



*Care For
Our
Common Home*

Rejoicing in God's Gifts

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Edmonton Diocesan Council**

**2019 Annual Reports
Booklet**



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 and the intercession
of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

AMEN



SERVICE - FAITH - JUSTICE

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Edmonton Diocesan Council

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS, LIFE MEMBERS & PAST DIOCESAN PRESIDENTS 2019

POSITION	NAME
Diocesan President 1971-1972 Provincial President 1977-1979 Life Member 1980 National President 1984-1986 Honorary Life Member 1986	Ardis Beaudry
Life Member 2019	Ruth Boden
Diocesan President 2017-2019	Cheryl Boom
Diocesan President 2007-2009 Life Member 2014 Provincial President 2015-2017	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 Life Member 2016 Provincial President 2017-2019	June Fuller
Diocesan President 1988-1990	Jenny Halajcio
Life Member 1997	Pam Hill
Diocesan President 2015-2017	Mary Hunt
Diocesan President 2001-2003 Life Member 2011 Provincial President 2013-2015	Dorothy Johansen
Diocesan President 1997-1999 Life Member 2002	Rebecca Kallal
Diocesan President 1980-1982 Provincial President 1989-1991 Life Member 1992	Anne Laskosky
Diocesan President 2003-2005 Provincial President 2009-2011 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
Life Member 2005	Lynne Persson
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



Edmonton Diocesan Officers 2019

- President – Mary Molloy
- Secretary - Marguerite Critchley
- Treasurer - Marguerite Attlebery
- Past President – Cheryl Boom
- President-Elect/Organization - Clover Oryschak
- Vice President/Spiritual Development – Sr. Susan Scott
- Christian Family Life - Annette Valstar
- Community Life – Katherine Tarras
- Education, Health & Environment – Kara Pelech
- Communications – Susan Casey
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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

May 2020

Dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League,

I am pleased to offer greetings and blessings to each and every one of you during what has been a challenging time for all us. The pandemic forced the cancellation of your 98th Annual Edmonton Diocesan Council Convention, where I had hoped to join you in person to express my continuing gratitude for all that you do.

On this fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we were going to reflect on the theme "Care for our Common Home: Rejoicing in God's Gifts." Some might have asked, how can we rejoice amid all this worry and uncertainty? From what I have seen, the members of the Catholic Women's League, as they always do, have responded in very practical ways. You have rejoiced in the gifts of each other, by reaching out to your most vulnerable members to assure them that they are loved, cared for, and never forgotten. Your leaders have embraced digital technology to keep in touch with local councils through virtual "Coffee and Conversation" events. And of course, you have continued to rejoice in the gift of human life through your support of the virtual March for Life and the Bishops' efforts to educate our parishes on the remarkable gift of palliative care. I know these are just a few examples of the joyful and faith-filled service of CWL members who so often work quietly and 'behind the scenes' to enhance the common good.

Pope Francis tells us: "Those who are committed to defending human dignity can find in the Christian faith the deepest reasons for this commitment. How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles!" (*LS* 65) It is indeed wonderful that CWL members find joy through their deep commitment to families, parishes and communities, despite the apparent chaos around us. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council

April 2020

Dear Sisters in Christ,

When God created humankind, He disposed the mind and heart of his creature to meet joy. There are different degrees of joy. People can find joy, when they live in harmony with nature and especially in the encounter, sharing and communion with other people.

There is no perfect, lasting happiness on earth. Our life on earth consists moments of sadness and happiness, joy and sorrow. Technological society has succeeded in multiplying the opportunities for pleasure, but it has difficulty in generating joy.

There is a spiritual joy, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. When we celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us, we experience the kind of joy, the first disciples received. God calls us to proclaim this paschal joy.

We have received so many gifts from the Lord not only for ourselves but for the whole the world to share. We have to be good stewards of God's gift.

The Catholic Women's League was established nationally in 1920 in Montreal, Canada. So, in August 2020, we'll celebrate a centennial. I hope, some of you personally will be part of the National Convention in Montreal. This year the 98th Annual Convention of the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is taking place at St. Charles Parish and the theme is: *Care for our Common Home: Rejoicing in God's Gifts.*

Dear Ladies, may your time in Edmonton be a time of reflection, peace and joy, but also a time of dialogue and action.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your deliberations and Our Lady of Good Counsel help you to share the good things God has given you.

May God bless this convention and all who attend it.

For God and Canada

Spiritual Advisor
Edmonton Diocesan CWL





The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Greetings to my dear sisters in the Edmonton Diocesan Council!

Congratulations on 98 years of service for God and Canada! Another convention is upon you which presents several opportunities through your reports and programs to reflect on all the good things your membership has accomplished in the past year.

The parts of the world we call home in Canada are blessed with diversity in cultures, climate, numbers, and topography. While each of us shares the common bond of suffering, we have generally been blessed with peace and some prosperity. Having said this, it comes with a great responsibility.

Many councils have been focusing attention on the disadvantaged, the homeless, migrants and refugees, who have fallen prey to situations that in many cases are beyond their control. It is our duty and responsibility to “feed” those among us in whatever way we can. His Holiness, Pope Francis, in his address on the anniversary of World Day of Migrants and Refugees, in January, 2018, said it is our duty “to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate” all who need care. While His Holiness spoke directly of migrants and refugees, this applies as well to those among us who are vulnerable in so many ways. “Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?” (James 2:5).

As members of your diocesan community, you have attempted to emulate what Jesus did. “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (Luke 4:18-19).

When I reflect on the scripture passages, it connects me to the commands that are directed to each of us as Christian Catholic women. I am confident that as members of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada, each woman in this diocese does her utmost to support the least among us.

God bless all your efforts in the past year to make your community a place of welcome and sustainability. You deserve to take time to reflect upon your accomplishments as you meet in convention. A well-deserved pat on the back is something you can give each other while together and once you return to your parishes.

We have many challenges ahead, but with the intercession of the Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Good Counsel, there is so much reason to continue to be hopeful women of faith in service to God and Canada. “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full” (Prov. 19:17).

Your sister in the League,

Anne-Marie Gorman
National President



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council

April 2020

Diocesan President's Message

Dear Sisters in the League,

In March 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic impacted the annual conventions of the Catholic Women's League of Canada at all levels. On March 20, 2020 the board of the Catholic Women's League of Canada directed all diocesan and provincial councils to cancel their 2020 conventions. Similarly, the annual national convention for 2020 was cancelled.

To comply with *Canada Not for Profit Corporation Act* and the *Constitution & Bylaws*, Edmonton Diocesan President Mary Molloy attended the Edmonton Diocesan Convention meeting alone on April 18, 2020. As quorum was not met, the meeting was adjourned to a future date to be determined. No business was conducted, including the passing of resolutions or conducting of instructed votes or elections.

This fulfilled the requirement to hold a convention according to the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Annual Convention Booklet is being published to provide members the 2019 Annual Reports of the Edmonton Diocese. Members would have received this document at the Annual Diocesan Convention.

Mary Molloy
Diocesan President



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019 47 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Without question reading through the annual reports from our parish councils provides inspiration and admiration for the impact our councils have on the lives of so many in our parishes and in our communities. We are an amazing sisterhood of catholic women.

Diocesan Council embraced the theme “*Care for Our Common Home*” which provided the basis on which the Diocesan Officers set our priorities. Our first priority was to ensure all parishes had the opportunity to learn about the National Strategic Plan. Presentations were made at our Annual Convention, Fall Meeting, regional workshops and at individual parishes using the presentation “Future of the League: Year 1”. Members were encouraged to assist the working committees by completing online questionnaires and to volunteer for the Working Group subcommittees. Spiritual advisors participated in the Spiritual Advisor's survey.

Our second priority was to enhance spiritual development, particularly to incorporating “Care of Our Common Home: Rejoicing in God's Gifts”. This was accomplished using speakers at conventions, spiritual reflections, and retreats.

Our third priority was to provide support to our parish councils, by holding workshops and offering training, encouraging councils to streamline processes and to seek creative methods to increase membership. At the diocesan level, we reduced the number of meetings by replacing the Winter Meeting with regional workshops, communicated more directly with parishes via the parish buddy system, eliminated zone fees and purged some other unnecessary duplications of reports and activities.

Diocesan Council sought to enhance our relationships with other Catholic organizations. Individual parish councils were encouraged to join local Grace Committees in their school district (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education). Diocesan Officers were invited to join the Edmonton Catholic School District Grace Committee. In October, 2019 Diocesan Council jointly hosted with the Knights of Columbus a spiritual reflection evening "On a Mission with Christ" presented by Father Richard Leonard CSJ. The CWL was a member of the Archbishop's Annual Dinner committee and, each May, participates as a sponsor for the Faith, Fitness & Fun event in support of St Joseph's Seminary and Newman Theological College. In cooperation with the Archdiocese, the Diocesan Council also participates in the Enculturation Days for International Clergy and we continue to be in contact with the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League (UCWL).

