Girls League, and three were promoting World Youth Day in Portugal for 2023. Support was also in prayer, scholarships, Christian Leadership awards, Sacramental preparation gifts. Seniors and disabled were mostly sent cards or phoned. 96% of Councils adopted a Seminarian, sending prayers, spiritual bouquets, cards and gifts (money during Covid) and inviting their Seminarian to virtual meetings.

Areas that could be addressed are bereavement help for widowed, divorced or separated. Only two councils sponsored Pope John Paul II "Theology of the Body". This is an area that should be promoted more, especially in our Catholic Schools. Christopher West has a good program on this topic.

100% councils did not address divorce & annulment. Hopefully this will be remedied on February 16, 2022 with the presentation by Archdiocesan Judicial Vicar, Fr. Creurer. I encourage all councils to download the Brochure on "Marriage, divorce, annulment" from the National CWL website, under resources, and offer them to your members or in your Church.

This brief summary does not do justice to the depth and variety of the activities of our dear sisters in the League. I suggest Councils read the more detailed annual report for ideas. Many thanks for all you do. Let us continue to inspire and support each other and look forward to when we can once again share in person our Faith and strength.

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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COMMUNITY LIFE CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT 2021

23 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

It is wonderful to read some of the great activities our councils are still able to do during this time. There are still numerous challenges during this time of COVID, it has somewhat been overcome with virtual meetings, but there are those councils that are not into technology which then mail outs and phone calls help out.

A number of councils participated in Orange Shirt Day, the Prison Ministry, prayers were offered up and funds were donated to help support Christians in the Middle East and the Holy Land, children were supported through Chalice, support to the Mustard Seed Project and Habitat for Humanity, homemade quilts were donated to a Women's Shelter, collection of items for our Refugee Welcome Bag Project, Bag lunches were made up for the inner city, there was a Baby Bottle Fundraiser, donations to the local food bank, baked goods were delivered to CWL members to the elderly and shut ins for Christmas.

For our Refugee Welcome Bag Project there were 111 bags sent out for 299 refugees that were looked after in 2021. Thank you to Anita Patsula and her team at the Basilica. There were communiques sent out and contact made various times throughout the year with the Parish Buddy Call Out and attended virtually monthly Diocesan meetings. In May I attended the virtual presentation on Palliative Care. I participated in Orange Shirt Day and attended a Truth and Reconciliation Mass in September. In the fall we had a virtual workshop on "Compassionate Community Care" which was well attended by members.

I'd like to address that there were some concerns in the Annual Report from National that there was too much going on under Community Life. The topics of the Community Life are dignity and rights of persons, social and economic justice, refugees, support for our Indigenous sisters, and the work of Development and Peace. For those councils that have concerns/questions about your chair position, we, the Diocesan Chairperson are an email or a phone call away.

Dates to Remember under Community Life:

08 February – International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

22 February – Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada

05 May – Red Dress Day

21 June – National Indigenous Peoples Day

21 September – the CWL Day of Prayer for Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and Middle East

30 September – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

11 November – Remembrance Day

12 December – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us and continue to guide us on our Lord's path to our future.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully Submitted,
For God and Canada

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EDUCATION AND HEALTH 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Sisters in the League,

Education:

Throughout 2021 most of our CWL Councils have been keeping informed about the quality and availability of Catholic Religious Instructions in their respective parish and schools. That included encouraging parental participation in all areas of school activities and working together towards meeting the needs of their Catholic schools for sacramental/faith development, breakfast or lunch programs, and school supplies.

Most councils do not have a Catholic university or college within Parish boundaries. However, the majority either have established, or contribute to, a bursary or scholarship for university students. One council supports a young woman entering the Dominicans. Councils support their seminarians.

Some reported being unaware of the 'National Bursary Fund' and that suggests a need to follow up and inform all councils and their members about this fund.

In May 2021, Education and Health conducted a Zoom workshop on Hospice and Palliative care that was attended by more than 90 members.

"Everybody's Welcome", a novel by Patricia Hegarty, was chosen for 2021's 'Book Project'. This was the first year Edmonton Diocese CWL Councils were asked to purchase and donate copies of a designated book to their local elementary schools. Councils that participated subsequently reported being quite pleased with the good reception they received from their schools and libraries for this new undertaking.

Health:

Councils continued supporting national organizations focusing on the health and wellness of Canadians such as Cystic Fibrosis, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis of Canada and The Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life Program. Council members were encouraged to register for the Partners for Life Program under the League's unique Partner Id (CATHO11269).

