**Christian Family Life Chair’s Report**

**96th Annual Diocesan Convention April 21, 2018**

**Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan**

Madame President,

The CFL annual report summary was received from National, with 35 councils reporting from our diocese. I prepared my report from this summary for this convention and also sent a copy to our provincial Christian Family Life Convenor. You will find a complete report in the Convention Book. The main priorities were Palliative Care and Euthanasia.

Some communiques were received from Carol Schlachter our provincial Christian Family Life Convenor and shared or answered.

I have enjoyed continuing with the Parish Buddies calls. Each Diocesan Officer has a few parish councils to contact with various information or questions to ask. The councils I had were pleased to get a phone call, quote, “it was nice to be contacted personally by a Diocesan Officer.” Unquote. They appreciated the call and thanked me for it.

I was able to attend the Spiritual Luncheon at St. Maria Goretti in Devon, the World Day of Prayer and the Eventbrite Benefit for Pro-life in Edmonton.

This year we have 47 Seminarians from 11 Diocese studying at St. Joseph’s Seminary. I would like to thank all the councils across our Diocese who so willingly adopted all our Seminarians and generously donated and worked For God and Canada.

The 11th Annual March for Life will be held on May 10th at 12:30 starting from the Alberta Legislature grounds. See my display table for more information.

The annual Faith, Fitness & Fun Run/Walk takes place on Saturday May 26th at Newman Theological College. Register by May 4th to take advantage of Early Bird Fees! Remember, this event supports St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College.

Bishop Garden challenges all CWL members to “Become Shepherds” and take Gods work outside the Church by ministering to the frail, elderly and lonely in our parishes.

The 25th Anniversary Mass of the Carmelite Monastery is Wednesday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monastery.

Please visit my display table for some new information and pamphlets and help yourselves to anything you would like to take home to your council.

This concludes my report. Are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted,

For God and Canada

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