The top national priorities introduced and discussed at the parish level included Care for Our Common Home, medical assistance in dying in palliative care/hospice facilities, rights of the pre-born under the UN Convention on Rights of the Child and removing the Canada Summer Job program attestation. Overall, 93% of the councils introduced the issues at their meetings.

Spiritual Advisor support for the League occurs in 96% of the councils and, among those, 52% meet monthly while 30% reported meeting occasionally with their Spiritual Advisor. The main reason for not meeting on a monthly basis was other parish duties prevented the advisor from attending. The Diocesan Officers met with Archbishop Richard Smith in late November 2019 to discuss various initiatives and issues related to the Archdiocese.

The National Constitution and Bylaws and the Executive Handbook were used by 71% as the main resources used within the councils. Robert's Rule of Order and the National Manual of Policies and Procedures were a secondary reference source used by 57%. The Executive Handbook was read by 91% of the council presidents and 95% reported the Handbook was useful for assisting in overseeing council operations. It was noted the Handbook did not assist with conflict resolution or how to retain the lines of communication. A majority of councils (61%) reported having a policy manual and of the remaining 39% who did not, 65% reported it wouldn't be helpful to have one. A majority of councils (82%) indicated they didn't need assistance to develop their own. Only 33% developed a new policy this year. The main thrust of policy development was intended to add funding for a charity, developing a scholarship, updating old policies to make them more understandable and straightforward and/or to rework financial policies.

Presidents were noted as representing their council at church functions (93%), Diocesan meetings and conventions (75%), World Day of Prayer (66%), provincial meetings (43%) and national conventions (39%). Other events mentioned were the Parish AGM, membership drives and funerals.

Approximately half the presidents reported having their fees covered for attending conferences on behalf of their council. Only 16% of the councils reported covering the cost of events for the President to attend while 68% reported all costs were covered to attend the Diocesan Convention. In contrast, 34% had their way paid to attend the Provincial convention but only 23% had the cost covered to attend the National Convention. Parish councils may want to consider including these costs in their budgets.

Of the councils reporting, only 57% provide an annual summary to their members. This is done by written means (76%), oral report (64%), email (68%), by newsletter or parish bulletin (less than 35%). Annual reporting to members and to the parish at large is an excellent means to promote the work of the league in parishes and could encourage other women to consider membership to assist in the highlighted activities.

Nearly 80% of the councils have funeral lunch committees and 59% reported having annual events like teas, bazaars, 50% have social events, 43% have fundraising activities and 32% make annual donations. Other committees mentioned were the prayer shawl ministry and a women's fellowship committee.

Council Presidents addressed the topics of Care for Our Common Home, membership, structure of the CWL, support for Catholic education, developing lines of communication between CWL and parish councils, pro-life, MAID and CWL involvement in World Day of Prayer.

Council Presidents noted that former past presidents were of great assistance when taking on the role of president (64%) and over half (55%) indicated the immediate past president was of assistance, as was the current executive (50%).

Councils reported the greatest challenges were faced when transitioning into new roles including keeping members interested (71%), finding the time (43%), feeling overwhelmed and not having a full slate of officers (39%), the large amount of paperwork and recruiting (34%) and trying to please everyone (30%).

Comments from Presidents concerning what they are most proud of included the 37 years partnering with St Joseph's Seminary, the willingness of members to step up when asked and members dedication and wanting to better our community and parish. The biggest challenge for Presidents was finding members to take on leadership roles, involving younger members, membership and the onerous paperwork and reporting. The strength for Presidents to continue in their roles was made possible through sisterhood and the contribution of each member's talents and uniqueness. One President commented "our CWL members are always on call and ready to jump in any way they can help".

The role of the president was carried out by competent and enthusiastic women in each parish. Where presidents are recycled, appointed or even take turns, it is clear members valued the leadership. It is interesting to note how often it is mentioned the importance and need to stay in touch with each other and to pray for each other.

May the Holy Spirit "give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill His great law of charity" as we reach out to others and share the great gift of the League.

May God Bless you on your journey for "God and Canada".

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019 41 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

There was 61.2% participation rate of in the councils of our Dioceses. This is slightly down from 63% in 2018.

34% of responding councils had a recording secretary only, 7% had both recording and corresponding positions, however, 59% of responding councils had one person fulfilling both the recording secretary and correspondence secretary rolls. 2% reported they held additional positions within their council.

Most secretaries (97% of respondents) attended all executive and general meetings. 40% distributed copies of the agenda and 72% took roll call at meetings. 40% of respondents notified members of upcoming meetings and events: 79% by email, 64% by parish bulletin, 79% by phone/cell/text, 21% by parish bulletin boards and 49% by other means. 21% of respondents are responsible for sending out occasional cards such as anniversary, sympathy, etc.

85% of respondents brought the minute books to all the meetings and 100% of secretaries recorded minutes. 92% transcribed minutes and distributed them for approval either by email or other means and 47% assisted the president with compiling annual reports. The average number of years minutes are kept in the minute's book before being turned over for archives is 5.

63% of the respondents are signing officers and 68% knew where their charter is located. 95% of respondents had a copy of the *Handbook for Secretaries* and 61% had a copy of the *CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide* from National office.

85% of respondents maintained a list of executive members and their contact information. 45% brought the motions book to the meetings while 42% do not have a motions book. 28% received written reports from their executive consistently whereas 49% reported sometimes.

62% of respondents have held the secretarial position previously, the average number of years holding the recording secretary position is 5 and corresponding secretary is 4.

Comments received from respondents:

- Getting members to come to meetings is one of our biggest challenges. Usually the same members attend meetings. It is frustrating to go to great pains to arrange the meetings and have just a scattering of attendees. Many members are elderly and do not wish to attend meetings. Some have difficulty attending meetings due to a paying job or finding childcare for my small children. Members are willing helpers and participants when we do things OTHER than meetings.

- Furthering and improving my knowledge and understanding of the workings of the Catholic Women's League. Attending local and Diocesan meetings, working through the new Strategic Plan at our executive and general meetings. Keeping up to date with *The Canadian League* magazine helps increase my knowledge and understanding of the League.
- Being new to the position and my predecessor moved to another parish, thus having to learn members' names and how meetings were conducted was a challenge. My president was very helpful.
- Taking notes at Provincial and/or Diocesan meetings.
- So much paperwork from Provincial and National.
- Reminding executive and standing committee chairs to submit written reports.
- Sharing the position with another member was helpful.
- Keeping members contact information up to date.
- Sending memos and minutes of meetings by email seems to be running smoothly.
- I do not have a challenge this year. All ran smoothly.
- Finding information to insert into my newsletter: all information posted is for past years; nothing current.
- Holding more than one position on the executive and finding time to keep up with the various responsibilities.
- Not having a computer and having to hand write everything.
- I have thoroughly enjoyed this, my most recent term as secretary. I thank God for giving me the strength and the ability to fill the position as a service to my council.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019 36 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

I am happy to report that I have reviewed the summary of the Treasurer's Annual Report Survey which has been completed by 54% of the councils.

All the councils reporting had the Treasurer position filled, with $\frac{3}{4}$ of these ladies being elected, and $\frac{1}{4}$ appointed. In almost all of the councils, financial tools (bank statements, receipt books, deposit books) and practices (books being updated regularly, monthly reconciliations, record retention 5 yrs, two signatures required on cheques, financials reported at monthly meetings) are being followed. About 80% of treasurers are making use of a computer (Excel spreadsheet or a computer program) to track receipts and expenses/disbursements.

Only a little more than half of those reporting prepare an annual budget, and two thirds of reporting councils have their books reviewed annually (most of these reviews are performed by experienced bookkeepers or accredited accountants). This is a good practice that councils should have in place so that their Treasurer can be confident in due diligence, as they are accountable to their members for council finances.

Membership fees ranged from \$23 to \$35 with the bulk of the fees being collected between November and January, with submissions to National between December and February.

Various fundraising initiatives were undertaken by our councils. These included: funeral lunches (27); bake sales (20); lottery/raffle/bingo (15); catering (8); bazaar (5); tea/luncheon/brunch (7); banquet/gala (5); fall supper (4); rummage/garage sale (3); fashion show (3); and other (6). Fundraising activities under 'Other' included: Cookie Walk, Sale of Religious Items, Plant/Garden Sale, Share Shop (Thrift Shop), Pie Sale.

Using the proceeds from fundraising activities the councils have supported a variety of charities as well as their parishes. In total, the councils donated \$212,292.