'12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care' remains a prime focus for CWL members participating in the 12 hours of prayer either in homes, via zoom meetings or by telephone.

Environment:

Councils participated in the Care for Our Common Home Initiative and many took part in their neighborhood cleanup and that included church parking lots and sidewalks.

Many celebrated the 100th anniversary of the CWL by planting trees. One council planted 100 trees and installed a metal park bench. Environmental issues being addressed are recycling, reducing use of Styrofoam cups, composting, elimination of plastic straws and plastic water bottles.

Genetics:

CWL members want more information in order to have a better understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of the technology designed to alter genes in light of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Some suggestions submitted to help them are for councils to have access to workshops, resources from the Catholic Church, and group discussions on altering genes.

Note: Other subjects Councils request more information on are High Schools' religion curriculum, Catholic Church readings and traditions, how to reduce at home water consumption, recycling, minimizing and eliminating the use of plastics. Councils say it would be most helpful for them to have up to date information on the above subjects, before scheduling their council's activities for the next year.

This concludes my report

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COMMUNICATIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

29 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a very disconcerting year. Despite the uncertainty, the councils in our Diocese have continued to be active and engaged and for that we are very grateful. Twenty-nine councils submitted their Communications Annual Report surveys although only 16 (55%) of those councils have the position filled. Thank you for your dedication as this information is very useful to our Diocesan council as well as the Provincial and National councils, as we move forward with changes to the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

With the inability to meet in person, written and electronic communication was our main source of information however many councils continue to use telephone committees to disseminate information. The majority of councils used email (97%) and church bulletins (76%) as their main sources of communication. Most councils have encouraged their members to use the national website to access information.

Unfortunately, the councils who responded showed limited interest in the articles published in the Winter, Spring and Fall editions of *Be League*. It is important to provide your diocesan with feedback and input on what types of information you would like to see included in these publications so that can be reported back to National.

There are various ways to access information. National has a website as well as a presence on Facebook and Twitter. While a majority (90%) of councils have encouraged members to access information on the website, only 66% have encouraged members to visit the Facebook or Twitter pages. Fifty-five per-cent of Councils shared the National strategic planning information with their members and there is increased awareness of the strategic planning monthly updates on the national website. The Renewal Prayer is being recited with the lack of meetings over the past year, uptake is only at 41%.

Councils were very receptive to promoting information and awareness of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with 66% of councils promoting this. The April 26th League sponsored Our Lady of Good Council Mass was shared by 79% of councils.

Publicity does not seem to be a high priority with only 7% of councils including this as a line item in their budget. It is encouraging to see that 59% of councils produce a newsletter which they distribute to their members mostly by email. Forty-eight per-cent of respondents distributed their newsletter by mail. Most councils (79%) do not work with local media for the benefit of the League however 2 councils invited the media to an event and 2 councils used the media for advertising purposes.

There was very little uptake on the League's **Pornography Hurts** postcards, with 90% of councils indicating they did not participate in 2021. Thirteen per-cent of councils held information sessions on the **Over 18** documentary and none of the councils promoted the **Red Light Green Light** film.

There was very little action taken on the three communications-related resolutions and, although 45% of councils encouraged members to become educated on internet safety and responsible and appropriate technology use as stated in **Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult**

Pornography Websites and 24% of councils contacted members of parliament, the minister of justice and/or the prime minister requesting this legislation, only 17% of councils monitored the federal government's response to the issue.

In response to **Resolution 2004.11 Link Between Graphic Imagery and Aggressive Behaviour and Mechanics of Killing**, 7% of councils have written to provincial/territorial governments to establish procedures to prohibit the sale and/or rental and/or distribution to minors and 7% ensured that the education system contains required curricula to provide students the tools to respond thoughtfully and critically to media content. Fourteen per-cent of councils encouraged the federal government to continue supporting research and development of tools to protect children against offensive content in the internet as stated in **Resolution 2002.11 Responsible Internet Use for Children**.

The national website, which was accessed by 79% of councils brings a feeling of “connectedness” with sisters in the League and overall, is very useful and informative, however there was some concern about the website being “too busy” and “difficult to navigate”. One suggestion was to have the National magazine accessible from the Home Page as it is difficult to find.

Recruiting members to chair and participate in this standing committee is one of the biggest challenges of this committee. Councils reported that the lack of “in-person” meetings seriously limited their ability to contact members, especially, those councils with very senior-based members who were challenged with Zoom meetings and email communications. The other major challenge was keeping members interested in the council because of the limitations on in person meeting.

