



Care for our

Common Home

“Fostering a Culture of Care”

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

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2020 Annual Reports Book



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



SERVICE - FAITH - JUSTICE

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Edmonton Diocesan Council

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS, LIFE MEMBERS, PAST ABMK PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS & PAST EDMONTON DIOCESAN PRESIDENTS 2020

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
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



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

April 24, 2021

Dear Sisters of the Catholic Women's League,

I am pleased to offer greetings and blessings to each and every one of you on the occasion of your Edmonton Diocesan Convention 2021.

The Catholic Women's League continues to be active and engaged as you meet the challenges of the pandemic directly and undaunted. It's a testament to the strength of your members in the Archdiocese, and a reflection of your resilience as you draw power from your faith in God and from each other.

On this sixth anniversary of Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'*, your convention theme of "Care of Our Common Home: Fostering a Culture of Care" offers beautiful possibilities for your reflections.

Some might ask, how can we foster a culture of care? 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. 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.

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.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

We are blessed to have an active and vibrant Catholic Women's League in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. As you gather to share in prayer, friendship and reflection, I pray that your 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 black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

✠Richard W. Smith
Archbishop of Edmonton



The Catholic Women's League of Canada Edmonton Diocesan Council

April 2021

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We are still in the season of Easter. In the liturgy we contemplate the joy of moving from the gloom of Christ's death to the witnessing of his glorious resurrection: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We repeat this greeting at Easter time with the same faith, with which it was said for the first time on the day of resurrection by Mary Magdalene: I have seen the Lord. This is a great message of hope and joy. Jesus lives. He conquered death for us.

For over a year, we have been living in the pandemic time. It is a time of restrictions and lockdowns. Many events have been cancelled. Many people are frustrated, sad and disappointed. A year ago, we heard about sickness and death caused by corona virus, but now everybody knows someone who has contracted the virus and even died. Our parishes suffer in silence not knowing when our churches will be fully opened or how long it will take for people to reconnect with their faith communities. It has been a difficult time for the whole world.

This year, Pope Francis has given us St. Joseph to be our model and our inspiration. He is the Protector of the Holy Family, Protector of the Universal Church, Patron Saint of our families and a Principal Patron of Canada. Let us turn to him to help us to build our Church and our family life.

Thanks be to God for the Zoom and other social platforms, because you can communicate and carry out your business electronically. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your presentations, planning of future programs, and deliberations; and may God bless this convention and all who participate in it.

For God and Canada

Fr. Jan Sobkowiec
Spiritual Advisor
Edmonton Diocesan CWL





The Catholic Women's League of Canada

My dear League sisters,

What a year it has been! As you prepare to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, and yes, there were many, please take time to reflect upon the blessing and privilege of being part of an organization with more than 70,000 members—a sisterhood whose objects have formed the basis of every action members have taken individually and collectively over the last 100 years.

I am particularly thrilled that in spite of a global pandemic, you have planted trees, served your community in a multitude of ways, and performed the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that, as Christian Catholic women, we are called to continue. Whether behind the scenes or among your fellow citizens and parishioners, you have remained faithful to the calling which Jesus makes to us every day: follow me; be not afraid; love one another; whatever you do the least of your brother and sister, you do to me, for example.

Now you are gathering, perhaps in a unique manner this year, but you are gathering. Business will continue, reports will be shared, accomplishments and challenges will be discussed. Future plans will be anticipated with excitement. And I will be right there with you in spirit!

If ever there were a year in which you recall and collate the blessings that have arisen from the adversity of a global pandemic, this is it. Whether learning to communicate in new and unique ways, using technology that hitherto had been out of mind or out of reach, taking precious time to learn a new skill, reading documents that relate to the League's efficient running or learning to be in God's quiet presence more fully, you have done it. God is good, all the time.

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 meeting of members on the occasion of Edmonton Diocesan Council's 99th anniversary. I continue to pray for the wellbeing of all members and the strength of each of you to continue to be God's hands and feet on this beautiful earth.

God bless,

Anne

Anne-M Gorman
National President





The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Edmonton Diocesan Council

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

- 1.** Call to Order and League Prayer
- 2.** Morning Spiritual (Memorial for Deceased Members)
- 3.** Archbishop Richard Smith “*Care for our Common Home: Fostering a Culture of Care*”
- 4.** Notice of Annual Meeting
- 5.** Introduction of Diocesan Officers
- 6.** Introduction of Special Guests
- 7.** Roll Call
- 8.** Credentials Report
- 9.** Approval of Standing Rules
- 10.** Approval of Agenda
- 11.** Approval of 97th Annual Convention Minutes 2019
- 12.** Approval of 98th Annual Convention Minutes 2020
- 13.** Spiritual Advisor's Reflections
- 14.** Greetings from National President-Elect, Fran Lucas
- 15.** Greetings from Provincial President, Judy Look
- 16.** Reports:
 - a.* President
 - b.* Secretary
 - c.* Treasurer
 - i.* Approval of the 2019 Financial Statement
 - ii.* Approval of the 2020 Financial Statement
 - iii.* Approval of the 2021 Budgets
 - d.* Past President
- 17.** Standing Committee Reports:
 - a.* Spiritual Development
 - b.* Organization
 - i.* Regional Committee Structure
 - c.* Christian Family Life
 - d.* Community Life
 - e.* Education and Health
 - f.* Communications
 - g.* Resolutions and Legislation
- 18.** New Business
 - a.* Voting (1) and Accredited Delegates (2) to Provincial Annual Meeting
 - b.* Accredited Delegates (2) to National Annual Meeting
 - c.* Invitation to 100th Diocesan Annual Meeting in Camrose
 - d.* Registration Report
- 19.** Doreen Melton Scholarship Presentation
- 20.** Reaffirmation of Diocesan Officers
- 21.** Announcements
- 22.** Closing Prayer
- 23.** Adjournment



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Edmonton Diocesan Council

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

44 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

2020 is undoubtedly unlike any year we've seen before. As we navigated through the COVID-19 restrictions, Edmonton continued to be active and engaged with our Councils. The pandemic highlighted the strength of the CWL in our Diocese. Our members are resilient, drawing power from both each other and our faith in God. Members have been connecting through phone and email, safely gathering in small groups to pray and share experiences, hold meetings, and honour friends at funerals and other celebrations.

We continued to embrace the National theme "Care of Our Common Home" in setting our priorities for 2020. In January 2020, we held three of our Regional Workshops to replace the Mid-Winter Meeting. The onset of COVID-19 drastically changed the way we connected with our councils.

With the postponement of our 2020 Annual Convention, we embraced virtual technology to connect with members. Our first events were to create four virtual regional "CWL, Coffee and Conversation" experiences. These gatherings provided the opportunity to find out how our members were doing and what they needed going forward for their councils. Councils wanted to remain connected and were receptive to meeting virtually for discussion, workshops, and spiritual activities.

In September, Diocesan hosted a retreat, "*Season of Creation 2020: Jubilee for the Earth*". This retreat was in response to Pope Francis's call to mark the Season of Creation and was an appropriate start to our Fall Programming.

During the month of October, we held our four regional workshops in place of our fall meeting. The Fall Workshop happened in three parts. The first, an opportunity for attendees to share. The second an update on Diocesan initiatives. The third, an information session. The Diocesan updates focus was on annual reporting, Bill C-7, National Strategic Planning, and activities in our Diocese. The information session examined membership: renewals, collecting memberships, liability insurance, and parish remittances. We introduced the winner of the annual Doreen Melton Scholarship presented to a seminarian studying at St Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton. Andrew Sheedy, Holy Family Parish, St Albert was this year's recipient. We also announced the 25th Annual Poster Contest winners, "Bees: God's Amazing Creation." We received about 100 entries from across the Diocesan, and nine students were selected, three for each category. The winning posters appeared on our website, and we notified students and schools and sent monetary prizes to the winners.

In November, Diocesan held a workshop on the National Welcome Kit and had a virtual seminar on completing the Annual Report. On November 18th, a virtual Memorial Service for our deceased members was held in place of the service at our Diocesan Convention. We mailed out to parishes the 2019 Annual Report Book with various updates from provincial and national during the month.

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. Many used information from organizations like the Euthanasian Prevention Campaign for Life, ALIES, or Grandin Media as a source.

The top national priorities introduced and discussed 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. Only a few councils discussed establishing standards for flushable products.