Donations to National Voluntary Funds:

	No. of Councils	Total Amount	Average
Amount			
Catholic Missions in Canada	36	\$ 3,164	\$ 88
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	36	\$ 1,475	\$ 41
Coady International Institute	36	\$ 1,270	\$ 35
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	36	\$ 1,400	\$ 39
National Bursary Fund	36	\$ 995	\$ 28
TOTAL:		\$ 8,304	

Other Charitable Donations:

	No. of Councils	Total Amount	Average
Amount			
Community Life	36	\$37,305	\$1,036
Christian Family Life	36	\$22,305	\$ 620
Education and Health	36	\$21,627	\$ 600
Spiritual Development	36	\$17,988	\$ 500
Organization	36	\$13,024	\$ 362
Communication	36	\$ 1,491	\$ 41
TOTAL:		\$113,740	

Donations to Parishes: TOTAL: \$ 90,248

A few overall noteworthy comments mentioned that some councils:

- have bank cards which are kept in a safe place
- majority of donations go back into community
- although physical cancelled cheques are not received, photocopies of cancelled cheques are provided with the monthly bank statement
- biggest challenge in providing data for annual report exercise was determining which category the various charitable donations align to

The Diocesan voluntary funds support the following: ALIES/Alberta Prolife (\$1,965); Sign of Hope/Catholic Social Services (\$3,920); our Refugee Welcome Bag Project managed through St. Joseph's Basilica council, Edmonton (\$900); St. Benedict's Chapel in downtown Edmonton (\$4,490); and the Chrism Mass reception at St. Joseph's Basilica (\$1,550).

Besides the donations made through the voluntary funds, the Edmonton Diocesan Council also collected a total of \$2,989 at masses at the Midwinter, Convention and Fall Meetings and made donations to Our Lady of Grace/Program of Edm Catholic Schools (\$914.90), the Lloydminster Youth Council (\$1,077.20) and Neighbourhood Outreach Wetaskiwin (\$996.45). We also provided hot dogs for the Faith, Fitness and Fun Run in support of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College with volunteer efforts of the Diocesan

Officers who cooked and served the hot dogs for the participants and volunteers. In October we partnered with the Knights of Columbus, and provided an 'Evening of Faith' event, featuring Father Richard Leonard with net proceeds resulting in \$1,400. And finally, we held our first Regional Workshop for the Edmonton-Provost Region, which resulted in net zero profit/loss (meaning it supported itself financially).

Our on-going thanks and appreciation goes out to all our members for continuing to share their time, gifts and talents with the League. Through the grace of this overwhelming generosity, our League, our Parishes, and our Diocese continue to thrive and benefit.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



PAST PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

34 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Annual Reports allow us to capture a unique view of the dedication, enthusiasm and love of the League displayed by our members throughout the diocese. This is evident by all the good works reported!

Thank you to all the dedicated Past Presidents that completed their online survey for 2019. This report represents 50% of our councils, which is a decrease of 19% from 2018. Of the 34 responding councils 3 indicated the position was vacant. 39% indicated they have held this position previously.

Past Presidents reported that they either *Always* (42%) or *Most* of the time (26%) attended Executive meetings, that they either *Always* (52%) or *Most* of the time (39%) attended General meetings, that they either *Always* (61%) or *Most* of the time (39%) attended social events and that they either *Always* (65%) or *Most* of the time (23%) attended spiritual events.

Past Presidents are called upon for advice occasionally with 36% saying it was less than once a month. 77% reported that the President and council members felt supported by their help.

An important aspect of the role of Past President is to be responsible for maintaining and securing the history of their council. 71% of Past Presidents reported that they filled this role. 77% of the council archives were 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, DVDs and CDs. 86% of the councils knew the whereabouts of their council charter.

When asked how long the council kept documents and archival materials, items that were kept indefinitely were Annual Reports (56%), Book of Life (85%), Deceased member histories (65%), lists of past executives (74%), membership renewal data (50%), minutes of Executive meetings (53%), minutes of General meetings (65%), record of service awards (65%) and years of service (82%). Council archives were reviewed as needed by 85% of councils. 62% of councils reported maintaining a history book and 79% 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 91% reported having the National Manual of Policy and Procedures but 60% reported that they rarely or once a year referred to the two manuals. 65% of the councils reported having their own manual of policy and procedure and it was generally reviewed whenever policy changed or at least once in a two-year cycle.

When questioned as to what levels of the League that councils would seek advice, the most communication was with the Diocesan Council with 27% of councils seeking advice at least once per year, provincially 12% at least once per year, National Executive 15% at least once per year and National Office 29% at least once per year.

27% reported seeking advice from their spiritual advisor at least once a month and 29% annually, 9% indicated seeking advice from the local bishop annually and 21% indicated receiving advice from Life Members monthly, quarterly and annually.

Past Presidents are called upon by the President to assist with other duties in the council. These duties included representing & promoting the council (52%), chairing executive or general meetings (42%), chairing the nominations and elections committee (33%), filling a vacant role (33%) and organizing fundraisers and social events (27%).

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, answer questions and be there wholeheartedly when they needed advice and support.

76% of the councils reported supporting the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Planning Strategically 2018-2020 by attending meetings and conventions to hear the presentations and then reviewing the material with the President, as well as keeping their council informed by sharing information and lastly through prayer.

The greatest challenge by many Past Presidents was finding time for the role and finding members to take on leadership positions.

When asked to share a great success, one council said *“Something that is satisfying as a Past President is to stay involved with your council, but at the same time, take a bit of a step back. I feel that it is a success to be able to see your council continue to stay vibrant, to witness the members continuing to enjoy their roles as standing committee members, executive members and members in general and to trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire our council on our journey.”*

May God bless you for sharing your gifts with your Sisters in the League and may you continue to serve your council with kindness, love and generosity!

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Sisters in the League,

Faith, service and social justice – the three pillars of our League as we move forward. This report will highlight areas prioritized by the questions included in the annual reports. I will do my best to interpret some of this information with an eye looking to the future as we focus on FAITH as a foundational element in everything we do!

An area of significant concern which I hope to address in the coming year, is the low number of councils that have the position of Spiritual Development Chair filled (less than half of our councils). Only 15 councils had a woman elected to or volunteer to take this important position, leaving 15 councils with the position filled by appointment. I know we can do better than this and look forward to working with the women who generously accept this position. Our councils across the diocese did an excellent job of prioritizing our National theme of “Care for Our Common Home”. There is consistently too little time devoted to the spiritual component of meetings (mass does not count!). The League prayer, funeral honour guards, the rosary, scripture based prayers, the stations of the cross and participation in “World Day of Prayer” were the most common prayer formats.

Almost half of the councils did nothing to celebrate/highlight the feast of “*Our Lady of Good Counsel*” and I’m challenging our members to change this and build into your annual planning some activity – it doesn’t have to be grandiose – to honour our patroness. There are resources on the National site with more to come as part of the implementation of the Strategic Plan. The resources referenced in the annual report were used very little indicating a disconnect with what and/or how, our members are praying. There was a strong attendance at meetings by the Spiritual Advisor but there weren’t any questions about his role or if he participated, instructed etc. at the meeting which he attended. It would be nice to use this precious resource to our benefit. Ask him to present one specific topic of importance to your ladies!

There was virtually no focus on studies of women in scripture. We are lacking in awareness of women's place in the church and society found in scripture. Perhaps this is an area our Spiritual Advisors could help us with.

As every year, no doubt across the country, our members have taken leadership roles in virtually every aspect of our church and every lay ministry in which we are allowed to participate. None of the roles included in the online report went unfilled across our diocese! Congratulations ladies! One area in which we could perhaps improve would be to have a more visible role on our parish liturgy committees. Again, don’t be afraid to ask your pastor for a place at that table.

Our councils continue to offer strong support of Catholic Missions in Canada primarily through monetary donations. Another area in which we can improve is to be more conscious and intentional to reach out to women of other Christian denominations (they are after all our sisters in Christ). Consider organizing some special way to celebrate the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity” across your parish, not only within your CWL council. Barely half of our councils participated in 2019 so let’s increase that number in 2020. “*World Day of Prayer*”, on the other hand, saw a **97%** participation! Outstanding!

Ladies were asked about their biggest challenge in this position and they mentioned things like:

- One of the most interesting challenges was addressing the issue of sexual abuse by clergy, sensitive to the pain our women may be experiencing; some have had members of their family who were abused; the pain many of us have of betrayal, trust issues, and helplessness in effecting change, etc. Discussion and prayer formed a large part of this program which we presented over two meetings.
- Finding a suitable timeframe during meetings for spiritual activities
- Finding the right motivation so ladies would want to attend a retreat
- Coming up with ideas for general meetings
- Keep people engaged in a longer time for true deep prayer
- Meetings are already long, over 2 hours and so it doesn't feel appropriate to spend too much time on prayer and teaching or reflection
- Not having access to on-line information
- Finding childcare for meetings can sometimes be difficult
- Time allotted at meetings for spiritual input
- Provide a meaningful opportunity for dialogue and learning and growing together in faith

As we move forward together, let us always remember that it is Christ at the centre of everything we do and He will never abandon us. Know that you need only reach out to your Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair to assist and guide you in any way you need. We are after all, sisters!