Despite the challenges, Councils are striving to keep their members aware of issues and communicate to their members about meetings, events and activities they hold.

Some councils managed to engage their members, even without in-person meetings. They held plant sales, prepared hampers for needy families, sold hand crafted cards, published a CWL cookbook, sent members monthly videos that matched the theme of the spiritual year and sewed/gifted baptismal stoles with the crests of Our Lady of Good Council and Holy Baptism on them.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Communication Day, emphasized the quality of *listening*, which he said “is decisive in the grammar of communication and is a condition for genuine dialogue.” He invites us to reflect that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity.

Let us all take some time to truly listen and as we begin to gather, in-person again, this is going to be truly important.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

24 of 62 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Resolutions

Resolutions, beginning at the grass roots level, are the opportunity to collectively voice our CWL concerns, and ultimately, to effect change.... to make our voices heard!

All members should be encouraged to raise discussion, in their local CWL meetings, of challenges in their schools and communities; issues related to the environment, education, health, justice and society in general. Subsequently a decision to do or not do something is made by a vote.

When the local members agree something needs to be done, a proposed resolution should be drafted and submitted to the Resolutions and Legislations Chair.

No resolution was researched, developed, or submitted for adoption in 2021. Councils believe euthanasia, assistance in dying, palliative care, abuse of seniors and Canada's commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child need our ongoing attention.

The Councils' deep concern regarding these issues were brought to the attention of their local, provincial and federal government representatives, via, letter, email and telephone campaigns. One Council had an in-person visit with their local provincial and federal government contacts.

Throughout 2021, due to the pandemic, all local, diocesan, provincial and national meeting was virtual i.e., audio, video conferencing, screen sharing, or webinar.

The Resolutions Chairpersons from the 21 Councils reported 3 Resolutions Standing Committee positions were filled, 2 appointed and 1 elected.

Note: Some Councils have requested a motivational speaker be made available to attend a meeting, address current issues and inspire more member' participation. Is there such a speaker?

Legislation

Legislation is one of the most important instruments of government in organizing society and protecting citizens. It determines amongst others the rights and responsibilities of individuals and authorities in Canada, to whom the legislation applies. To ensure every piece of legislation reflects our beliefs and wellbeing, Councils' members are to be continually encouraged to monitor and ensure that they have input into all activities of every level of government where necessary and as deemed appropriate.

Of the 23 Councils completing the Legislation Annual Report for 2021, 5 Councils indicated they now have a new 'Legislation Standing Committee Chairperson' - 3 appointed, 2 elected.

The survey indicates most Councils feel their members are somewhat informed about issues being discussed by government at all levels. 14 Councils say they are aware of the Federal Bills currently being monitored, i.e., Bill C6, C7, C31, C-233, Bill C 268.

Some found the surveys difficult to complete and not user friendly. This suggests the need to review and determine whether or not the surveys' format needs to be revised.

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted,
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EDMONTON DIOCESAN PARISH COUNCIL ANNIVERSARIES

2020

Edmonton - Corpus Christi 5th
Edmonton - St. Thomas More 25th
St. Albert - Holy Family 30th
Edmonton - Annunciation Parish 60th
Rimbey - St. Margaret 60th
Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew 60th
Wetaskiwin - Sacred Heart 60th
Drayton Valley - St. Anthony 65th
Edmonton - Our Lady of the Assumption 65th

Edmonton - St. Anthony 70th
Mearns - St. Charles 70th
Provost - St. Mary 70th
Olds - St. Stephens 95th
Strome - Our Lady of Fatima 95th
Strome - St. Peter 95th
Three Hills - St. Joseph 95th
Trochu - St. Anne of the Prairies 95th

2021

Lacombe - St. Stephens 5th
Parkland County - Holy Trinity 20th
Edmonton - St. Charles 40th
Fort Saskatchewan - Our Lady of the Angels 60th
Red Deer - Sacred Heart 60th
Sylvan Lake - Our Lady of the Assumption 60th
Beaumont - St. Vital 65th

Daysland - Our Lady of the Prairies 65th
Innisfail - Our Lady of Peace 65th
Mayerthorpe - St. Agnes 70th
Jasper - Our Lady of Lourdes 90th
Castor - Our Lady of Grace 95th
Stettler - Christ King 95th
Camrose - St. Francis Xavier 100th