Overall, most councils discussed the issues at meetings; councils used their parish newsletters or emails to introduce other topics. Less than half the councils engaged a standing committee chair.

Nearly all councils reported Spiritual Advisor support for the League, and among those, 44% meet monthly while 42% reported meeting occasionally. The main reason for not holding monthly meetings was the absence of a tradition of monthly advisor meetings or because other parish duties prevented the advisor from having the time to meet. Defining a specific role for the Spiritual Advisor to engage in parish council activities could promote better working relationships.

Constitution and Bylaws, the Council Policy and Procedure Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order were the principal resources used within the councils. The Executive Handbook and the National Manual of Policies and Procedures were a secondary reference used by 54%. 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 (74%), Diocesan meetings and conventions (65%), World Day of Prayer (56%), provincial meetings (12%), and national conventions (9%). Other events noted were the Parish AGM, membership drives, and funerals. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, presidents could only attend events virtually (via ZOOM or webinars in 2020).

Approximately half the councils reported having their fees covered for attending conferences on behalf of their council. Only 14% of the councils reported covering the President's costs to attend, while 21% said all Diocesan Convention expenses were covered. In contrast, 5% had their way paid to attend the Provincial convention, but only 9% had all or part of the cost covered to attend the National Convention. Councils don't have the financial resources to cover these costs but use funds that are available to support their community programs.

A majority of councils (63%) reported having a policy manual, and of the remaining 37% who did not, 44% said it might be helpful to have one. Less than half the councils reported they could use assistance to develop their own. Only 22% developed a new policy this year. The main thrust of policy development was to add funding to attend regional, diocesan, and provincial meetings for members, including the option for virtual meetings and adopting Robert's Rules of Order for conducting meetings.

All but a few parish councils used The Executive Handbook, and all councils indicated it assisted them in overseeing the council's operation. The main concern was the Handbook is outdated, but most believed updates will happen with the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Noted mainly was the section dealing with the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

Of the council's reporting, 65% provide an annual summary to their members, done by an oral report (68%), email (64%), written means (61%), by newsletter or parish bulletin (less than 32%).

Nearly 65% of the councils have funeral lunch committees, and 51% reported having annual events like teas, bazaars, 30% have social events, 30% have fundraising activities, and 30% make yearly donations. Other committees mentioned were the Annual Spiritual Reflection, church hospitality, and a women's fellowship committee.

Councils reported that the most significant challenges faced when transitioning into the new roles included keeping members interested (61%), technology (43%), feeling overwhelmed and not having a full slate of officers (35%), 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 executive's willingness to participate even in this time of COVID-19 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. Also highlighted were prayers for our members and their families and noting the generosity of members. One council president stated:

"We are a very small rural council....in this year of COVID-19, some of our members in their eighties learned to participate in ZOOM meetings, keeping them connected to our council."

The challenges all of our Presidents faced in 2020 arose from the restrictions imposed by COVID-19-19. Despite not being able to meet, presidents dealt with keeping members engaged, organizing membership drives, and managing the number of emails since meetings were not an option.

Competent and enthusiastic women carried out the role of the President. Where presidents are recycled, appointed, or even take turns, members value leadership. It is interesting to note how often it is mentioned the importance and need to stay in touch. The annual reports identified the League's strength and the need to grow and develop a plan to recruit new membership. COVID-19 provided the council presidents the opportunity to find imaginative and creative ways to stay in touch with members when meetings and workshops were not possible.

Our councils continue to meet virtually or in small safe distancing groups. The gatherings are mainly for prayer or mass or just an opportunity to connect. Such meetings might inspire other councils.

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

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 2020 36 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

54% of the councils in our Dioceses completed their annual reports. This is lower than the 61% respondents in 2019.

All responding councils have either a recording secretary and/or a corresponding secretary. One council reported their secretary held additional positions within their executive. 61% of responding council secretaries were elected; 33% appointed and 6% reported the position to be vacant. The average number of years secretaries have held the position is 4.

All councils reported their secretaries take minutes at meetings and 26 reported their secretaries are a signing officer. The majority of councils know where their council charter is, maintain a list of their executive and their contact information, and have a motions book, a copy of the National Handbook for Secretaries and a copy of the National CWL Personal Letter Writing Guide. All but 9 reporting councils receive written reports from their executive, enabling accurate recording of minutes.

Due to COVID-19, secretaries expressed difficulty with in-person contact and communication with their executive and council members and not having regular meetings. Also difficulty in maintaining personal momentum and inspiration to 'pick up and carry on' with business as usual was expressed. Some councils have had no meetings since the beginning of COVID-19, March 2020. Developing phone buddies and emails helps keep members informed and feel less isolated.

In performing the duties of council secretary, some reported they had no experience with the duties of secretary or the CWL executive and due to COVID-19, unable to meet with other members for assistance. Council secretaries find it stressful and challenging from both a time perspective and a learning to take formal minutes. Joint secretaries can enable coverage at meetings. If one person held this position and worked full time, it would be a bit of a stretch. For anyone taking on this position, it is important they realize the time commitment and the need to learn formal minute taking.

Noteworthy, is one council reported not having in-person meetings; their minutes were changed to newsletters.

Virtual (online) Zoom meetings were welcomed but, at times, frustrating due to poor internet connections. Zoom has enabled both executive meetings for most councils and general meetings for some. Meetings in parking lots with masks and physical distancing were possible in the warmer months

A notable recommendation from one council: as we are in a digital age, it would be good to have some ideas and information on how we can move to on-line aspects of record keeping. Perhaps something created at national level so all records for councils are held in a digital platform and archives can be accessed.

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 2020

42 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

I have read the recapped Treasurer's report and pleased to note that the percentage of councils submitting their annual reports has increased from 54% last year to 63% this year, well done!

As in previous years, keeping track of all records is done on a regular basis. The majority use bank statements, along with the cheques and deposit books. Excel spreadsheets are used by 69% of our councils (I love a good spreadsheet), and 4% are using a computer program. Whatever means you use to keep track of your expenses and revenue is not what is most important, but rather that they are kept and reviewed annually. Only half of those who responded are using an independent individual experienced in accounting matters to review their books. Remember all financial information should be reviewed annual to ensure that all is in order.

On to our favorite subject, budgets! Only 61% indicated they do an annual budget, which I would like to see increase. Budgets do not have to be an onerous task, just think of it as making your executive accountable as to how they spend the funds that your council has worked so diligently to raise. It could be as simple as having a line for Administration Cost, Donation Cost, Meeting Costs, etc. Remember budgets are just an expectation of what you will be spending during the year, and it can be as detailed or as general as you need for your council.

Despite all that has happened in the past year, we continue to donate where and when we can.

Donations to National Voluntary Funds:

Catholic Missions in Canada:	\$2,050
Coady International Institute	\$ 995
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	\$1,100
Catholic Near East Welfare Association	\$1,900
National Bursary Fund	\$ 420
Total Donation:	\$6,465

Donations given to your parish was \$51,740 and donations provided to others total \$78,240. For the Diocesan donations given by all of our councils, here is a recap for 2020:

Diocesan Annual Remittances:

Sign of Hope	\$3,265
ALIES/Alberta Pro-Life	\$1,720
Chrism Mass	\$ 640
St. Benedict's Chapel	\$2,900
Refugee Bags	\$ 843
Total Donation:	\$9,368

Please note that the donation to St. Benedict's Chapel is not remitted till June of every year, therefore the annual commitment of \$4,500 is usually received from our councils.

From the report I received from National, we still had a total of \$137,599.00 donated by the 42 councils that reported. Even during this pandemic, your ability to keep on giving is wonderful and so greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The Diocesan council was unable to participate in the Faith, Fitness and Fun run as it was canceled. A donation of \$200.00 to St. Joseph's Seminary & Newman Theological College was still made, as we had budgeted for expenses for the run that did not occur. A further top-up of our Doreen Melton Scholarship was provided in the amount of \$653.01. These funds were from a profit made during the 2019 Evening of Faith with Father Richard Leonard.

There are never enough words to express our gratitude for all of the dedication and hard work that our members continue to provide year after year. In times of need, our church community knows that they can rely on the CWL to be there, willingly giving of their time and/or spiritual support. We do not know what the 2021 year will be like, but I do know, that whatever is accomplished, will be done with a loving and generous heart.

