**97th Annual Diocesan Convention**

**April 27, 2019**

**Christian Family Life Chair’s Report**

**St. Anthony’s Church, Lloydminster**

Madam President,

The Christian Family Life annual report summary was received from National with 36 councils reporting. You will find a complete report from this summary in your Convention Book.

Last September we had 43 Seminarians from 11 Diocese studying at St. Joseph’s Seminary. All were adopted by councils. Four seminarians left formation. I let the councils know that had adopted them and they were given the opportunity to share an adopted seminarian with another council. Thank-you to all the councils across our Diocese who adopted our seminarians and generously supported them with prayers, cards and invitations to attend council functions. Please continue to pray and support them. May 12th is the 56th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

National week for Life and Family will be celebrated May 12th to 19th. A communique from the Back Porch asks us to keep their clients in our prayers for an end to abortion and success for the Back-Porch Ministry.

Anne Wansink, a co-convenor of Christian Family Life and Community Life from Holy Family Parish in St. Albert, has a display table with prenatal and pro-life handouts. Please visit her table for more information.

Euthanasia deaths are increasing in Canada. We must continue to contact our MLA’s on this issue, and keep praying for our sick and vulnerable.

This concludes my report, are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted

For God and Canada,

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Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chair