

EDMONTON DIOCESAN FALL NEWSLETTER 2018



***“INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT,
Women Respond to God’s Call”***



Fall Executive Meeting

September 29, 2018
St. Stephen, 5128–53 Street, Lacombe, Alberta

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 20, 2018

Our guest speaker is Serena Shaw, President of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA). She will be speaking to us on Catholic Education.



***“Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond
to God's Call to protect Catholic Education”***

Serena has been actively celebrating, preserving, promoting and enhancing Catholic Education and has stated while being on the Advocacy Committee, “I am so proud of the faith journey that I am on as a Catholic School Trustee. I know if following Jesus and living the Gospel can be my story, it can be that of our students and their families, as well as our staff.”

We look forward to having as many of you as possible. We will be sharing information on the action plan for planning strategically that was approved by the National Executive at National Convention.



President's Message - Cheryl Boom

I just returned from the 98th National CWL Convention in Winnipeg and was honored to be part of the 683 delegates and guests. I am re-energized, inspired and excited to continue to serve you for the next year as your President. My hope is that I can effect change and make a difference by sharing my gifts and talents!

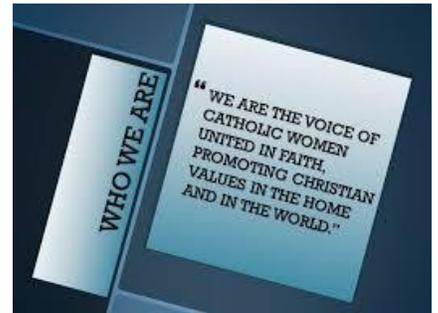
I still believe that CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support and over the next year I will continue to focus on unity and truly working together as a team. We need to nurture the faith of one another and build each other up and provide encouragement along the way!

Many of you have been inspired by the Holy Spirit and responded to God's call by educating yourselves, making changes in society and enriching our faith communities. You have contributed to the mission of the church and we all benefited from your wisdom, experiences and action.

May you continue to grow spiritually, acquire new insights and renew your energy to continue to respond to God's call and encourage and mentor others on the journey.

I hope to see many of you at the Fall Executive Meeting in Lacombe on September 29th and look forward to chatting with you!

May our loving God continue to bless each of you, your families and your parish councils!



Vice-President/Spiritual Development - Belinda Halbach



As I reflect on the past year, I am genuinely grateful for the opportunity that I have been given to be a part of the CWL Diocesan Executive Council. It has truly been a blessing to be able to use my theological education to encourage my CWL sisters to become Intentional Disciples and to inspire them to celebrate the love of the family through the words of St. Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*.

To be intentional disciples, we must remember that it is not enough to attend mass and receive the sacraments. We must be actively engaged in the celebration, deliberately choosing to follow God each and every day. God calls us into relationship with Him, but he does not take our free will from us. It is our choice to enter into that relationship through daily prayer and conversion.

I have been blessed this year to have been able to represent the CWL at several events such as the Holy Childhood Mass, Anthony Jordan Lecture Series, Pro-Life banquet, 25th Anniversary for the Carmelite monastery, Pentecost Vigil and the Diocesan Lay Groups, Associations and Movements Gathering. The Holy Spirit is definitely at work in our diocese, bringing the good news to others.

I have been encouraged and nurtured by the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* to live my own unique holy life in accord with God's plan. I encourage each of you to read this work and make it the beginning of your own path to holiness.



On a personal note, this year has brought many occasions for celebration. In May, I completed the requirements for my Masters of Divinity Degree and I look forward to convocation on October 13. Additionally, on June 17th my first grandchild was born. What a joy to welcome a new member to our family. I'm looking forward to another year of serving in the position of Spiritual Development Chair and the opportunities it brings.

“Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect”.

Lumen Gentium 11

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President-Elect/Organization – Mary Molloy



It is hard to believe but it is time for us to get back into our CWL routines! Trust you all had relaxing summer! This will be my second year as President-Elect and Organization Chair and it seems I have only just begun to feel comfortable in this role. It is my hope to connect with each of the organization chairs through the coming year.

One of my highlights this summer was attending the National CWL Convention in Winnipeg. It is always motivating to see the League in action and to meet old and new league sisters. Guest Speaker, Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Keewatin-the Pas, reminded us to “Stay Humble and to Listen Slowly”. The action plan for planning strategically was approved by the National Executive prior to the start of the Convention and presented to the members attending the convention. The plan outlines our Core Purpose, Core Values, Mission Statement and our envisioned Future over the next five years. Copies of the Strategic Plan will be mailed to all Council Presidents. At the Fall Meeting in Lacombe on September 29th, we will have a discussion on the Strategic Plan. Check the National website for updates in the coming months.