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 2020

39 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Thank you to all the dedicated Past Presidents that completed the online survey for 2020. This report represents 58% of our councils, which is an increase of 8% from 2019. Of the 39 responding councils 4 indicated the position was vacant.

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 (51%), Book of Life (77%), Deceased member histories (54%), lists of past executives (62%), membership renewal data (46%), minutes of Executive meetings (51%), minutes of General meetings (59%), record of service awards (62%) and years of service (69%). 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. 90% reported having the National Manual of Policy and Procedures and referred to it annually. 56% 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 39% of councils seeking advice at least once per year, provincially 23% at least once per year, National Executive 23% at least once per year and National Office 31% at least once per year. 37% of councils reported seeking advice from their spiritual advisor at least once a month and 29% 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

Past Presidents are called upon by the President to assist with other duties in the council. These duties included promoting the council in the parish and community, chairing executive or general meetings, chairing the nominations and elections committee, checking national and provincial websites for information to share, filling a vacant role, organizing fundraisers, charity events and social events and setting up Zoom gatherings.

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 before being thrown into the role and always attend meetings to be a resource as needed.

58% of the councils reported supporting the implementation of the envisioned future of the League through Planning Strategically 2018-2020 by updating members as to the progress of the Planning Strategically, hosting mini workshops on the new Three Pillars (Core Values, Faith, Service & Social Justice) and viewing videos.

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-19-19 restrictions and keeping CWL visible in a pandemic lockdown. Not being able to meet in person to work, to share in fellowship, to have fun together as well as fundraising has been very difficult and keeping the enthusiasm going was hard. Holding virtual gatherings was technically challenging for some of our senior members. Recruiting new members and collecting membership dues as well as finding members to take on leadership positions provided challenges for many councils.

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 2020

33 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

The times they are a-changin'! No one could have predicted what 2020 would have looked like, nor could we have predicted how courageous and stalwart women of our diocese would have been as they responded in faith and creativity to find ways to pray together and support one another!

My heart brims with gratitude not only for the ways in which they did this, but for those of you who committed to completing the online annual reports for this very important committee. Of those councils who reported, 94% had this position filled. Of those, over half had a woman elected (rather than appointed). This is outstanding and a strong indication of the importance of having a leader within your council to lead members on a spiritual journey. Likewise, there seems to be a growth in recognizing that spending more time praying together, vs. private devotions, better nourishes and deepens our faith. There were many comments from spiritual development chairs about researching new resources and discovering creative ways to come together in prayer. Unfortunately, there are still some councils reporting that prayer sometimes took a “back seat” to the business at hand. This is one of the areas in which we can continue to improve. Memorial masses and prayer services for deceased members, virtual retreats, Stations of the Cross and praying the rosary (using a variety of intentions), are examples of ways in which councils prayed without being physically together due to the pandemic. One council reported that “Since the shutdown, our President has created a monthly newsletter that has a strong Spiritual Development component suggesting activities and website links to local, national and international sites for spiritual growth of our members.” Sadly, but not surprisingly, all in person celebrations for the feast of Our Lady of Good Council were cancelled across the Diocese. Spiritual Advisor attendance at council meetings continued to be marginal with two thirds either never attending or only sometimes attending CWL meetings.

The study and discussion of Catholic teachings and the role of women in the church, was also largely missing at many parish council meetings. However, some councils did this in a variety of ways. One parish council chair wrote “I try to update our members on recent developments or changes coming from the Vatican related to this important topic. Examples include appointments of women to positions of leadership in the Vatican announced by Pope Francis.” Another council indicated “We had meaningful discussions on the role of Mary and other female saints such as St Therese of the Child Jesus”. And a third council said “We discussed ways to bring more women into our CWL. How can we make use of all our talents and begin to support more of the community?” Members continue to be strong, visible witnesses of their baptismal commitments through their involvement in virtually every ministry within our faith community. We both participate and hold leadership positions in many parish ministries, including parish

committees, parish pastoral councils, parish finance committees, and serving as pastoral associates.

Our councils continue to offer strong support for *Catholic Missions in Canada* be it financially or through prayer. Councils also supported Esk-Omi Missions, Catholic Christian Outreach, Chalice, St Benedict's Chapel, Our Lady of Victory Camp, and many other organizations. COVID-19 has highlighted the reality that we are all connected. Council participation in *World Day of Prayer* of 81% spoke to this. Reaching out to our sister Christian churches (ecumenical) and interfaith (Indigenous, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu) connections are, however, under-developed and offer us an opportunity to connect with and form relationships with others.

What about looking forward? Here are some suggestions received from councils around the Edmonton Diocese in answer to "What training would you recommend be provided for this position next year?"

- Review information from the Executive Manual and receive help from the outgoing Spiritual Development Chair. However, better communication from National regarding the expectation of the types of Spiritual Development activities is also needed (e.g. Duties in the Executive Handbook do not match the level of detail in the Annual Report Survey at the end of the year)
- Suggestions for spiritual reflections (e.g. once a month)
- More workshops on Spiritual Development (e.g. as a resource binder with activity ideas)
- Provide parish councils with guidance regarding online resources that are available

As a Diocese, for the first time, we celebrated our deceased members through a virtual prayer service linking us in prayer. Members can access ANY retreat centre across the country for "virtual" retreats that allow you to participate from the comfort of your home and at a significantly reduced cost – a silver lining in the COVID-19 cloud!

Let us continue to pray for one another, for our League that we may prosper, for God's Creation for healing.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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"Do not lose heart,
even if you should discover
that you lack qualities
necessary for the work to
which you are called. He who
called you will not desert you,
but the moment you are in
need He will stretch out His
saving hand."
~ St. Angela Merici

DECEASED MEMBERS 2020

St. Albert – Lloydminster Region

Bette Klatchuk, Holy Family - St. Albert	Emily Mikalonis, Holy Family - St. Albert
Sandra Mikalonis, Holy Family - St. Albert	Louise Ryan, Holy Family - St. Albert
Janette Dembicki, Our Lady of The Angels - Ft. Saskatchewan	Henriette Lamoureux, Our Lady of The Angels - Ft. Saskatchewan
Stella Shewchuk, St. Albert - St. Albert	Patricia Trudeau, St. Albert - St. Albert
Fanny Castillo, St. Charles – Edmonton	Rose Spencer, St. Charles - Edmonton
Josephine Splawinski, St. Charles - Edmonton	Doris Trahan, St. Charles - Edmonton
Frances Berry, St. Dominic Savio - Edmonton	Lorraine Foss, St. Dominic Savio - Edmonton
Linda O'Connor, St. Dominic Savio - Edmonton	Frances Mills, St. Edmund's - Edmonton
Dianne Thew, St. John Bosco - Edmonton	Anita Paproski, St. Matthew - Edmonton
Gwen Robinson, St. Matthew - Edmonton	Josephine Seibert, St. Matthew - Edmonton
Margaret Victoor, St. Peter - Villeneuve	Flora Weiss, St. Rose of Lima - Onaway

Edmonton – Jasper Region

Connie Boehm, Good Shepherd - Edmonton	Kerry Egan, Good Shepherd - Edmonton
Lillian Willette, Good Shepherd - Edmonton	Good Shepherd - Edmonton
Bess Deboer, Holy Cross - Grande Cache	Marguerite Evans, Holy Cross - Grande Cache
Mary Anne Kuzminski, Our Lady of The Foothills – Hinton	Micheline Bouchard, Parkland Holy Trinity - Spruce Grove
Yolande Bourdon, Parkland Holy Trinity - Spruce Grove	Yvette Dzieglo, Parkland Holy Trinity - Spruce Grove
Virginia Kostelyk, Parkland Holy Trinity - Spruce Grove	Angie Laboucane, Sacred Heart - Edson
Marie Rondeau, Sacred Heart – Edson	Victoria Fulguerinas, St. Agnes - Edmonton
Sister Louise Zdunich, St. Agnes - Edmonton	Bernadette Mahood, St. Andrew's - Edmonton
Claire Benoit, St. Anthony - Drayton Valley	Delores Coutu, St. Anthony - Drayton Valley
Estelle Lambert, St. Anthony - Drayton Valley	Rozalia Dzavik, St. Anthony's - Edmonton
Carol M Paetz, St. John The Evangelist - Edmonton	Joan Carr , St. Joseph's Basilica - Edmonton
Phyllis McAnally, St. Joseph's Basilica - Edmonton	Tharon E Thomas , St. Joseph's Basilica - Edmonton