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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“All the works of God proceed slowly and in pain. Therefore their roots are sturdier and their flowering the lovelier.” Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger SSND

DECEASED MEMBERS 2019

St. Albert – Lloydminster Region

Cathy Beer - Holy Family
Helen Dizey - Holy Family
Lorie Marie McMillan - Holy Family
Jeannine Courchesne - Holy Name of Jesus
Steva MacPhee - Holy Name of Jesus
Jennie Medynski - Our Lady of Good Counsel
Rose Frison - Our Lady of The Angels
Nora Lamoureux - Our Lady of The Angels
Longine Pacholik - Our Lady of The Angels
Hazel Paradis - Our Lady of The Angels
Sandra Fitzpatrick - St. Alphonsus
Helen Weiszhaar - St. Anthony
Jean Michaels - St. Charles

Mildred Panylyk - St. Charles
Pat Horrigan - St. Clare
Hilda Bachand - St. Dominic Savio
Audrey Bilawchuk - St. Dominic Savio
Donna Bonk - St. Dominic Savio
Kay Cross - St. Edmund
Cathy Evers - St. Edmund
Gladys Lucas - St. Edmund
Rose Auburn - St. John Bosco
Margaret Craig - St. John Bosco
Christina De Jesus - St. John Bosco
Elianne Diletzoy - St. Matthew
Ella Ozubko - St. Matthew

Edmonton – Jasper Region

Cecile Burhoff - Annunciation
Julia Faubert - Annunciation
Agnes Reid - Annunciation
Josephine Hailey - Good Shepherd
Doris McDonald - Holy Cross
Jeanne Hepp - Our Lady of The Foothills
Carol Ross - Our Lady of The Foothills
Anne Vetsch - St. Agnes
Margaret Germain - St. Andrew
Susan Holzman - St. Andrew
Helen Kucy - St. Andrew
Christine Laurence - St. Andrew
Wally O'Hara - St. Andrew
Agnes Rouleau - St. Andrew
Aline Rousseau- Zunti - St. Andrew

Maria Carlton - St. Anthony
Olive Goertzen - St. Anthony - Drayton Valley
Kathleen Meraw - St. Anthony - Drayton Valley
Helena Williams - St. Elizabeth
Paulette Chenard - St. John The Evangelist
Jane Fisher - St. John The Evangelist
Anna White - St. John The Evangelist
Mary Ann Ingram - St. Joseph's Basilica
Bernadette Dube - St. Joseph's Basilica
Irene Maguire - St. Joseph's Basilica
Antoinette Marchand - St. Joseph's Basilica
Amanda Tarnawski - St. Joseph's Basilica
Gwendolyn Leibel - St. Thomas More
Magdalen Miklos - St. Thomas More
Betty Wenger - St. Thomas More

DECEASED MEMBERS 2019

Red Deer Region

Margaret- Anne Plosz - St. Mary
Joanne Overguard - Our Lady of Fatima
Patricia Bain - Our Lady of Grace
Minnie Deibert - Sacred Heart
Eileen Renick - Sacred Heart
Marie Olson - Saint Margaret
Jean Schell - Saint Margaret
Henrietta Peterson - St. Ann of The Prairies

Valentine Sealy - St. Ann of The Prairies
Edna Parker - St. Augustine
Genevieve Warren - St. Augustine
Karen Aubrey - St. Mary
Therese Beauchamp - St. Mary
Florence Lehouillier - St. Mary
Betty Adamcik - St. Stephen
Marie Roe - St. Stephen

Edmonton - Provost Region

Mary Vincent - Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Flo Anderson - Sacred Heart
Leola May - Sacred Heart
Lorraine Nyuli - Sacred Heart
Darlene Zimmer - St. Boniface
Barbara Maier - St. Francis Xavier
Maria Melo - St. Francis Xavier
Mary Stokowski - St. Francis Xavier

Mary Wnuk - St. Francis Xavier
Bernie Dielschneider - St. Mary
Marie Ganser - St. Mary
Hilda Heck - St. Mary - Provost
Lucille Nay - St. Michael
Genevieve Froehler - Our Lady of Fatima
Ann Hansen - St. Michael's



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



ORGANIZATION CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

39 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

2019 was a time of renewal for the Edmonton Diocesan Council. We transitioned from a zone to a regional structure and replaced our Diocesan Midwinter Meeting with four Midwinter Regional Workshops.

57% of Organization Chair positions were filled by appointment, while 43% were filled via election. 40% of Organization Chairs have been a member for more than 25 years; most having held the position previously. In contrast, only 23% of Organization Chairs have been a member for less than 10 years. All Organization Chairs report being over the age of 45. This highlights the need for longer-serving members with experience on their parish executive to mentor members who are newer to the League or younger to take on leadership roles.

92% of council members attend meetings less than 40% of the time. One reason for this may be that many councils struggle with keeping meetings to 90 minutes or less and balancing social, business and spiritual aspects (most focus on business and reporting). Member participation increased when social activities were offered (40-60%). This suggests members are looking for more ways to interact with one another on a personal level, rather than meeting or fundraising activities.

Membership in the Edmonton Diocese for 2019 was 4,331 members reflecting a decrease in membership from 2018. However, 50% of councils report new members under the age of 40. Council sizes within the Edmonton Diocese continue to vary substantially (range 4 to over 200 members), with most of the larger councils located within urban centers (e.g. Edmonton, Red Deer, Camrose).

Membership and Recruitment

The most effective means of recruiting new members was via the parish bulletin (95%), personal invitation (87%), parish display tables (69%), presentations at masses (62%), and parish events (62%). Under-utilized areas of engagement identified include asking new members to take part on sub-committees (29%), mentoring new members (24%), or providing an orientation session (13%). Councils are encouraged to attract new members through recruitment efforts that focus on personal interaction, and keeping new members engaged through regular social events, mentorship by longer-serving members, providing an orientation to the League, and inviting new members to participate on sub-committees in addition to helping with specific council events.

Most councils in the diocese administer their member renewals on-line (74%) and remind members when memberships are due through meeting announcements (95%), phone calls (90%), church bulletins (82%), announcements at mass (77%), and emails (69%). Reasons for not renewing memberships included illness, moving, financial burden, inability to get to meetings, busy with work or other commitments, forgetting to renew, or loss of interest in the League. For members no longer able to participate in council activities, most councils kept in touch with members through home visits (62%), sending cards (57%) or phoning (57%).

Leadership Development

62% of councils attended sessions on the National CWL's Planning Strategically. 57% of council executives actively asked for member input when deciding annual plans and activities. Seeking input from the general membership is important for the engagement of all council members. Don't be afraid to do things differently!

Only 41% of councils have members involved at levels of the League other than at the parish council level. Involvement in activities at the Diocesan, Provincial, and National levels are rich opportunities for leadership development, through networking with other members, and sharing ideas with other councils. 75% of councils indicate they interact most with the Diocesan level, while only 25% of councils attend Provincial or National events. This highlights the importance of the Diocesan level in the overall work and functioning of the League to serve those at the grassroots level.

Only 9 councils reported having a life member who actively provides mentoring and advice. 64% of councils indicate they have not benefitted from the life members residing in their area. This suggests that life members and parish councils are largely disconnected from one another and the role of life members may need to be re-assessed within the Edmonton Diocese to determine ways in which to bridge this gap. One suggestion would be for life members to work directly with diocesan officers on strategic initiatives to serve parish councils on matters of concern identified through Midwinter Regional Workshops.

League Resource Material

Almost all parish councils keep on hand three resources: The Canadian League Magazine (92%), the Constitution and Bylaws (90%), and League Prayers (87%). The least used resources included materials on Parliamentary Procedure (31%) and the Resolutions Supplement (21%). 3% of councils report not using any National resources.

Awards

The majority of councils recognized members through service pins (87%), new member ceremonies (50%), cards (47%), luncheons or special events (47%), and awards (34%). 26% of councils awarded the Maple Leaf Service Pin and a mere 3% of councils awarded the Bellelle Guerin Award in 2019.

Sisterhood

Many councils commented on the importance of sisterhood in their councils. Parish councils provided many stories of women who left the League and then returned because they missed the friendships forged in the CWL. One member returned after attending a funeral and was moved upon seeing 35-50 CWL members flanking the coffin of a fellow parishioner. Another council told of a new member who could not pay her membership fee so the council's "angel fund" paid her membership that year. The member later found out who her "angel" was when she became the council's president and she thanked her for her kindness – upon which her angel replied, "It was the best \$25 I ever spent!".

Most members within the Edmonton Diocese also report they continue to attend CWL functions because of the sisterhood developed between League members. Members of the League support one another, believe in what they do, grow in their faith together, and enjoy the companionship of likeminded people. This sisterhood is fundamental to the workings of the League.

This concludes my report.

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For God and Canada

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Sharing In Sisterhood





The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



2019 Service Pin Award Recipients

Congratulations to all dedicated and long serving members!