As organization chairs, we are responsible to recruit, retain and remember our members. It is not too early to begin planning your annual membership campaigns. Judy Look, Provincial President-Elect speaking at our Diocesan Convention in April, suggested we think about a “Three Cups of Tea” approach to membership by listening, getting to know and then to invite membership in the league. In my communiques suggestions will be provided on how to recruit new members. Online membership is now available and if you have any questions please contact Amanda McCormick at membership@cwl.ca.

Over the summer months I have been working to fill Zone Chairs that are vacant and to connect with those Zone Chairs already in place. The role of the Zone Chair is misunderstood. I have been trying to organize a workshop for Zone Chairs and potential Zone Chair candidates. More to come on this in the coming months. Two Zone Meetings have been scheduled for October 13, 2018:

Zone 2: Hosted by St. Agnes Parish, Mayerthrope

Zone 7: Hosted by St. Mary's Parish, Red Deer

Dates of Zone Meetings will be posted on our Diocesan website.

Looking forward to working with all of you to fulfill our revised 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.”***



Past President – Mary Hunt

For many of us Fall represents new beginnings, changes and challenges after the restorative days of summer. For me challenge and change came at the end of August; we moved after living 30 years in the home where we raised our children. I was not prepared for the amount of “stuff” we had accumulated over the years...frankly, it was overwhelming and I will need to continue purging in the months ahead. Hopefully I have learned the value of decluttering, ongoing organization and the sanity it represents.



So too, it is important that we declutter records in our councils. Keep anything that your council creates; be sure to make print copies as technology frequently changes which risks files becoming obsolete and unreadable. Keep photos and scrapbooks which have been labelled with names of people in the photos, dates and events. Newspaper articles should be photocopied to avoid disintegration of the newsprint. Keep annual financial statements/summaries. Discard duplicates, financial receipts & cheque stubs that are more than 5 years old. If you are in doubt about anything...keep it and decide later.

This is a good time of the year for councils to review their Parish Policy and Procedure Manual or for many of our councils to draft their first P & P Manual. This is a most valuable tool in the efficient and harmonious operation of your councils. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to contact me and help will be made available to you.

At the 2018 National Convention in Winnipeg, The National Strategic Plan was circulated. It has cited as a Year 1 Goal that we *simplify procedure and reporting processes*. We are reminded to *include and leave no member behind and affirm members by making them feel welcomed, needed and wanted*. This is a goal that represents a calling for each and every one of us in uniting us *“Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and world”*.

Blessings to you until we meet at the Fall Meeting at St. Stephen Parish in Lacombe.



Secretary – Pat Keith



The summer was a welcome relief from the busyness of the year and I hope you are all rested and rejuvenated.

My job remains unchanged; I do minutes, agendas, answer and/or direct emails and try to keep my files updated.

Writing up minutes can sometimes be a daunting task; weeding out the points being made from the outpouring of statements and opinions can be confusing and sometimes time consuming. We do need to remember to keep it simple and factual. We need to record motions and always include last names.

Keeping files updated is where I need your help. The Fall Diocesan Executive Meeting in Lacombe is just around the corner. In order to get all the up to date information to you, I need all my contacts to be accurate.

So, this is a reminder that if you have had a recent election and now have a new executive, changed contact info or if you have a new spiritual advisor, please email me any changes as soon as possible.



Treasurer – Jean Ashdown



As we start up our meetings and activities again in the fall, it is a time that Councils should begin preparing their budgets for next year. A budget outlines what you plan to spend in the upcoming year and where the money to support those activities will come from. It is developed with input from all the Executive members.

To create a budget, it is important to first look at your priorities as a Council. What are the needs of your Council, your parish? What projects do you want to support during the year in your parish, and at various levels of the League? Will the new CWL theme challenge you and change your focus in any way? Do you wish to continue donations as in the past or should you consider some changes?



Examine your expenses so far this year and project what they may be at the end of the year. You may also want to look back at the past couple of years to see how expenses may have changed. Are there changes that may increase or decrease expenses next year? Are there funds set aside to ensure that your President can attend Diocesan meetings?

Next, look at where the money comes from to support your expenses. Will you do the same fundraising activities or try something different? Besides raising money, you may want to think about how these activities may help to build friendships among your members, contribute to your parish community, help those less fortunate, or raise the profile of CWL.

Will the money you bring in through memberships and fundraising cover the expenses that you are projecting? If not, you will need to determine if you will increase fundraising activities or decrease donations or activities of your Council. Ideally, you would want your budget to be balanced.