DECEASED MEMBERS 2020

Red Deer Region

Eileen Reinhart, Christ-King – Stettler	Margo Pals, Our Lady of Grace – Castor
Elaine Jones, Our Lady of Peace – Innisfail	Kay Komarnicki, Our Lady of The Assumption - Sylvan Lake
Joann Montegary, Our Lady of The Assumption - Sylvan Lake	Bert Oyka, St. Anthony – Didsbury
Helen Lemay, St. Ann of The Prairies – Trochu	Caring Cayabyab, St. Augustine – Ponoka
Eileen Franchuk, St. Mary - Red Deer	Loretta Moran, St. Mary - Red Deer
Anna Pelletier, St. Mary - Red Deer	Betty Plester, St. Mary - Red Deer
Kay Roth, St. Mary - Red Deer	Ingrid Schmidt, St. Mary - Red Deer
Yvonne Overgaard, St. Matthew - Rocky Mountain House	Eileen Reinhart, Christ-King – Stettler
Margo Pals, Christ-King – Stettler	

Edmonton - Provost Region

Isabelle Perras, Annunciation - Edmonton	Lorraine Zimmel, Our Lady of Fatima - Strome
Theresa Berstad, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Sherwood Park	Annette Chase, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Sherwood Park
Mary Briody, Our Lady of The Assumption - Edmonton	Emily Dalpe, Our Lady of The Assumption - Edmonton
Rose Kurjata, Our Lady of The Assumption - Edmonton	Jean Gartner, Our Lady of The Trinity - Daysland
Dolores Demone, Sacred Heart - Wetaskiwin	Marie Wilmot, Sacred Heart - Wetaskiwin
Janet Blatz, St. Francis Xavier - Camrose	Jean Daley, St. Francis Xavier - Camrose
Bertha Rakoz, St. Francis Xavier - Camrose	Peggy Rissling, St. Francis Xavier - Camrose
Evelyne Mishio, St. Michael – Leduc	



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Edmonton Diocesan Council

ORGANIZATION CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

37 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Despite the major changes in our lives as a result of the COVID-19-19 pandemic, including changing how CWL members gathered for meetings and served their communities due to public health restrictions, CWL sisters persevered and continued to stay connected with each another; finding creative ways to help one another and to keep their parish councils active.

The Edmonton Diocese had 4,235 members in 2020, representing a decrease of 96 members compared to 2019. While we observed a decrease in membership during the pandemic, the magnitude of the decrease was less than that which has been observed in previous years.

Once again, most Organization Chair positions were filled by appointment; most having held the position previously. This suggests that within most councils, new members either are not being invited to serve in this leadership role, or do not feel they have enough knowledge of the League to serve as new members in this role. The President-Elect/Organization Chair position provides a great opportunity for mentoring and leadership development. Please encourage new members in your councils to consider taking on this role. In particular, plant the idea seed early on so they have time to think about it and ask questions. Personal invitation works best and allows an opportunity for you to let them know why you think they would be good in the role. Identifying a knowledgeable mentor who has served in the role before can also provide invaluable support and encouragement; and once in the role, the current President and Past-Presidents should also help to provide support and encouragement. The Edmonton Diocesan Council also has a New Executive Workshop which can be facilitated for any parish council upon request. The workshop runs 2-3 hours and provides an overview of the League, where to find resources, answers questions about various officer roles, how to use Robert's Rules of Order, setting up an agenda, planning council activities, and more. During the pandemic, the workshop was adapted into a virtual format.

As part of strategic planning, the League included a number of questions on this year's Organization annual report surveys to gauge council diversity and to evaluate where parish councils are situated. However, some concerns were identified regarding the collection of this data as well as the accuracy of this data. These concerns have been forwarded to National Office.

In order to encourage a wide cross-section of members to join the League, most parish councils find reaching out by personal invitation to be the most effective, followed by parish announcements. Social media was used the least. Prior to the pandemic, some councils participated in World Day of Prayer, one council holds a Cultural Day every year the weekend prior to Canada Day, and another council holds an annual perogy and apple pie making event which the older Slavic ladies in their council enjoy. To encourage multi-generational membership, one council held a mother-daughter presentation about why three generations had joined the CWL.

A majority of councils report their members actively participate in fundraising, social, and spiritual events the most, while under half of members attend CWL meetings.

Membership and Recruitment

About 70% of parish councils renew memberships online. Online membership renewal is the fastest and easiest means of updating membership records and enables batches of renewals to be linked to the submission of membership remittances. All councils are encouraged to transition to online membership renewals, if possible. For any council needing assistance with this, help is available.

While almost half of reporting councils indicate no new members were recruited during the 2020 pandemic, nine councils reported 10 or more new members. One council recruited 19 new members! Of new members recruited to join the League in 2020, just over half were under the age of 40. Here again, personal invitations were key. At least one council provides free membership to all first year CWL members.

Many councils reported that pre-pandemic, most new members are welcomed at meetings, provided a new member kit, sent invitations, and enjoy conversations at in person gatherings. However, during the pandemic, many of these regular in person approaches were not possible due to public health restrictions. In some cases, councils met in church parking lots or at parks, socially distanced during the warmer months, in order to celebrate.

Membership Recognition

During the pandemic, most councils continued to recognize members for their years of service, birthdays, anniversaries and milestones via phone calls, cards and announcements. About two-thirds of 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 five councils awarded the Maple Leaf Service Pin. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many councils reported an increase in connecting with members personally via phone calls on birthdays, sincere thank you cards, welcome packages to new members, and mass cards for loved ones who passed away.

Strategic Planning

About 60% of parish councils report staying current during the pandemic on the latest activities of the Strategic Planning Implementation Committee. This level of awareness regarding Strategic Planning is the same as was reported in 2019 pre-pandemic. In 2019, the Edmonton Diocesan Council held Strategic Planning information workshops, while communications regarding National's Strategic Planning shifted to Provincial Councils, the National's Strategic Planning Implementation dedicated webpage, and National's Summer Speaker Series in 2020.

Leadership Development

Seeking input from the general membership is important for the engagement of all council members. Most councils set annual goals for their council based on member input. This is really important to ensure parish council activities are reflective of current member interests. Don't be afraid to do things differently or to change the number or types of activities your council does each year!

The vast majority of CWL members do not have a role in levels of the League other than at the parish council level. Furthermore, when members do engage with other level of the League, 92% of members in the Edmonton Diocese indicate they interact with Edmonton Diocesan Council compared to 33% engagement with Alberta Provincial Council, and 25% engagement with National Council. This underscores the valuable role diocesan council serves in

providing support and assistance to parish councils; something the Edmonton Diocesan Council has made a priority over the past two years.

Only 7 councils reported having a life member who actively provides mentoring and advice. 81% of councils indicate they have not benefitted from the life members residing in their area. This suggests that life members and parish councils remain largely disconnected from one another and the role of life members may need to be re-assessed by the League as part of Strategic Planning. Similar findings were reported in 2019.

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on member participation

Many councils have reported on the impact of the pandemic on how they have had to adapt council activities and how they connect. Most councils replied mainly upon email to get information out to members (or phoning if members did not have email), as well as virtual platforms to gather. One important outcome of this has been the discovery that councils with seniors have reported higher participation and engagement as a result of the use of virtual platforms! This is in part because participation via virtual platforms is not limited by winter weather, going out at night, or driving. Further, many councils were able to easily assist members with connecting via virtual platforms; one council's Secretary took on the task to train senior members to use Zoom for monthly meetings and visits. This resulted in the ladies being happy to enjoy Christmas on Zoom with their family members as well.

Annual Reports

In 2020, National Office held webinars to help parish councils fill out Annual Report Surveys and also sent out guidelines to help members at different levels to complete reports. A little more than half of parish councils used the provided guidelines. The majority of councils also felt shorter annual report surveys are better and much preferred. Some councils reported being booted out of the Snap Survey system and having to restart the survey multiple times. Other councils pointed out many Annual Report questions did not take the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic into consideration. One council has suggested Survey Monkey be used for 2021 Annual Report Surveys.