5 Year Service Pins

Maureen Albers	Cathy Day	Adrienne Luong	Nicole Schoenberger
Rachelle Anderson	Delores DeBlois	Pat Mayko	Collette Sevigny
Rowela Angas	Rainalynne Dela Cruz	Nora McAleese	Pauline Simonot
Denise Bignold	Arlene Dizon	Carolyn Messenger	Josephine Sommer
Lorraine Bince	Lily Doyle	Lorraine Moody	Irene Swanson
Judinita Bourassa	Kathy Dunlop	Shirley Park	Florida Tamayo
Elise Boutin	Nicole Favis	Liliane Peddicord	Delores Tatlow
Rosemary Charlebois	Rita Gagliardi	Helen Perry	Ursula Tauscher
Barb Chartrand	Patricia Howe	Edda Peters	Mary Treige
Linda Chivers	Margaret Hughston	Jeannette Raskin	Veronica Van Egteren
Cynthia Cheung	Anne Keinlen	Betty Rawding	Bernadette Velasco
Jennifer Clement	Bette Klatchuk	Angela Rinaldi	Helene Wiltzen
Susan Coughlan	Jeanne LaFreniere	Suzanne Rose	Doreen Winzer
Annette Couture	Rachelle Lefebvre	Margaret Rossler	Alvina Wolf
Judy Cruise	Teresa Lumagtas	Julie Russell	Juliette Brulotte
Sophia Kamau	Janelle Lemay	Alexandra Stansky	Julie Layden
Becky Marland			

10 Year Service Pins

Breda Ali	Sr. Jean Elder	Melissa Lafleur	Carmen Routhier
Else Annich	Margaret Fedor	Jeanette Langille	Phyllis Rurka
Lee Ann Arsenault	Virginia Fernandez	Marguerite LaRose	Patricia Ryans
Doris Aubin	Kathy Feser	Marg Lee	Christine Santin
Delina Balbazan	Louise Fiet	Amie Lemmon	Aline Savoie
Evangeline Barbour	Lorraine Friedel	Suzanne Loewen	Linda Schmidt
Margaret Barrie	Josie Fromont	Patricia Lucier	Sr. Susan Scott
Rosemary Bernakevitch	Rita Anne Fuss	Betty Maclean	Lucille Severo
Sylvia Bilsky	Joyce Garneau	Cecilia Madriaga	Elizabeth Sieben
Terry Blerot	Joyce George	Teresa Marayag	Ann Slapman
Janine Brisebois	Sheila Giroux	Margie McCaffery	Donna Smith
Mary Brisebois	Monique Glasgow	Maureen McKenzie	Jodi Smith
Ingrid Brodeur	Leona Green	Ciara McNiff	Liz Smith
Sophia Carlson	Clare Grinnell	Maureen Merkowsky	Cheryl Smyth
Caring Cayabyab	Marie Groten	Irene Millard	Carole Trepanier
Daphne Cheel	Mary Harrison	Barb Monikowski	Zeny Vanderuit
Elsie Chomey	Peggy Hensen	Sally Nash	Joanna VanBuren
Darlene Chrystian	Miriam Hick	Crystal Olsen	Maureen Woitt
Anna Connors	Penny Hovis	Cathy Pasternak	Ann Zacharias
Maria Cornish	Karoline Irlbacher-Yurijew	Rosemarie Portoza	Marilyn Zelenak
Shauna Dalwood	Pat Jones	Maria Potvin	Wanda Zemlak



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Maureen Devlin
Betty Dewsnap
Monique Durand
Barbara Duteau
Estefania Renegado

Colleen Kerr
Shirley Kramps
Veronica Kroetch
Gisele L'Abée
Marie Achille

Giang Pritchard
Muriel Pritchard
Lynn Rasmuson
Donna Roberts-Sokolan

Loretta Zolinski
Patricia March
Karen Morley
Cathy Shappka

15 Year Service Pins

Darlene Baillargeon
Lavina Belik
Jacqueline Blansjaar
Elsie Blasco
Micheline Bouchard
Jeanine Bussiere
Rita Bussiere
Denise Clarke
Elizabeth Comeau
Shirley Couture
Judy Darbyson
Maeve Crothers
Eugenia Sieben

Gloria Ducharme
Shirley Engram
Emily Finstad
Antonia Gaudreault
Jacinthe Germain
Josephine Hrycak
Elsie Kee
Sharon Marchand
Bertha Marcinkoski
Marie Paule Martineau
Tara McBride
Cecilia Fernandes

Anne Nash
Donna Neufeld
Mary Pat O'Neill
Clover Oryschak
Juliette Pollok
HelenPorteous
Deb Reutz
Yvonne Robinson
Natalie Rose
Ingrid Russell
Gisele Schilling
Daisy Massey

Colleen Schultz
Elsie Sikora
Fiona Taylor
Rosemarie Thibault
Annette Valstar
Ingrid Van Dolder-Frigon
Marian Walshe
Pierrette Wolfe
Marlene Weisgerber
Nicole Howrish
Elvera Calotes
Audrey Sherbick

20 Year Service Pins

Pauline Baudin
Lorraine Belland
Sandra Belzile
Marianne Benning
Corey Blenke
Florence Brown
Rachel Caouette
Victoria Martyn
Mary Leslie
Karen Carmichael

Emma Carrier
Paula Conlon
Elaine Connolly
Angie Cook
Sr. Anna Cordeau
Patricia Crawford
Sandra Fischer
Blanche Hewitt
Elizabeth Sadoway

Bev Lucas
Jean Padlecki-Hoffman
Gertrude Howes
Maria Lupul
Margaret Macklem
Donna Mallach
Gladys Reimer
Jean Delisle
Kathy Schuster

Carol Schmidt
Barb Siemionko
Rita Strauss
Joyce Tutt
Laura Walker
Marguerite Rogan
Christine Simpson
Cheryl Boom
Joanne Comeau

25 Year Service Pins

Michelle Bailey
Alice Bolduc
Ursula Brandle
Pauline Brozer
Gemma Christie
Teresa Ellis
Amy Fisher
Anita Hochdorfer
Donna Horpestad
Carmel Hibbard
Marie Cardinal

Judith Hunt
Eileen Ilchuk
Patricia Kelley
Kathy Kemmere
Alice Ladd
Sarita Lobo
Angie McEwan
Florence Mendiuk
Yvette Morin
Cecile Chrapko

Deb Nakonechny
Gayle Nolin
Patricia O'Neill
Annette Patterson
Dorothy Pidwerbeski
Bev Poeter
Suzanne Rabel
Sharon Shantz
Betty Quinlan
Jeanette Dublanko

Marie Rondeau
Sr. Lynn Rouleau
Mary Scheidl
Donna Schroh
Sue Searle
Helen Slinko
Patti Stevens
Florenca Wheatcroft
Evelyn Yaceyko
Barbara Lemay



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30 Year Service Pins

Lucienne Garneau	Rebecca Kallal	Eileen Quinlan	Lisa Warren
Helen Gebbink	Yvette Laboucane	Louise Rodgers	Mary-Ann Weran
Margaret German	Barb Magel	Laurette Sutterland	Rose Marie Wifladt
Diane Gunia	Louise Peloquin	Anna Walker	Anka Batovanja
Brenda Kneller	Debbie Renschler		

35 Year Service Pins

Delilah Bleich	Carmen Gordy	Patti Ofner	Adeline Stokowski
Yvonne Chevalier	Ella Guenette	Joan Rempel	Joan Tucker
Margaret Dedrick	Marie Hansen	Anne Rischke	Judy Ward
Marilyn Dell	Adrienne Kramps	Gwen Robinson	Theresa Jobse
Sharon Nault			

40 Year Service Pins

Sandra Adams	Toni Maloney	Fran Perrin	Ines Verones
Mary Clonfero	Loretta Morrison	Linda Rochon	Linda Wysminity
Evelyn Dion	Rae Ann Neilson	Lynne Spallin	Elaine Nicolichuk
Anne Feddema	Lucille Nicholls	Linda Szott	
Elizabeth Luisz	Rose Marie Ouimet	Madeline Twerdochlib	

45 Year Service Pins

Mary Pardell	Juana Espiritu	Anna Fonteyne	
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50 Year Service Pins

Jeannine Bouffard-Lemier	Elizabeth Farrer	Agathe Joly	Noela Prusak
Keatha Buckham	Harriet Fraser	Helen Kirwer	Irene Rausch
Florence Buckley	Betty Gregoire	Eleanor Kubish	Bernie Tuchscherer
Donna Clarkson	Jenny Harris	Freda Labonte	Jerry Wiper
Helen Delorey	Dolores Isinger	Rose Preville	

55 Year Service Pins

Florence Kennedy	Anita Kingdom	Ann Koebel	Carolyn McRae
Anna Pelletier	Terry Smith		

60 Year Service Pins

Louise Carey	Ruth Fossheim	Elizabeth Helmers	Barbara Schmidt
Annette Chase	Lorene Frere	Mary Klotz	Cecelia Steinwandt
Jean Dekock	Betty George	Grace Koeing	Annie Trach
Stella Depta	Theresa Gibeau	Edna Parker	Jeanne Zupan

65 Year Service Pins

Cathy Klatt	Elsie Larose	Ardena Zinger	Ethel Zinger
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70 Year Service Pins

Ardis Beaudry

Joan Hochhausen

Natalie Carley

Alice Nessel

Minnie Deibert

Helene Dodd

Maple Leaf Service Pins

Margaret German

Eugenia Sieben

Lydia Mandanas-Fairclough

Maureen Maynard

Maria Perez



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



RESTRUCTURING THE EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL

At the Fall 2018 Zone Chair meeting, Zone Chairs requested the opportunity to discuss the format and purpose of Zones within the Edmonton Diocesan Council. An invitation was extended to past Zone Chairs, anyone interested in being a Zone Chair and to any CWL member interested in the discussion.