However, you may want to create an accumulated surplus to act as a contingency or to support a future initiative. You might already have a surplus to draw from for a special project.

Once the Executive has finalized a draft budget, it should be presented to the entire Council for approval at the beginning of the year. This gives all Council members an opportunity to know what the plans are and to also provide input. Changes can be made at the meeting, followed by a motion to approve the budget. Once approved, the budget acts as a guideline for the Executive when spending the Council's money. Updates on income and expenses should be provided at Council meetings. Approval for unbudgeted expenditures or major changes to the fundraising plan should be brought forward at a Council meeting so that members have input into these decisions.

A budget is an excellent tool for planning and for monitoring both financial and council activities. All Councils are encouraged to develop a budget to be accountable to their members. If you have questions on developing your budget, feel free to contact me.



Community Life – Patti Heck



Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call. This theme so aptly describes the Community Life Standing Committee. We have seen this time and time again in the efforts of every Community Life Standing Committee in the Diocese. We continue to be aware of the plight of the missing and lost Indigenous Women, the refugees living in deplorable conditions around the world, the homeless in our communities, the poverty, and humans trafficked, to name a few. Let us remember to fundraise, to write to our Government officials, and most importantly to pray for resolution to these issues.

We are reminded that *"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights"*. Today all provinces and territories have their own rights protections, in the form of human rights or codes. More information regarding the Alberta Human Rights Commission can be found at www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca.

email us



Christian Family Life – Jessie Sandmaier



There is a wealth of information on the internet for Christian Family Life. This includes topics such as Euthanasia, Palliative Care, working with Seniors, Separated, Divorced and Widowed couples.

Adopting a Seminarian for your CWL council will be addressed at our Fall Meeting in Lacombe. There will be a sign-up sheet at this meeting with names of the Seminararians listed. From this list you will be asked to select a Seminarian to “adopt” for the following year.

Join *Alberta Life Issues Education Society* (ALIES) and The Back Porch for their annual educational event this fall. Guest speaker, Abby Johnson, is a best-selling author and a former Planned Parenthood Director who has become a passionate and articulate prolife Advocate. Come hear her testimony during a banquet dinner at Edmonton Inn Conference Centre on Friday September 21st Doors open at 5:30pm Tickets are \$25.00 and are available at www.alies.ca /event



Resolutions & Legislation – Doreen Kelly



Helpful hints for a successful resolution

What is a resolution? A resolution is a formal statement of opinion that identifies an issue of concern, provides background data and supporting arguments, and proposes solution-based actions by a specific group.

Why do we do it? It is an opportunity to unite our members in voicing our concerns to influence government policy and legislation. Buoyed by our Gospel values and concern for all of God's creation, resolutions are a means to channel our energies to enrich the wellbeing of society in Canada and beyond.

The Power of One. That's all it takes! One woman – one idea - and members' progressive support at parish, diocesan, provincial, and national levels. What often begins as the voice of one woman can amplify to the powerful voice of over 82,000 women across Canada!

Strategic Steps.

1. Decide on a topic ; check that the issue isn't addressed in a previous resolution.
2. Gather support from your council and form a committee.
3. Study the Resolutions Supplement to the Executive Handbook.
4. Research and document all sources.
5. Create an outline; write and edit – using the same format as adopted resolutions.
6. Test your resolution on someone who is unaware of the issue!

For more information contact me, the diocesan chairperson of Resolutions and Legislation for Resolution pamphlets, and checklists. It takes lots of time for research, but it is an interesting process and you can make a difference!

BE THE **CHANGE**
YOU WISH TO SEE IN
THE **WORLD**
-MAHATMA GANDHI



Education & Health – Mary Pat O’Neill



Education

Each Fall, many Edmonton Catholic schools and their staff participate in the We Care Challenge. This is designed to provide schools and sites the opportunity to join together to fundraise so that their collective impact is great. Perhaps your CWL Council could consider participating in this Challenge as well.