2022

Grand Cache - Holy Cross 35th
Edmonton - Good Shepherd 40th
Edmonton - St. John Bosco 40th
St. Michael - St. Michael the Archangel 55th
Star - Our Lady of Good Counsel 55th
Sundre - Our Lady of Fatima 60th
Villeneuve - St. Peter 60th
Edmonton - St. Clare 65th
Hinton - Our Lady of the Foothills 65th

Wildwood - St. Alphonsus 65th
Devon - St. Maria Goretti 70th
Edmonton - St. John the Evangelist 70th
Edmonton - St. Joseph Basilica 70th
Edmonton - St. Andrew 70th
Heisler - St. Martin 70th
Leduc - St. Michael 70th
Ponoka - St. Augustine 70th
Vermilion - Holy Name of Jesus 100th





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STANDING RULES FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022

1. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases not covered by the *Constitution & Bylaws* of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.
2. Each person attending the Convention shall register at the Convention Registration desk and shall be required to wear the official Convention name tag for admission to all meetings.
3. Voting by registered members shall be by voting card only, which is issued upon registration.
4. Parish instructed votes must be received before Voting delegates participate in the instructed votes during business sessions. Instructed voting occurs with no discussion on the proposals.
5. Motions, amendments, and amendments to the Resolutions must be submitted in writing, on a Motion form, initialed by the mover and the seconder and submitted to the secretary. Only Voting and Accredited delegates may move or second a motion.
6. The member presenting a Resolution or Motion, or her designate, may speak for a maximum of three minutes and, when discussion on the Resolution or Motion is to be concluded, that member or her designate shall have a further two minutes for answer and rebuttal, if desired.
7. Any member may speak to any motion or ask questions in discussion. When time is of the essence, voting members shall be given priority to speak over non-voting members.
8. A member may speak only once to any one motion for a maximum of one minute (unless the assembly grants permission by a 2/3 vote without debate).
9. The Chairperson shall call speakers in the order in which they stand behind the microphones. Speakers shall use a microphone, address the Chair and state their name, delegate status and council.
10. No materials of any kind shall be distributed during the Convention without the express permission of the Edmonton Diocesan President.

Pam Fennig Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant

February 7, 2022

The Catholic Women's League of Canada
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RE: Examination of Financial Record December 2021

To whom it may concern:

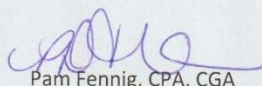
I have examined the financial records of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Edmonton Diocesan Council as of December 31, 2021, provided by the Organization's Management.

The financial information is the responsibility of the Organization's Management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial information based on my examination of the documentation provided. I have not performed an audit or review of this financial information, and accordingly I express no assurance thereon.

Based on my examination of the financial information, and the Policies of the Edmonton Diocesan Council (April 2018) "Expenses and Reimbursements" section, in my opinion the financial information provided is accurately reflected in the records.

Yours truly,

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THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL GENERAL ACCOUNT - INCOME STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

ASSET	2021	2020
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash on Hand	75	75
Chequing Bank Account	56,792	43,935
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	46,447	45,380
Inventory - National Supplies	754	754
Total Current Assets	104,068	90,144
LIABILITIES		
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
ALIES (Wilberforce Project/AB Pro-Life)	0	0
Chrism Mass Fund	3,101	2,521
Refugee Welcome Bags	0	0
Sign of Hope	0	0
St. Benedict's Chapel	1,930	860
Education Fund	400	400
Field Workers Fund	621	721
Special Projects Account	900	3,554
Mass Collections	0	0
Per Capita Fees - Held	3,008	1,656
Total Liabilities	9,960	9,712
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	80,432	67,998
Current Earnings	13,676	12,434
Total Equity	94,108	80,432
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	104,068	90,144

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAUGE OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
GENERAL ACCOUNT - INCOME STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021**

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

REVENUE	2021	2020
Per Capita Fees	15,368	17,036
National Supplies (Sales)	0	0
Interest Income	23	17
Miscellaneous Income	2,730	0
Investment Interest	1,066	1,001
Total Revenue	19,187	18,054
EXPENSES		
Accommodation and Meals	0	2,751
Accounting Fees	210	250
Admin/Archives	269	425
Bank Charges	15	0
Cards/Memorials	0	0
Committee Expenses	0	23
Convention Expenses Dioc. Officers	0	0
Donations/Extra Ordinary Expenses	2,790	200
Honoraria, Life Mem Stipend, Gifts	706	150
Meeting Expenses	70	0
Mileage	255	1,010
National Convention Expenses	0	0
National Supplies	0	0
Office Equipment & Furnishings	526	0
Office Supplies	93	8
Photocopying & Printing	57	0
Postage	19	0
Provincial Convention Exp/Mtgs	0	152
Special Retreats	500	653
Total Expenses	5,510	5,622
NET INCOME	13,677	12,432