A Zone Restructuring Sub-Committee (Committee) was struck and met to discuss Zones and their possible improvements and alternatives. The Committee identified both benefits and issues of Zones and formulated four options for consideration. The Committee discussed these four options at the Diocesan Post-Convention Meeting in April 2019, and the general consensus was Option 3 to “Replace Zones with Regional Meetings”. In response, the Committee developed recommendations regarding the elimination of Zones and replacing the current Edmonton Diocesan Council Midwinter Meeting with Diocesan Midwinter Workshops to be held in each of four new regions in the Edmonton Diocesan Council. On July 27, 2019, Diocesan Officers reviewed a draft of the Committee’s recommendations and gave their approval in principal. Ahead of distributing its final report and recommendation to the Edmonton Diocesan Council Executive on September 2, 2019 (including Diocesan Officers and all Parish Council Presidents), the Committee also sought input from all Zone Chairs and select Life Members and Parish Council Presidents. This final recommendation report was presented at the Edmonton Diocesan Council Fall Meeting on September 28, 2019 and the Edmonton Diocesan Executive voted unanimously in favour of the elimination of Zones and replacing the Edmonton Diocesan Midwinter Meeting with Diocesan Regional Midwinter Workshops.

During the Fall of 2019, each of the 67 parish councils in the Edmonton Diocesan Council were assigned to one of four Diocesan Regions: Edmonton-Provost, Edmonton-Jasper, St Albert-Lloydminster, or Red Deer. On November 23, 2019, the first Diocesan Regional Midwinter Workshop was hosted at St Vital parish in Beaumont, Alberta for the Edmonton-Provost Region.



In January 2020, regional workshops were also held for the Edmonton-Jasper, St Albert-Lloydminster, and Red Deer regions. A total of 41 councils participated in the first year of regional workshops, attended by 174 CWL members, 5 spiritual advisors, and all diocesan officers. Almost all of those who attended found the workshops helpful and reported making new connections.

Clover Oryschak
Diocesan Organization Chair



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

30 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

In the past year our councils have been involved in these areas:

Marriage and Family: Family enrichment programs promoted by councils were; Women's shelters, Family life workshops and seminars, Mother's/Father's day celebrations, National Family Week, Liturgical celebrations for married couples, local transition/safe house/women's shelters, (providing toiletries and gift bags, HUG initiative).

Pro-Life: 67% of councils have a membership in organizations promoting sanctity of life or attended local pro-life organization/events. March for Life, Mass, Prayers, walks, life chains, vigils, dinners, Eucharistic Adoration in support of 40 days for Life and Twelve hours for Palliative Care, signatures in support of Petition of one Million, movie "Unplanned", "Theology of the Body" presentation, films promoting family life, Euthanasia prevention, Birthright, pregnancy and family support services, Campaign Life Coalition. Pro-life brochures were available in their church foyer. They met with pro-life legislators and wrote to legislators to inform them of CWL resolutions on abortion and euthanasia.

Ministry to Youth: Parish councils (67%) supported or encouraged young people to share their gifts in choirs, serve at events as lectors, ushers, catechists, in cleaning and gardening. A few councils have Catholic Girls Leagues. Council sponsored events are Summer Camps, World Youth Day, Sunday school, Youth Conferences, NET ministries, Catholic Christian outreach, youth fairs, festivals and retreats, sponsor a youth to Camp, trip to Costa Rica, YESS, Youth Credo choir or scholarships, subscriptions to Catholic magazines, videos or books for community or school libraries or the "Catechises of the Good Shepherd", a program familiarizing young children with the Mass through play.

Disabled persons: Councils invited participation in liturgical celebrations, gave respite support for caregivers, reached out to the disabled by making church/ public buildings wheelchair accessible, supported shelters or programs for the disabled, prayed for them (70%), brought communion, provided transportation, visited/called and sent cards/gift cards.

Seniors: Members brought communion, involved them in CWL events, provided transportation and visits, gifted membership, prayed with them, shared a meal, invited newly retired women to join, to share their faith story, held social programs/celebrations and led lay liturgies or choirs in senior homes.

Widows/widowers: Councils offered memorial services/funeral lunches, sent condolence cards, invitations to meetings/events, provided prayer/support, called, encouraged parish program participation, visited and gifted prayer shawls. 17% of parishes have a bereavement program.

Divorced and separated: Some council members provided time as a confidant, were invited to outings and offered free babysitting. Many councils have not focused on this ministry. Councils asked what help or service the League could provide to make the divorced or separated feel welcome. One council attended a presentation on the annulment process. No council has purchased the brochure “Annulments Today- Merciful and Just”. (This is available on the National Website).

Religious vocations: Thirty-nine councils have adopted a seminarian, said prayers for vocations, sent Spiritual bouquets, invited a priest/religious to their home, encouraged families to discuss vocations with their children, supported discernment events for youth, invited Priests, seminarians or women religious to special events and/or encouraged them to share their vocation stories, held special collections and Masses for Seminarians or attended Mass or other events at St. Joseph seminary. Busy schedules and travel are reasons religious cannot always accept invitations.

Sharing: Members purchased gifts for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC), held women’s prayer groups which included widows, married, single and different ethnic groups, evenings for socializing and on topics of interest and invited guest speakers. One parish organized a tour of shelters and injection sites and showed related films, invited speakers on elder abuse, offered a Marriage Encounter weekend, followed Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and spoke on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ).

Challenges: Completing the national survey was dependent on the level of computer literacy, help available, and capabilities of the computer, Wi-Fi connection, glitches in the survey program and length of survey. Some felt daunted by the number of activities presented and felt they couldn’t/weren’t able to do enough. Council members should be encouraged to look upon the survey as a guide for ideas and to pick and choose those of interest to their particular council. It is not expected that everything listed will be achieved by every council.

God bless each Sister for her part!

In the past year I have attended the Provincial Conference, National Convention and the four regional Workshops; served at Habitat for Humanity, Faith-Fun-Fitness fundraiser for Seminarians, met with Seminarian secretary and Carmelite Nuns, organized Seminarian Adoption with Parishes, attended Archbishop’s dinner and Seminarian Trivia night.

This has been a learning year for me and I look forward to the coming year!

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



COMMUNITY LIFE CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

28 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Thank you ladies for all your works and deeds throughout the year(s). Even as our numbers dwindle you still find time to accomplish many great and wonderful deeds and to help and care for one another at home and abroad. You truly Care for our Common Home.

Dignity & Human Rights

Councils have supported minority groups such as those suffering from bullying, those suffering from domestic violence, those suffering from homelessness, those suffering from human trafficking, those suffering from poverty and from racism by volunteering, through donations, having speakers and hosting workshops.

We have become aware of the struggles of Indigenous women but very few speakers or workshops were conducted on the topic. Over half of the councils have become aware of the laws and what is being done in the fight against human trafficking. Letters have been written to government for Full Implementation of the Supreme Court Decision in R.v. Gladue for Indigenous Offenders – Resolution 2017.01. There is legal action now being taken due to refused funding to the Resolution 2018.1 – Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program.

Social & Economic Justice

The types of organizations that your councils supported were: affordable housing initiatives, anti-poverty foundation or campaigns, before during and after school care programs, clothing drives, emergency shelters for the homeless, emergency shelters for those experiencing domestic abuse, empowerment and skills training, food banks, food hampers, resource centers for single parents, restorative justice programs, soup kitchens, violence prevention programs and the Wish Foundation. These organizations were supported by volunteering, prayer support and financial donations. You may want to consider supporting organizations geared towards assisting Indigenous people and take in the National Indigenous People's Day on the 21st of June. You may want to familiarize yourselves with restorative justice programs and the prison ministry. A few councils promoted and supported financially the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Refugees, Immigration & Citizenship

Under half of the Community Life Chairpersons were informed of Canada's official immigration and refugee policies. In our community we strengthen our relationships with immigration and refugees by the availability of English language courses, financial assistance for food and rent, participate in citizenship ceremonies, attend Remembrance Day Services, support the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign and wear red on Fridays to support the Canadian troops. These are some ideas you could use to invite a guest speaker to your monthly meetings.

Developing Countries

As councils we can be more aware of the implications of trade laws and practices in the global economy, we can become aware of child labour in developing countries and be knowledgeable through studying the economic difficulties they endure. Councils have supported the following organizations in developing countries: Chalice, Habitat for Humanity, Mustard Seed Project, Canadian Red Cross, Pennies for the Poor, World Vision, Doctors Without Borders, Operation Christmas Child, Save a Family Plan, Holy Childhood Association, Samaritans Purse, Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group, Operation Eyesight International and Sleeping Children Around the World. Another nationally registered charity, Canadian Food for Children, was started in 1985 with a mission to feed the poor in developing countries. Donations reach the poorest of the poor.