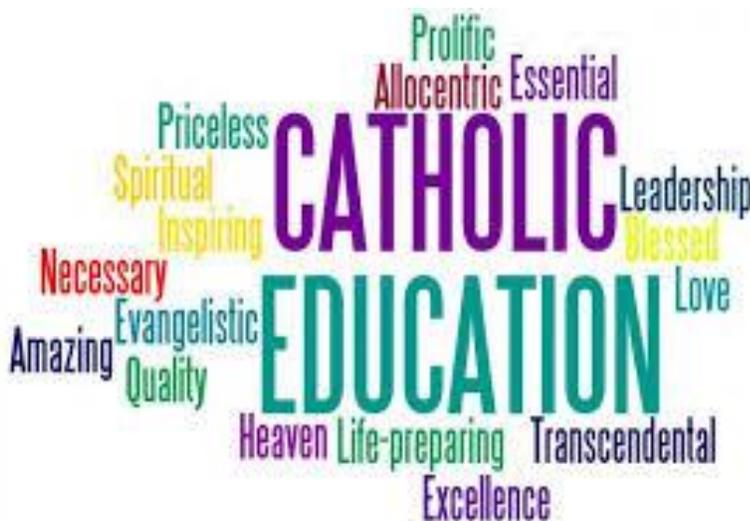
The Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation is committed to raising additional financial resources to support the children and youth of Edmonton Catholic Schools. The *Dreams for Kids* campaign raises funds to support our students in many ways that nurture their minds, bodies, and spirits. Please visit www.ecsfoundation.ca to learn more about their great work.

Catholic Social Services’ Sign of Hope Campaign is a vital source of funds for the programs that they offer to 60,000 people each year throughout northeast and central Alberta. Through the generosity of thousands of individuals, business owners, corporations, and social organizations, approximately \$3 million is raised on an annual basis. These funds are critical to the success of programs and services provided to help people of all faiths and cultures. Please visit www.signofhope.ab.ca to learn more about their programs and services.

Health

Back to School Health – Resources

Check out the following site for tips on how to prepare your kids for the first day of class and keep your sanity. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info>

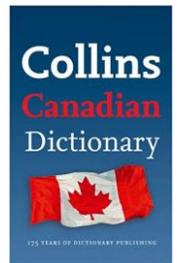


Communications – Carmen Routhier



Editorial Tips- (credit to EIPS)

1. Use Canadian spellings, which is often different from American Spellings. A common mistake people make is how they treat words ending in L. For the most part, the Canadian style is to double the L when adding a suffix to the end of the work- examples of this include travelling, totalling rivalled and medallist.
2. Other Canadian spellings that are different are many words that end with “-re” rather than “-er”- for example centre, metre, litre and theatre. When using these words in the past tense the “-re” is still used, therefore they only require and extra “d”- centred, not centered.
3. “Due” should not be used in place of “because of” or “as a result of.” Due refers to something that is expected at or planned for a certain time. For example, a specific deadline.
4. Did you know: The correct way to abbreviate *ante meridiem* and *post meridiem* is a.m. and p.m. (not AM or pm) When writing time, use 5 p.m. not 5:00 p.m.- only using minutes if it applies, such as 12:30 p.m. Noon and Midnight are ok to use.
5. The correct way to write out telephone numbers is using hyphens, not spaces or brackets to break up the sections of the number. Use 123-456-7890, not (123)456-7890.
6. In running text, spell out numbers from zero to nine; using numerals for 10 and above. Similarly, spell out ordinal numbers from first to ninth, always spell out numbers at the beginning of a sentence or rephrase the sentence to avoid beginning with a numeral.



Diocesan Convention 2018 Highlights

by Cheryl Boom

The Edmonton Diocesan Convention was held in Fort Saskatchewan April 20-22 with 233 delegates and guests in attendance. The Convention Planning team did a great job and the attention to detail was apparent. Special thanks to convention co-chairs, Gladys Brown and Jeanette Stecyk, for their tireless dedication to the success of the convention.

The theme was **“Living Our Mission”** and Dr. Gordon Self, Archbishop Richard Smith and National President, Margaret Ann Jacobs were the guest speakers and were all very well received with the messages they shared. Dr. Gordon Self gave an informative, timely and encouraging talk. He also integrated some facets of our convention (e.g. theme, prayer services, etc.). He closed with a challenge, “How can the CWL help ignite change?” Archbishop Smith’s presentation on “Living in the Word of God” offered important lessons for all. It may be our pastoral letter but there are so many lessons for all Catholics. It was an honor and a privilege to have Margaret Ann Jacobs with us for the 3 days. Her words of wisdom and guidance will be forever remembered.

The Marion Table was a beautiful attestation to our deceased members with the parish council banners behind. The memorial service for deceased members was very moving and our spiritual program was extremely powerful and it was evident the prayers and music choices were carefully chosen/crafted.

We updated and passed our Diocesan Policies which took effect after the convention and we also passed one resolution on obesity not being recognized as a chronic disease.

Seminarian Adam Rieger was the recipient of the Doreen Melton Scholarship and was in attendance to receive his award. 10 poster contest winners received their award & certificate. It was so great to have the youth join us for lunch.