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

No.	FUND NAME	2021	2020
1	ALIES (Wilberforce Project/AB Pro-Life)		
	Balance: January 1, 2021	0	1,965
	Add: Receipts	1,955	1,720
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(1,955)</u>	<u>(3,685)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2021	0	0
2	CHRISM MASS FUND		
	Balance: January 1, 2021	2,521	1,881
	Add: Receipts	580	640
	Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2021	3,101	2,521
3	REFUGEE BAG PROGRAM		
	Balance: January 1, 2021	0	705
	Add: Receipts	1,385	843
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(1,385)</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2021	0	0
4	SIGN OF HOPE		
	Balance: January 1, 2021	0	3,920
	Add: Receipts	2,930	3,265
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(2,930)</u>	<u>(7,185)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2021	0	0
5	ST. BENEDICT'S CHAPEL		
	Balance: January 1, 2021	860	2,460
	Add: Receipts plus Top Up (2,790)	5,570	2,900
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>(4,500)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2021	1,930	860
6	EDUCATION FUND		
	Balance: January 1, 2021	400	400
	Add: Receipts	0	0
	Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2021	400	400

7 FIELD WORKERS FUND

Balance: January 1, 2021	721	721
Add: Receipts	0	0
Less: Disbursements	(100)	<u>0</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2021	621	721

8 MASS COLLECTION DEDICATED FUNDS

Balance: January 1, 2021	0	0
Add: Receipts	0	0
Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2021	0	0

9 SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Balance: January 1, 2021	3,554	900
Add: Receipts		2,654
Less: Disbursements	<u>(2,654)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>0</u> BALANCE: December 31, 2021	900	3,554

10 PER CAPITA FEES HELD

Balance: January 1, 2021	1,656	0
Add: Receipts	3,008	1,656
Less: Disbursements	<u>(1,656)</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2021	3,008	0

GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AT January 1, 2020,	43,933	35,742
REVENUE COLLECTED	33,549	30,731
EXPENSES PAID	(20,690)	(22,540)
 CASH BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021,	 56,792	 43,933

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAUGE OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
CONVENTION ACCOUNT - INCOME STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021**

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

REVENUE	2021	2020
Convention Registration	0	0
Convention Banquet Tickets	0	0
Convention Luncheon	0	0
Account Interest	3	4
Registration Refund	0	0
Total Revenue	3	4
EXPENSES		
Guest Expenses	0	0
Convention Convenor Expense	0	68
Facility Expenses	0	(500)
Food/Break Beverage Expense	0	0
Other Expenses – Banner, Books etc.	23	570
Fixed Honorarias	0	0
Essay/Poster Contest	(50)	450
Office Expenses	735	788
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	47
Bank Charges	0	0
Mileage	0	1,010
Total Expenses	708	1,424
NET GAIN (LOSS) FOR 2021	(708)	(1,420)
CONVENTION BANK ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021		
CASH BALANCE AT January 1, 2020	16,660	18,080
REVENUE COLLECTED	3	4
EXPENSES PAID OUT FOR CONVENTION	(708)	(1,424)
CASH BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021	15,955	16,660



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CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We express our sincere appreciation to the Edmonton-Provost Region for participating in the planning of the 100th Annual Edmonton Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League. The councils were St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Camrose and Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Wetaskiwin with assistance from neighboring parishes.

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Loving Father, open our hearts to
your infinite love for all people,
and to your presence with us
wherever we go in your name.

Lord Jesus, deepen the spiritual
life of the Catholic Women's
League.
Strengthen the faith and good
works of our members,
building-up life in the world
by being Catholic and Living It!
May we imitate you with works
of mercy,
welcoming the forgotten,
suffering or vulnerable wherever
we encounter them.

Holy Spirit,
strengthen us to live our faith,
witnessing to life, peace and
social justice daily wherever
we are in Canada.

Through the intercession of
Our Lady of Good Counsel,
may we be joyful
and responsive to our
Christian calling,
by truly being Catholic and
Living It!

We make this prayer through
Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,
who lives and reigns with the
Father and the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.

Amen.