General Comments from Councils

Some councils reported member reluctance to renew in 2020 due to changes to council activities due to pandemic health restrictions. Some councils also inquired whether the CWL was 'closed' during the pandemic. In most cases, councils and members chose to renew their memberships during the pandemic. However, a handful of councils have self-identified that the on-going pandemic may lead to their council considering disbanding. Diocesan Council is providing guidance and advice to these councils. However, one clear message from these councils is that an increase in membership fees would have a negative impact on membership renewals.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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2020 Service Pin Award Recipients

Congratulations to all dedicated and long serving members!

5 Year Service Pins

Gina Avellano	Jerica Avellano	Janet Almiks
Shirley Barnett	Carole Blanchette	Kara Balloch
Laura Callback	Jenny Calles	Brenda Cote
Caroline Caputo	Stephanie Debeljak	Leonara DeLeon
Laurette Davidson	Celine Durocher	Rose Dixon
Brenda Dubois	Imelda Espiritu	Sheryl Grieve
Jennifer Galm	Irene Genest	Louise Gunderson
Rita Haakensen	Aidi Hermoso	Yvonne Hagel
Brooke Hayes	Alissa Jones	Veronica Koehler
Bernadette Kucy	Josephine Libutti	Maria LaDina Lukaway
Maria Murphy	Mary Miller	Eveline Molnar
Donna Molloy	Debbie Muller	Monika Murname
Dolores Mueller	Juliana Nash	Corey Nahayowski
Helen Ohianwusi	Cathy Ollenberger	Della O'Malley
Anna Piorecky	Yolanda Paul	Sylvianne Perry
Susan Rengasamy	Emily Robertson	Lorraine Radosh
Annie Mary Ryan	Edith Rosete	Jeannine Salt
Glee Shaver	Sharin Sasges	Alessia Schiavon
Agnes Skinner	Suzanne Serediak	Rose Santiago
Brenda Senko	Lorraine Trudel	Anna Veen
Beth Vapenaar	Marie Woolgar	Sarah Willette
Marie Wiedemen	Agnes Wong	

10 Year Service Pins

Julianna Blackburn	Rosetta Bossio	Velma Brown
Darleen Broadbent	Marguerite Berube	Sally Burry
Laurette Chartrand	Celina Curtis	Cynthia Cheung
Estelle Comeau	Yvonne Carriere	Margaret Czyz
Rita Cooke	Michelina Dilullo	Yvette d'Entremont
Debbie Dejean-Riopel	Marilyn Frattin	Carol Ferguson
Marianna Gagliano	Mary Ann Garbencius	Marlene Gerig
Michelle Germaine	Anna Gromek	Eleanor Holm
Marilyn Hannessey	June Halbauer	Cecile Huitema
Joyce Hague	Rose Hearn	Pauline Harriot
Victoria Hoffman	Sophie Holzman	Geri Iwanciw
Theresa Jacobs	Rose Koo	Debra Kobza
Leita Kelly	Doreen Kondrat	Eileen Lloyd
Patricia Lucier	Angela Leonard	Mar Pat Lenghenry
Kelly Ann Liusz Moser	Jan Landry	Jeanne Lemieux
Beata Labentowicz	Stephanie Lehr	Catharine Millson
Dayna McBride	Donna Mcleod	Laurie Meeuwissen
Coleen Mahon	Bernadette Noonan	Bev Novak
Rose Mary Paetz	Chat Palm	Janice Protasiwich

Mary Purych	Lila Phillips	Rita Pelsma
Elaine Poff	Lydia Petterson	Denise Reed-Carr
Tere Rubio	Kathy Rutherford	Margarita St George
Silvana Sotiropoulos	Bernadine Sanche	Sheilah Stack
Nancy Stepney	Therese Swityk	Diana Toupin
Lorraine Turchansky	Bernice Townsend	Margaret Turton
Sharon Tusor	Christine Ungstad	Josephine Vernon
Juliette Vizza	Sarah Venne	Tillie Williams
Donna Waldrof	Teresa Wolinski	

15 Year Service Pins

Janice Brecht	Ginny Blerot	Lucille Brodeur
Wendy Cunningham	Bernice Creighton	Ann Czieslik
Rachel Chacko	Cora Doucette	Sandra Duteau
Irene DeSouza	Irene Deverdenne	Patricia Deschryver
Maria De Benedetto	Betty Dixon	Doreen Diederichs
Celine DeSchryver	Janice Ealey	Leona Fix
Itala Francescut	Sheila Fischer	Fern Hardie
Shirley Haggith	Elizabeth Hausauer	Kathy Hoven
Mariette Huot	Marlene Kaup	Gloria Larocque
Susan Lavalley	Liz LePage	Vicki Lindsay
Sylvia Malloy	Marie Meston	Ellen Machado
Margaret Marks	Marilyn Moret	Olga Puchala
Denise Pelletier	Barb Roth	Jackie Scott
Gloria Skrukwa	Carol Santos	Janet Scheelar
Priscilla Spratt	Laura Scheeler	Giselle Schilling
Perla Traspaderme	Marlene Weisgerber	Jocelyne Yuen
Louise Yoner	Mary Ziska	

20 Year Service Pins

Sandy Bergin	Patricia Borgersen	Kathy Chronik
Helen Chafe	Faith Case	Carla Cantrell
Debbie Dixon	Rita Duchesne	Catherine Dechaine
Louise Despins	Catherine Floyd	Gladys Hay
Gertie Henderson	Mary Ellen Haggerty	Belinda Halbach
Veronica Isinger	Anita Kosakewich	Gertrude Korbitt
Carol Lazzari	Doris Leboldus-Campbell	Maureen Lalonde
Helen Lindsay	Marie-Florence Lamaute	Mary Leuwer
Olga Lalonde	Annette Muench	Natalie Melowsky
Victoria Martyn	Lourdes Macatangay	Colleen McIntyre
Maureen Maynard	Gayle Nicholson	Cathy Nielsen
Barb O'Connor	Rose O'Neill	Mary Pueschel
Jane Percy	June Riopel	Margaret Regan
Leona Raymond	Judy Roy	Claire Stitsen
Christine Simpson	Jean Stocki	Josephine Stratyчук
Peggy Todd-Janz	Faye Tkachuk	Laura Walker
Sharon Zunti	Kris Commandeur	

25 Year Service Pins

Lily Anderson	Olive Byer	Beth Breunig
Myrna Bowhay	Wendy Bell	Helen Coulombe
Mary Ann Curran	Darlene Cote	Cecile Chrapko
Dorothy Colborne	May Carline	Jan Dunnigan
Jackie DeBruin	Pam DeLuca	Bridget Fitzgerald
Sue Fish	Emma Germaine	Winnie Ghovanec
Reggie Hauk	Deborah Horn	Rita Hawin
Bonnie Johnson	Rita Kantor	Mary Kmiech
Louise Kokoilo	Simone Kluthe	Shirley Land
Sandra Larock	Joyce Labelle	Paula Mahon
Yvette Morin	Eleanor MacNeil	Catherine McNiff
Michelle McKay	Barbara Owens	Shirley Pearson
Rebecca Pedrajas	Corelie Reichert	Shirley Roy
Mary Agnes Radostits	Evelyn Radostits	Sharon Roshko
Ollie Shaw	Gail Storie	Marlene Stefura
Dianne Shennan	Beatrice Spatafora	Nicole Thorhauer
Sandra Talarico	Rose Trudeau	Kathy Thackerey
Tanya Vorgincic	Veronica Watson	Nancy Yatscoff
Denise Zubick		

30 Year Service Pins

Elisabetta Chiodo	Lucienne Garneau	Johanna Hinkley
Judy Horban	Clarie Kawulok	Dodie Leonard
Alice Mah	Eunice Merrick	Doreen Moisey
Rose Nichols	Kathleen O'Sullivan	Christine Pellowe
Phyllis Rainey	Mary-Lou Veeken	Arlene Whitson
Pat Woytas	Debbie Yaremovich	

35 Year Service Pins

Connie Asp	Norma Belanger	Patricia Black
Jacqueline Cuerrier	Mary Dominik	Pat Dunand
Lilian Gartner	Marlene Hearn	Helene Justus
Pauline McCormick	Janice Paulson	Sue Searle
Josephine Seibert	Donna Sheehan	Linda Sorenson
Frances Stang	Anita Volk	Cecilia Zdunich
Isabelle Zielenski		