To expand on some of the wonderful deeds preformed in our councils:

The ladies have sown and sent out 100's of dresses to schools and refugee camps in Uganda, Thailand, Dominican Republic and Haiti, 190 shoe boxes were collected for operation Christmas Child in November and a collection of Canadian Tire money which was sent to Matercare. Members were actively involved with the running of local food banks. Some have sponsored refugee families and remained in close contact with them and their families. One council gave an annual scholarship to a college student, one council supported a breakfast program for an elementary catholic school and one supported a Foster Child in Peru. Another council supported the McKenzie-Fort Smith Diocese with mass intentions. Councils prepared and served lunch for Habitat for Humanity in the prefab shop while another made up welcome bags for the refugees who have come to our city. One council started a school in Uganda to help the children in need while another council donated \$5000.00 towards a new gym expansion to ensure that the new gym would be regulation size.

Some of the biggest challenges with community life in a council were:

- to have no standing committee chair and
- it is also very hard to decide which great cause to support

From sewing dresses and shorts to monetary donations for refugee families, from action projects to a quiet time of offering prayers to those in need. The Catholic Women's League of Canada is still strong and embedded in our hearts and in our communities across this great country.

To my Sisters in the League, I graciously thank you for all your hard work and endless energy to perform all the tasks over this past year. God's Blessing to you all and your families.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



EDUCATION, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

28 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

The following is a summary from the National's Education and Health Report Survey for 2019.

Education:

Of the 28 councils which reported only 19 have indicated that the position of Education and Health Chairperson was filled.

- 76% councils in our Diocese indicated they have become informed about Catholic religious instruction at the parish as well in our Catholic schools
- 57% indicated that they have investigated which needs in our Catholic schools could be met, such as:
 - providing breakfast or lunch programs
 - scholarships or bursaries

However, only 5% of councils reported providing a scholarship or a bursary, although, 68% reported they had information available to further student education with 39% reported having a list of Catholic universities or colleges. In addition, this year 43% have contributed to the Coady International Institute.

Other ways our diocesan councils have supported Catholic schools included:

- Donating a book to a new school library with a plate to recognize the council
- Sponsoring a high school charity project
- Helping students gain service hours
- Providing Altar cloths for classrooms and chapels in schools
- Giving rosaries to grade 4 classes

In September 2019, at Leduc, councils as grateful advocates and committed to Catholic Education (GrACE) through the unity of the Holy Spirit were invited to be advocates and witnesses for our schools' successes and their future by:

- Getting involved with their local GrACE team
- Telling stories of Catholic education
- Letting their voice be heard

The 24th Annual Poster Project for 2019 resulted in 576 Elementary students participating in the following three categories with themes for Grades 1 & 2 - "Where do I find God in my School?", Grades 3 & 4 - "At School, I Learn about Jesus" and Grades 5 & 6 - "School Helps Me Walk in Jesus' Footsteps".

Health:

Councils have taken a variety of actions on resolutions by promoting and writing letters to Government, reviewing the new health guide and Prayers for Palliative care.

- Only 5% of councils participated in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign.
- 46% of councils reported supporting national organizations focussing on health and wellness. A number reported supporting local charities and shelters.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a proud supporter of the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life Program and members are encouraged to register for the Partners for Life Program under the League's unique Partner ID (CATHO11269). However, only 7% reported they had used this program when donating blood.

May 5-11, 2019 was designated as National Hospice Palliative Care Week by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. During this week, councils were invited to participate in "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care". Councils showed a strong support by:

- participating in the "12 Hours of Prayer" with
 - 36 % arranging prayer space in the parish,
 - 32% supplying brochures on local palliative care facilities and services,
- supporting Mass intentions,
- attending prayer services at another parish,
- sponsoring a Mass that included patients from palliative care units

Environment:

When asked "Did your council participate in the CWL Water Pledge Challenge Campaign?":

- 39% reporting took part in the Water Pledge Challenge

On March 22, 2019, 7% of councils celebrated the United Nations World Water Day and some of the special initiatives that councils undertook to celebrate World Water Day or to acknowledge the focus for 2019 on water were:

- Distributing information to all members at meetings
- Having members bring their own water bottles to each meeting or outing
- Handing out the Water Pledge forms for the membership to complete and to return for mailing to National
- Encouraging members to find personal ways to save water
- Purchasing a water system installation for a village community through CHALICE

In addition, a Guest Speaker at our Spring Banquet who spoke about the value of recycling and the environment.

Significantly to note, 79% of councils worked on resolutions under other topics.

In response to the request from the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, 11% of councils participated in the Earth Action Initiative in September 2019.

Activities for Earth Day, organized by Earth Day Network and held on April 22, 2019, 11% participated by:

- Turning lights off
- Attending a Ladies Night Out dinner focussing on the environment and
- Caring for our common home (recycling, highway cleanup, water, etc.)

Environmental issues are being addressed in many ways by our councils:

- reducing the use of Styrofoam in 68% of councils
- participating in recycling

Very little interest and knowledge was reported on the topic of gene alteration. Out of all the councils only one reported receiving the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute newsletter.

On October 28th the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus held its first well attended evening retreat with Father Richard Leonard, SJ. The topic was "On Mission with Christ" focusing on the following:

- Christianity is not a private feel-good collective.
- We are sent out to live and proclaim our spirituality.
- What does the world look like to which we are sent?
- What questions the world posing to us?
- What are we offering the world as we care for one another and all of creation?

This was the first time our diocese collaborated on such an event with the Knights of Columbus and we look forward to working together again in the near future.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



COMMUNICATION CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019

29 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

This past year has been a year of learning and growth for me. I have come a long way in learning the use and updating of our website and in the upcoming year I hope to be able to add more content that will be of interest/help to you. In order to do that effectively, I need your feedback. Feedback is one of the essential elements of good communication. What is it you need to know, when do you need it and how can I deliver it to you effectively? This is the type of feedback I need from you.

I have really enjoyed the photos that have been sent to me to post on the website. Please continue to send photos of special events, along with a brief description of the event that happened in your council to my Gmail address: edmontoncwl.communications@gmail.com. You may also contact me for any help that you may require.

December is always a busy time of year and yet we have to find time to fill out the Annual Report Surveys. In spite of the busyness, 29 (43%) of councils submitted Communications annual reports. Forty-eight per cent of the councils that submitted reports did not have a Communications standing committee chair. It is interesting to note that of those 29 councils, only 52% have the position filled. I am grateful to those who do not have a Communications Chair but still completed the survey.

Input was requested on the usefulness of The Canadian League as a resource for education, advocacy and new ideas. Approximately 65% of councils who reported found it good to very good.

There are various ways to access information. National has a website as well as a presence on Facebook and Twitter. While a majority (83%) of councils have encouraged members to access information on the website, only 45% have encouraged members to visit the Facebook or Twitter pages. Sixty-two per-cent of councils shared the National strategic planning information with their members but only 41% are aware of the monthly updates on the national website and only 38% recite the strategic planning's Renewal Prayer at their meetings. Only 14% of councils have informed their members of the Pathway to a New Legacy. Forty-eight per-cent of councils are aware of and 38% have viewed the strategic planning workshop entitled "Guiding Principles to our Envisioned Future".

There are also numerous ways to communicate information to members and others within parishes. Although 79% of councils continue to use phoning committees to disseminate information to others, it is encouraging to see that 79% of councils now use e-mail to send out meeting agendas or minutes. Eighty-six per cent of councils use the church bulletins to promote their council's activities and 31% produce newsletters. Working with local media to advertise council's activities and events has increased, as 41% of councils have made use of local media.

There was very little action taken on the eight communications-related resolutions and, although 62% of councils did make members aware of the lack of age verification controls on adult websites as stated in Resolution 2017.02 **Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornography Websites**, only 45% of councils contacted members of parliament, the Minister of Justice and/or the Prime Minister requesting this legislation. Forty-eight per cent of councils chose not to participate in the League’s “Pornography Hurts” postcard campaign and only 31% of councils promoted the “Over 18” documentary. Fifty-five per-cent of councils did encourage members to educate themselves and their families on safe, wise and responsible internet use as stated in Resolution 2002.11 **Responsible internet Use for Children**.

Recruiting members to chair this standing committee is one of the biggest challenges of this committee. Councils reported that they were challenged on knowing what to communicate as members appear to get information overload. Some councils have overcome the challenge of finding a chair for this committee by sharing the duties with other members of the executive or appointed a member.

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. Many still find phoning members the easiest way to communicate, especially in those councils where members do not have the technology available to use e-mail or websites. James Humes said “The art of communication is the language of leadership” and I congratulate all of you who have shown that leadership by keeping up the effort to open the communication in your councils.

Nat Turner said “Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity”. Communication is one area that we can all improve on. We must strive to communicate clearly, truthfully and in a way that glorifies God and reflects Christ. The Diocesan, Provincial and National websites are tools available to you to help with this. I encourage you to access them regularly.

I ask you to consider and act on the words from Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council



RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATION CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019 23 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

This summary for CWL Edmonton Diocese was generated after reviewing the content of the 2019 Legislation and Resolution questionnaires submitted to CWL National by respondents from 23 of the 68 CWL parish councils in our Edmonton Diocese. It should be noted only 6 Chairs submitted a response.