40 Year Service Pins

Marion Bachand	Genevieve Castiday	Grace Corrigan
Adrian Danker	Elsie Demuynck	Pat Duncan
Myrla Fitzpatrick	Diane Fushtey	Carolyn Harvey
Marie Jensen	Cecile L'abbe	Bertha Lainchbury
Shirley Leclair	Wanda Lehman	Virginia Lukay
Trish McCallister	Rita McGregor	Catherine Michael
Phyllis Menard	Deborah Oikawa	Beanie Pasemko
Rachelle Pouliot	Eva Reichert	Norma Sarrasin
Evalyn Scaber	Bev Smith	Janice Stalker
Betty Storoschuk	Judy Zimmer	

45 Year Service Pins

Francine Hill	Stella Lozinski	Bonnie Malowany
Cecilia Marchak	Kathleen Oswald	Olga Piperno
Juanita Qualizza	Carolyn Shields	Florence Surgenor
Anne Wansink		

50 Year Service Pins

Teresa Cartmell	Sheila Cashion	Olga Dubuc
Geralynn Fleck	Elizabeth Locher	Norma Macdonald
Jacqueline Morrisette	Myrtle Paradis	Joan Polakovits
Linda Prudat	Virginia Safronovich	Eileen Scott
Tillie Sieben	Annette Vasseur	Carole Zubick

55 Year Service Pins

Marilyn Duigou	Marie Giesinger	Ellen Greeley
Mildred Huculak	Anne Lang-Harris	Rollande Paquette
Jeanette Puech	Marlene Schmidek	Alice Willick

60 Year Service Pins

Helen Glatt	Laura Keiser	Yvonne Kluthe
Joyce Lakeman	Mary Nagy	Lucy Nielsen
Mary Petryshen	Louise Schug	Maureen Smith
Pearl Warshawki		

65 Year Service Pins

Louise Arbeau	Colleen Merkosky	Pauline Nowicki
Joey Gable-Tessier	Joy Turnbull	

70 Year Service Pins

Thelma Bohme	Lydia Reichert	Mary Anne Willis
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Maple Leaf Service Pins

Loretta Bowen	Margaret Korte	Alice Willick
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Bellelle Guerin Award

Rose Goudreau

Certificates of Merit:

Louise Feit	Pat Melnyk	Maria Potvin
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The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Edmonton Diocesan Council

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

30 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Our April 2020 calendars were quiet as we learned to navigate virtual meetings from in-person meetings.

With regards to the online Annual Survey reports, it was suggested that it would be helpful to have more comment boxes to expand information on activities. Phone communication became more frequent and some Councils became creative with outdoor socially distanced meetings. Fundraising was shifted to direct appeal for cash donations.

The majority of Councils indirectly helped a variety of organizations dealing with victims of domestic abuse, pregnancy and family support through donations of money, requested items and referrals, while a small number were directly involved in marriage preparation. Most Councils regularly prayed for pro-life issues, and a small percentage had the National pro-life brochure so perhaps that could be promoted more. A large number (79%) wrote letters to legislators on CWL resolutions, euthanasia and abortion. Three Councils have a Catholic Girls League, nearly half participated in youth programs, and no parish had as yet promoted World Youth Day in Portugal, 2023.

Nearly all councils (80%) prayed for/with, phoned, sent cards, and pre-COVID-19-19, provided rides and visited widows, seniors and the disabled; and brought Communion to the homebound. Less than half of the Councils invited people in this group to CWL social functions. With virtual meetings, there is now more participation with this group in online activities. Issues of Divorce and Nullity were not looked into so that is an area that could be addressed. Our Adopt-a-Seminarian program has thirty-nine Councils adopting thirty Seminarians.

In 2020, along with all Councils, I too, struggled to adapt to the changes enforced by the pandemic restrictions, going from in-person to virtual meetings. The silver lining was connecting to our Sisters that ordinarily weren't able to travel.

My Diocesan Parish Buddy calls showed the common concern for membership renewal and lack of skills or confidence in using technology, poor internet connectivity or older computers.

Before March shutdown I attended a presentation on Marriage, Divorce and Nullity; a Stewardship Seminar on Compassionate Care for the Dying and Grieving; and had great fun at St. Joseph Seminary Trivia Night. In September I was able to meet with our Doreen Melton award recipient, Seminarian Andrew Sheedy.

With great disappointment I had to cancel my reservation to the National 100th Anniversary Convention in Montreal, but I “attended” all five webinars. Other virtual activities were Webinars for Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, on line presentation of speakers for our Diocesan supported pro-life organization ALIES, Diocesan Regional Workshops, and in November the Diocesan Memorial for Deceased members. These can all be accessed on our Edmonton Diocesan website.

Congratulations Sisters, in persevering during this difficult year. God bless you all!

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
For God and Canada

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2020 Doreen Melton Scholarship Recipient



Every year a scholarship is awarded to a St. Joseph Edmonton Seminary student to honour the memory of Doreen Melton, an Edmonton CWL member, for her many years of service and her promotion of priestly vocations.

On September 23, 2020 a small COVID-19 distancing group of Diocesan officers, President Mary Molloy, President-Elect Clover Oryschak and Christian Family Life Chair Annette Valstar met with St. Joseph Rector Father Stephen Hero to present a cheque and certificate to recipient Andrew Sheedy.

Andrew is from St Albert and grew up in a faith filled active Catholic family. He is in his Philosophy year and enjoys photography and learning languages. He says *"I know that I am where God wants me to be."*





The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Edmonton Diocesan Council

COMMUNITY LIFE CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

33 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

There have been many differences this year than in previous years, ladies were still able to assist those in need with supplies and encourage members to participate in the work of organizations through prayer, volunteering, and financial support. Some of these programs are the Wish Foundation, violence prevention, restorative justice, centers for single parents, employment and skills centers, emergency shelters for the homeless or domestic abuse.

Councils help and support Social and Economic Justice due to COVID-19 by: members were busy sewing, quilting, donating items to charities here and abroad and our Refugee Bag Welcome program, doing fund raisers for various programs, provided gift baskets to their local women's shelters and second hand stores, donations of groceries and money to support the Carmelite Sisters and young mothers and bag lunches were made up and distributed to the needy in the inner city.

Our Edmonton Diocesan Refugee Welcome Bag Project now based out of St. Joseph's Basilica for the last eight months has assembled 52 bags for 143 refugees and had a total of 35 volunteer hours that includes sorting, shopping, assembling, delivery and reports. Since they started the average per month is 13-14 welcome bags for 35 refugees. Many thanks to the lady's looking after this project and to all the councils for your support in the project.

There has been support to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) with monetary donations and through prayer on the 21st of September for the "World Day of Peace"– The CWL Day of Prayer for Christian sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and Middle East.

Councils participated in Remembrance Day Services in person or on TV this year and supported the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign and Wore Red on Fridays in support of Canadian Troops.

Support has been given to the following organizations in developing countries: Chalice, Habitat for Humanity, Mustard Seed Project, Pennies for the Poor, Holy Childhood Association, World Vision, Canadian Red Cross, Operation Christmas Child, Save a Family Plan, Doctors Without Borders, Operation Eyesight International and Samaritans Purse. We can continue in The Share Lent Campaign to support Development & Peace. Less than half councils are partaking in the annual 1% program.

February 8th, 2020 was declared as International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking by The Holy Father – some attended a prayer service or prayed individually.

There was focus on personal welfare and getting information out to our members by phoning, Parish Buddy calls to parishes, zoom meetings, emails and mail outs..

“COVID-19 has given us the time to re-evaluate priorities and take notice of what is truly of value. To re-define what we value in each of our households and our relationships with each other. We can find new insights and inspiration into what is important as we journey together in 2021.”

We can only do, what we can, when we can, during this time of COVID-19. I believe God has given us this down time in our lives to reflect on what is important to us as we journey as individuals, as families and as councils, may the Lord guide us and direct us on His Path of Our Future in the Catholic Women's League of Tomorrow.

God's Blessing to All.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us and help guide us on our Lords path to our 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*

EDUCATION, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

32 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Thank you to all the ladies for all your work throughout the year. It has definitely been a challenging year, which makes me appreciate your efforts even more.

Education:

Of the 32 councils which reported only 18 have indicated that the position of Education and Health Chairperson was filled.

While 67% of reporting councils have become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in their parish and have enquired about how they may support the program, 83% of them have become informed about the quality of Catholic religious instruction in the Catholic schools in the area/diocese and 56% have actively encouraged parents to participate in all areas of their children's Catholic school education and activities. Less than half have investigated into the needs of the Catholic schools in their parish that could be met by councils. The majority of councils are not aware of the Family Life Programs taught in the school. These are good indications that there are unmet needs in our schools that our councils may be able to help with.

There is a general lack of awareness of scholarships and bursaries that are available for use by councils however 58% of councils do contribute to scholarships and bursaries. 61% of the councils did provide scholarships to high school students. One council reported providing \$100.00 to the most deserving Religious Studies 35 student; \$50.00 to the most improved Grade IX girl and \$110.00 towards a Christian Action Award. Very few councils downloaded or used the newly revised National Bursary brochure or certificate and there were no members of the reporting councils who applied for the National Bursary Fund.

The Edmonton Diocesan Council joined the Edmonton Catholic Schools GrACE committee and encouraged councils in the diocese to join their local school district. Councils were encouraged to promote Catholic Education and to participate in Catholic Education Sunday held November 8th and to recite the Novena for Catholic Education Sunday.

Health:

Councils have taken a variety of actions on resolutions by promoting and writing letters to government.

Some of the Resolution(s) and activities under this heading that councils have acted on were:

- Letter writing campaigns against Bill C7.
- Stopping the use of bottled water at functions.
- 2007.03 Hospice Palliative Care: An Integral Component of the Canadian Health Care System information was shared with council members who were encouraged to participate in writing postcards to MPs.
- Presented on the Canada Food Guide

The majority of councils did not participate in the CWL Mental Health Postcard campaign and 16% of councils were not even aware of this campaign.

Some councils supported national organizations that focus on the health and wellness of Canadians such as MaterCare, International Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Most of our councils were unaware that The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a proud supporter of the Canadian Blood Services Partners for Life Program. Members are encouraged to register for the Partners for Life Program under the League's unique Partner ID (CATH011269).

Environment:

Keeping with the National Theme the 25th Annual Diocesan Poster Contest was held entitled “**Bees: God’s Amazing Creation**”. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the winners were notified through their schools or CWL Parish Council Presidents. The certificates & awards were delivered by mail. Thank you to all the parish councils, teachers and students who participated in this annual contest.

58% of our council participated in the *Care for Our Common Home* initiative although only 13% participated in the plastic and waste cleanup.

Only 23% of reporting councils planted a tree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the League with one council planting fifty trees.

Environmental issues that our councils addressed during the year included reducing the use of Styrofoam cups, recycling, eliminating the use of plastic straws, reducing paper use and reducing water use.

The following topics are some of which our councils are interested in learning more about:

- Finding the connection between Pope Francis and his teachings on the economy and the environment, as we move forward, recognizing that we must change "the way we do business".
- Possible ways to engage the clergy so they are on board with the "*Care for Our Common Home*" theme.
- More information regarding care for the earth.
- Opportunities to explore and better understand the high school Religion curriculum.
- The potential harmful affects of vaping.

Councils also shared the following other activities not otherwise reported:

- Promoted the Poster Essay contest
- Taught students and members how to make rosaries and prayed the rosary with the students

- Put together “rosary making” kits that members could work on individually. This resulted in 100 rosaries, which will be given to first communicants.
- Sewing and delivering 260 masks to a school in Uganda (a member and her husband are co-founders of the school).

Some of our councils have found a variety of way to stay connected within their councils and others have worked hard in staying connected to the community in a variety of ways, including:

- Making mittens and toques during the winter months
- Participating in "Safe Return to Schools" rally (got local news coverage as well)

Again, I wish to thank you all for all of your efforts, recognizing that the restrictions due to COVID-19 curtailed much of what you do. Stay safe. Stay well.

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 2020

29 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Despite the uncertainty in the past 10 months and the lack of in person meetings for most Councils, we were fortunate to get Communications Annual Report survey results for 30 councils this year.

Fifty-three per cent of the Councils that submitted reports did have a Communications standing committee chair although the biggest challenge was recruiting someone to take on this role. I am grateful to those who do not have a Communications Chair but still completed the survey. Those who reported stated that they used various methods to communicate with their members during COVID-19, including holding virtual meetings, phoning circles, setting up a Facebook page and using email to contact members.

Most councils reporting, indicated that some of the content in all three editions of the 2020 *The Canadian League* resonated with them. In general, the President's Message, League Updates and articles pertaining to health resonated the most and articles pertaining to individual provinces resonated the most.

Resolution 1978.03 Catholic Press encouraged members to subscribe to and promote Catholic newspapers, periodicals and magazines but the majority councils have not supported or subscribed to any Catholic media to assist them in their mission to evangelize.

The majority of councils did share with their members the League sponsored mass on April 26, 2020 in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council.

While a vast majority of councils have encouraged members to access information on the National website, only 66% have encouraged members to visit their Facebook or Twitter pages. Church bulletins, email and telephone committees are the most common ways councils use to invite member to their council's activities and events. Only 32% of councils have made use of local media to do this. Few councils have budgeted for publicity. One council reported that they had spoken out about inappropriate content related to the inappropriate behavior exhibited by a town councillor which resulted in replies and notation of the concern. The communications chair or an appointed, member produce newsletters for the 52% of councils who have newsletters, which are then are distributed mainly by email or mail. Although 70% of councils reported not having worked with local media, 15% of councils did submit material for publication to local media.

The majority of councils are aware of and promote the use of the monthly strategic planning updates on the national website and 56% recite the strategic planning's Renewal Prayer at their meetings.

There was very little action taken on the four communications-related resolutions although 48% 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**, contacted members of parliament, the minister of justice and/or the prime minister requesting this legislation and encouraged members to become educated on internet safety. Sixty-three per cent of Councils chose not to participate in the League's "Pornography Hurts" postcard campaign and only 37% of councils promoted the "Over 18" documentary and 11% of councils promoted the film *Red Light Green Light*. The majority of councils encouraged 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**.

Councils had positive feedback about the National website although there were a few comments on lack of ease of finding information when using the Search feature.

Councils reported that the biggest challenge this past year has been finding ways to communicate with members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lack of in-person meetings created barriers to communication as not all members had access to technology so there needed to be various methods of communication.

Councils also reported that due to COVID-19 restrictions they have found new ways to use technology, including virtual meetings, power point presentations and FlockNote. They have also kept busy with projects including supporting AIMS school in Uganda by making sundresses and shorts, making face masks for refugee families in the parish, and prayer chains for members.

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 2020

29 of 67 councils reported

Sisters in the League,

Edmonton Diocesan CWL monthly meetings were conducted over the internet via 'Zoom', or by telephone, throughout 2020, due to the pandemic.

The outcome of each meeting was to inform our parish CWL Councils of the minutes, and, when appropriate, ask that they have all members in their council:-

1. Write objections and concerns, individually, directly to every local member of Parliament and the Senate regarding Bill C7, expressing the need for additional support for those in end-of-life palliative care i.e., for them and their loved ones.
2. Petition the provincial government to reinstate the Seniors Advocate Office to better assist Alberta's elderly, including family members and caregivers.
3. Express dismay, shock and disgust, over the increasing incidence of elder abuse and demand that a permanent system be established by the provincial government to identify, report, treat and eliminate all cases of elder abuse in Alberta.

Note: Contacting constituent MLAs via telephone and email was determined as a most effective way for us to directly pressure the government.

Significantly, regional workshops provided a resolution presentation on the revised format procedure for resolutions eliminating the "Whereas Clauses".

Resolutions and Legislation

This report on Edmonton Diocese CWL Resolutions and Legislation activities for 2020 was generated after reviewing the content of both the Resolution and Legislation questionnaires submitted to The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL National) by respondents from CWL parish councils in The Diocese of Edmonton.

In spite of the fact that Resolutions and Legislation was less a priority in 2020, because of the COVID-19-19 pandemic, our members did write to government officials on many issues as follows:-

1. Need to Address Human Rights Issues.
2. Legislate In-school Dental Screening for Children in Grades K-12.
3. Prioritize Palliative Care rather than expanding Euthanasia and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).
4. Promote the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
5. Opposition to Bill C-6 (re: Conversion Therapy).
6. Include Long Term Care in Canada's Public Health System.
7. Strong support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

8. In support of Bill S-203, An Act to Restrict Youth's online Access to Pornography.

Approximately 50% of our respondents had no knowledge of the following pieces of legislation that were raised in the Legislation questionnaire:-

Bill C-13 COVID-19-19 Emergency Response Act.