Based on lack of participation, we cannot accurately assess the level of awareness of any resolution or level of awareness of current legislation or the overall impact of action(s) taken.

Reviewing responses and/or lack thereof has identified the need for members of all our parish CWL councils to have letter writing guides, training, along with periodically updated lists of Individuals in Government at local, provincial and federal levels and how to address them.

It is apparent some of our CWL Edmonton Diocesan councils don't have a chairperson, coordinator, knowledge, time or inclination to follow the three levels of government, or to monitor a response to legislation or to resolutions. There is a need to examine how we assign, share and monitor the responsibility for focussing and reporting on different levels of government. Finding the right person to Chair the Legislation and Resolutions Standing Committee is not always easy. Small councils have expressed concern identifying an individual capable of managing this position. In addition, some members do not always appreciate the impact their contribution can have and how positively a council can affect the outcome of legislation and of resolutions.

It's important to recognize our members try to do their best. However, occasionally the time commitment, study, and research necessary, becomes challenging. Motivating members to move forward on legislative issues is problematic. Politically speaking, there appears to be a reluctance for many to voice an opinion. Some respondents felt this is a big job, one for which they do not feel prepared or qualified to participate. Occasionally, motivating members to contact their politicians at all levels of government can be a challenge. Participation at times is low, even though we distribute talking points, and/or draft a letter, for every issue, in order to help write their own personal letter to their representative. Staying on top of news and understanding timelines of the processes of government activities is important.

It is standard practice for us to write letters to Government officials for every Resolution passed at National Convention; and/or Resolutions passed at Provincial Convention, subsequently we will address every single response received, as appropriate.

On November 23rd, 2019, Edmonton Diocese CWL Council held its first 'regional' workshop; and, a presentation was provided on 'Resolutions' because our CWL National had just recently revised the format procedure for resolutions, eliminating the "Whereas Clauses". Hopefully, every one of our Parish CWL members will take part in future regional workshops, as we strive towards the goal of educating all CWL women on every aspect of resolutions and other subjects.

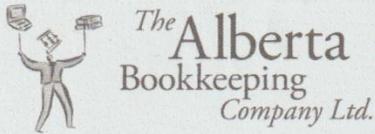
This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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September 26th, 2020

Re: 2019 Financial Examination

Dear Reader

I have examined the accompanying balance sheet of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Edmonton Diocesan Council as of December 31", 2019 and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my examination of the documentation given. This undertaking was not a full professional audit engagement where one would interview the organizations management executive as well as examine the financial systems and their non-financial data.

I have conducted my examination in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in Canada, along with 25 plus years of experience in profit and not for profit situations.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Archdiocese of Edmonton as of December 31", 2019. The results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended are in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in Canada.

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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019**

**(UNAUDITED- SEE NOTICE TO
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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019**

**(UNAUDITED- SEE NOTICE TO
READER)**

<u>ASSETS</u>	2019	2018
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Cash on hand	75	75
Bank - Current Account Operating Funds	35,742	20,622
Special Projects	900	900
Chrism Mass	1,881	2,601
ALIES (The Wilberforce Project/Alberta Pro Life)	1,965	0
St Benedicts Chapel	2,460	3,695
Field Workers Fund	721	721
Education Fund	400	400
Sign of Hope	3,920	0
Refugee Welcome Bags	705	550
Diocesan Annual Convention	18,080	19,180
Guaranteed Investment Certificates	44,379	43,445
Inventory - National Supply	754	754
Office Equipment	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	111,981	92,942
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Chrism Mass	1,881	2,601
St. Benedict's Chapel	2,460	3,695
Field Workers Fund	721	721
Education Fund	400	400
Diocesan Annual Convention	18080	19,180
Per Capita Fees Held	0	1,572
The Wilberforce Project (Alberta Pro Life)	1,965	0
Sign of Hope	3,920	0
Refugee Welcome Bags	705	550
Mass Collections	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	30,132	28,719
 <u>EQUITY</u>		
Balance - Beginning of year	63,323	58,509
Net gain (loss) for Year	4,675	4,814
Balance- End of Year	67,997	63,323
	98,129	92,042

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**INCOME STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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REVENUE

	2019	2018
Per Capita Fees		
National Supplies	17,580	17,676
Interest - General Account	1,408	2,869
Miscellaneous Income	13	12
Interest - GIC/Investments	3,676	0
TOTAL REVENUE	934	873
	23,611	21,429

EXPENSES

Administration/Archives	106	466
Advertising		0
Bank Charges	150	113
Cards/Memorials	12	6
Committee Expense	106	32
Donations/Extraordinary Expense	587	528
Honoraria/Life Mem. Stipend/Gifts	930	313
National Supplies	766	2,681
Office Equipment & Furnishing - 100% Expensed	284	0
Office Equipment Depreciation Expense (2015)	0	0
Photocopying & Printing	822	434
Postage	69	329
Mileage	2,133	3,220
Office Supplies	136	115
Meeting Expenses (Officers' Expenses)	690	476
Accommodations & Meals	3,594	1,906
National Convention	2,362	2,565
Accounting	250	250
Provincial Convention/Meetings	1,339	567
Convention Expenses Council	4,599	2,614
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,936	16,616
NET GAIN (LOSS)	4,675	4,814

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE
FUNDS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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No.	FUND NAME	2019	2018
1	SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	900	0
	ADD: RECEIPTS	0	900
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	0	0
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
2	DONATIONS IN TRUST		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	0	0
	ADD: RECEIPTS	100	195
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(100)</u>	<u>(195)</u>
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3	CHRISM MASS FUND		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	2,601	3,211
	ADD: RECEIPTS	830	860
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(1,550)</u>	<u>(1,470)</u>
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>1,881</u>	<u>2,601</u>
4	PER CAPITA FEES FUND		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	1,572	1,272
	ADD: RECEIPTS	0	1,572
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(1,572)</u>	<u>(1,272)</u>
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>0</u>	<u>1,572</u>
5	ALIES (ALBERTA PRO LIFE)		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	0	0
	ADD: RECEIPTS	1,965	3,075
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	0	<u>(3,075)</u>
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>1,965</u>	<u>0</u>
6	ST. BENEDICTS CHAPEL		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	3,695	5,430
	ADD: RECEIPTS	3,255	2,755
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(4,490)</u>	<u>(4,490)</u>
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>2,460</u>	<u>3,695</u>

No.	FUND NAME	2019	2018
7	FIELD WORKERS FUND		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	721	721
	ADD: RECEIPTS	0	0
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	0	0
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>721</u>	<u>721</u>
8	EDUCATION FUND		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	400	400
	ADD: RECEIPTS	0	0
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	0	0
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
9	SIGN OF HOPE		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	0	0
	ADD: RECEIPTS	3,920	4,625
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	0	(4,625)
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>3,920</u>	<u>0</u>
10	DIOCESAN ANNUAL CONVENTION		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	19,180	16,677
	ADD: RECEIPTS	14,270	24,761
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	(15,370)	(22,258)
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>18,080</u>	<u>19,180</u>
11	MASS COLLECTION DEDICATED FUNDS		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	0	0
	ADD: RECEIPTS	2,989	3,552
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	(2,989)	(3,552)
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
12	REFUGEE BAG PROGRAM		
	BALANCE: JANUARY 1, 2019	550	0
	ADD: RECEIPTS	1,055	1,150
	LESS: DISBURSEMENTS	(900)	(600)
	BALANCE: DECEMBER 31ST, 2019	<u>705</u>	<u>550</u>

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
DIOCESAN CONVENTION
INCOME STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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REVENUE	2019	2018
Convention Registration	8,220	12,345
Convention Banquet Tickets	3,810	4,230
Convention Luncheon	2,805	5,700
Account Interest		6
Registration Refund	-570	0
Grant	0	2,500
Adjustment: registration to revenue collected	0	-20
TOTAL REVENUE	14,270	24,761
 EXPENSES		
Guest Expenses	514	652
Convention Convenor Expense	31	0
Facility Expenses	2,342	2,130
Food/Break Beverage Expense	8,855	16,712
Other Expenses - Banner, Books, etc.	1,484	1,170
Fixed Honorarias	600	600
Essay/Poster Contest	433	274
Office Expenses	1,034	713
Miscellaneous Expenses	68	0
Bank Charges	9	6
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,370	22,258
 NET GAIN(LOSS) FOR 2019	 (-1,100)	 2,503
 BANK ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019		
CASH BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2019	19,180	16,677
CASH TRANSFERRED FROM CWL OPERATING	0	0
REVENUE COLLECTED	14,270	24,761
EXPENSES PAID OUT FOR CONVENTION	15,370	22,258
CASH BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019	18,080	19,180

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the CWL councils in St. Albert – Lloydminster Region for participating in the planning of the 98th Annual Edmonton Diocesan Convention. The councils were: St. Alphonsus, St. Charles, St. Clare's, St. Dominic Savio, St. Edmund, St. John Bosco and St. Matthew. We would also like to acknowledge the Convention Planning Committee:

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