Bill C-14 COVID-19-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2

Bill C-15 Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act.

Bill C-71 An Act to Amend Certain Acts and Regulations in Relations to Firearms.

Recommendation:

1. The Diocesan CWL assess whether-or-not awareness of the above legislation needs to be addressed.
2. The Diocesan CWL give parish councils tools to assist them with their political correspondence, such as draft wording and current political contact information. It is apparent an email or letter are the preferred methods for contacting politicians.
3. The parish councils to acknowledge appreciation of their members' contribution to the questionnaires and encourage that participation to continue. It is important to note parish CWL members who usually do not write, started writing.

Conclusion:

While the pandemic made it difficult for parish Councils to communicate with their members and discuss issues; overall our participation in the questionnaires' responses was similar to the previous year.

It should be noted the interaction between members in all councils was limited to virtual meetings where attendance and participation was not the same as in-person meetings. As well, many expressed their frustration when politicians contacted did not respond directly to their letters but simply sent a form letter acknowledging receipt, and never any further or meaningful comment.

May God bless you for sharing your gifts with your Sisters in the League and may you continue to serve your Council in good health 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

STANDING RULES FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2021

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. During an electronic meeting, simultaneous aural communication must be maintained, preferably allowing members to see each other and hear each other at the same time (RONR 9:31-34). Each member is responsible for her own audio and Internet connections.
3. The Chair may mute a member's connection if it is causing interference with the meeting.
4. Only voting and accredited delegates may move or second a motion. Substantive motions will be displayed prior to debate.
5. Voting and accredited delegates shall vote by raised hand feature on screen.
6. The member presenting a motion may speak for a maximum of two (2) minutes and, when discussion on the motion is to be concluded, that member shall have a further one (1) minute for answer and rebuttal, if desired.
7. Upon recognition by the Chair, 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 motion for a maximum of one minute.
9. The Chairperson shall call speakers through the raised hand feature. Speakers shall address the Chair and state their name, delegate status and council.



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January 21, 2021

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Edmonton Diocesan Council
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RE: Examination of Financial Record December 2020

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, 2020, 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,

PAM FENNIG PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION



Pam Fennig, CPA, CGA

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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAUGE OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
GENERAL ACCOUNT - BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020**

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

ASSET	2020	2019
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash on Hand	75	75
Chequing Bank Account	43,935	35,742
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	45,380	44,379
Inventory - National Supplies	754	754
Total Current Assets	90,144	80,950
 LIABILITIES		
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
ALIES (Wilberforce Project/AB Pro-Life)	0	1,965
Chrism Mass Fund	2,521	1,881
Refugee Welcome Bags	0	705
Sign of Hope	0	3,920
St. Benedict's Chapel	860	2,460
Education Fund	400	400
Field Workers Fund	721	721
Special Projects Account	3,554	900
Mass Collections	0	0
Per Capita Fees - Held	1,656	0
Total Liabilities	9,712	12,952
 EQUITY		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	67,998	63,323
Current Earnings	12,434	4,675
Total Equity	80,432	67,998
 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	 90,144	 80,950

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAUGE OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
GENERAL ACCOUNT - INCOME STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020**

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

REVENUE	2020	2019
Per Capita Fees	17,036	17,580
National Supplies (Sales)	0	1,408
Interest Income	17	13
Miscellaneous Income	0	3,676
Investment Interest	1,001	934
Total Revenue	18,054	23,611
 EXPENSES		
Accommodation and Meals	2,751	3,594
Accounting Fees	250	250
Admin/Archives	425	106
Bank Charges	0	150
Cards/Memorials	0	12
Committee Expenses	23	106
Convention Expenses Dioc. Officers	0	4,599
Donations/Extra Ordinary Expenses	200	587
Honoraria, Life Mem Stipend, Gifts	150	930
Meeting Expenses	0	690
Mileage	1,010	2,133
National Convention Expenses	0	2,362
National Supplies	0	766
Office Equipment & Furnishings	0	284
Office Supplies	8	136
Photocopying & Printing	0	822
Postage	0	69
Provincial Convention Exp/Mtgs	152	1,339
Special Retreats	653	0
Total Expenses	5,622	18,936
 NET INCOME	 12,432	 4,675

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020**

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

No.	FUND NAME	2020	2019
1	ALIES (Wilberforce Project/AB Pro-Life)		
	Balance: January 1, 2020	1,965	0
	Add: Receipts	1,720	1,965
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(3,685)</u>	<u>0</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2020	0	1,965
2	CHRISM MASS FUND		
	Balance: January 1, 2020	1,881	2,601
	Add: Receipts	640	830
	Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,550)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2020	2,521	1,881
3	REFUGEE BAG PROGRAM		
	Balance: January 1, 2020	705	550
	Add: Receipts	843	1,055
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>(900)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2020	0	705
4	SIGN OF HOPE		
	Balance: January 1, 2020	3,920	0
	Add: Receipts	3,265	3,920
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(7,185)</u>	<u>0</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2020	0	3,920
5	ST. BENEDICT'S CHAPEL		
	Balance: January 1, 2020	2,460	3,695
	Add: Receipts	2,900	3,255
	Less: Disbursements	<u>(4,500)</u>	<u>(4,490)</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2020	860	2,460
6	EDUCATION FUND		
	Balance: January 1, 2020	400	400
	Add: Receipts	0	0
	Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	BALANCE: December 31, 2020	400	400

7 FIELD WORKERS FUND

Balance: January 1, 2020	721	721
Add: Receipts	0	0
Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2020	721	721

8 MASS COLLECTION DEDICATED FUNDS

Balance: January 1, 2020	0	0
Add: Receipts	0	0
Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2020	0	0

9 SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Balance: January 1, 2020	900	900
Add: Receipts	2,654	0
Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2020	3,554	900

10 PER CAPITA FEES HELD

Balance: January 1, 2020	0	1,572
Add: Receipts	1,656	0
Less: Disbursements	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,572)</u>
BALANCE: December 31, 2020	1,656	0

GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AT January 1, 2020	35,742	29,488
REVENUE COLLECTED	30,731	33,702
EXPENSES PAID	(22,540)	(27,448)

CASH BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020	43,933	35,742
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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAUGE OF CANADA
EDMONTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL
CONVENTION ACCOUNT - INCOME STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020**

(UNAUDITED-SEE NOTICE TO READER)

REVENUE	2020	2019
Convention Registration	0	8,220
Convention Banquet Tickets	0	3,810
Convention Luncheon	0	2,805
Account Interest	4	6
Registration Refund	0	(570)
Total Revenue	4	14,270
 EXPENSES		
Guest Expenses	0	514
Convention Convenor Expense	68	31
Facility Expenses	(500)	2,342
Food/Break Beverage Expense	0	8,855
Other Expenses – Banner, Books etc.	570	1,484
Fixed Honorarias	0	600
Essay/Poster Contest	450	433
Office Expenses	788	1,034
Miscellaneous Expenses	47	68
Bank Charges	0	9
Mileage	1,010	2,133
Total Expenses	1,424	15,370
 NET GAIN (LOSS) FOR 2020	 (1,420)	 (1,100)
 CONVENTION BANK ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020		
CASH BALANCE AT January 1, 2019	18,080	19,180
REVENUE COLLECTED	4	14,270
EXPENSES PAID OUT FOR CONVENTION	(1,424)	(15,370)
 CASH BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020	 16,660	 18,080

Edmonton Diocesan Officers 2020



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

25th Anniversary Poster Contest 2020 Winners

"Bees: God's Amazing Creation"

Grade 1 and 2

1st Place - Paxton, St. Anthony's School, Drayton Valley

2nd Place - Rosalee, Holy Spirit School, Devon

3rd Place - Audree, St. Anthony's School, Drayton Valley



Grade 3 and 4

1st Place - Yuan, Madonna School, Sherwood Park

2nd Place - Sanjai, Madonna School, Sherwood Park

3rd Place - Cymone, Madonna School, Sherwood Park



Grade 5 and 6

1st Place - Sarah, St. Philips School, Edmonton

2nd Place - Emily, Ecole Notre Dame School, Leduc

3rd Place - Alexis, Our Lady of Mount Pleasant, Camrose