The Closing Memorial Mass and Reaffirmation of Officers was graciously presided by Fr. Jan Sobkowicz. The Closing Banquet and entertainment of ‘CWL Feud’ was enjoyed by an appreciative room of ladies and their guests. The continuous laughter filled the hall. It was a memorable faith-filled weekend!





Archbishop Richard Smith & Diocesan President, Cheryl Boom



National President, Margaret Ann Jacobs



Dr. Gordon Self



Volunteers



Marion Shrine



Margaret Ann & Cheryl



**Jessie Sandmaier, Adam Rieger & Cheryl Boom
Doreen Melton Scholarship Recipient**

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Mary Pat O'Neill & Poster Contest Winner



Provincial Convention 2018 Highlights

by Mary Molloy

I was fortunate to attend the Alberta Mackenzie 71st Annual Convention held on June 1st and 2nd, 2018 in Okotoks, Alberta at St. James Parish as one of the Edmonton Diocesan Accredited Delegates.



The weekend was faith filled and welcoming. The Spiritual program was outstanding building on the theme of leadership and leaving no member behind. I renewed many friendships and met many new sisters in the league.

A copy of the Convention Program and 2017 Annual Reports as well as the Spiritual Program Booklet is available for review.

The speakers on Friday, June 1st, the opening day of the Convention were informative and inspiring. Judy Look, President-Elect did a workshop on “Three Cups of Tea”! Even though I had experienced it at our Diocesan Convention, I gained a fresh incentive to do something positive to establish relationships and how reach out to women to build the League one cup of tea at a time.



Bishop William McGrattan, National Spiritual Advisor and Bishop of Calgary focused his discussion on “Gaudete et Exsultate”, Pope Francis’ “Call to Holiness” He introduced the document and integrated it with our national theme Inspired by Spirit: Women Respond to God’s Call and the works of the League. Bishop McGrattan reminded us we are all called to holiness through our baptism and guided us to see our place in Pope Francis’ “Genius of Women”.

Margaret-Ann Jacobs, National President spoke about Servant Leadership. She provided an opportunity to dialogue with others during her talk. She spoke about re-affirming others and one can’t be humble without having been humiliated. She emphasized that Servant Leaders develop other to become leaders. She closed her talk asking us to be visionary leaders thinking about the future. Planning strategically is how the CWL can move forward. We need to pray for the future of the league.

Fr. Reilander, President of CMIC spoke about the challenges faced by the northern missions. He provided an outline of the mission parishes and some of the history. Fr. Reilander was truly grateful for the support the CWL provides to the northern missions. He encouraged us to maintain our commitment to this ministry.

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Makrina Morzowski's re-lived her experience in "Canada's C3 Expedition" by sharing the journey she took in 2017. She explained her concept of ACE (Accept everyone, Challenge yourself, Encourage others).

Friday evening concluded with Mass and the Official Opening of the Convention followed by a Wine and Cheese Social hosted the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, June 2nd was the business day of the convention. The morning opened with the Memorial for Deceased Members. This service is always a moment to reflect and to remember our deceased Sisters and Spiritual Advisors. No matter how many times one participates in this service it always a special moment at convention.



Provincial Officers provided informative reports on many of the activities occurring over the year. The mass collection taken was donated to the Foothills Country Hospice. One of our councils, St Mary's Council, Red Deer Alberta received one of the Walter Krewski Membership Awards. Resolution 2018.01 Recognition of Obesity as a Chronic Disease, submitted by the Edmonton Diocesan Council was passed. Member councils were encouraged to write letters to the Provincial Government voicing displeasure of the passing of Bill 9, Protecting Choice for Women Accessing Health Care Act known as "Bubble Effect" around Abortion Clinics. It was suggested letters be written to the Premier of Alberta and NWT, Ministers of Health for both provinces and your own local M.L.A.

The Provincial Officers entertained us following lunch on Saturday with a light hearted skit "CWL Goes to Court". It provided some history of the league and lots of laughs as the CWL was defended in the "Sharon Malec Courtroom"!

This was not an election year and the day concluded with the reaffirmation of the executive. Bishop Emeritus Fred Henry celebrated the closing mass followed by the Banquet. Ruth Boden, McKenzie-Fort Smith Diocese received her Life Membership and Renee Spohn, Calgary Diocese received the Elsie Yanik Award.



National Convention 2018 Highlights

by Cheryl Boom



It was a privilege to represent you at the 98th National CWL Convention from Aug. 12-15th in Winnipeg. I was honored to be part of the 683 convention delegates and guests from across the country! I arrived late Saturday evening so was not able to take part in the Canadian Museum for Human Rights Tour but heard it was fantastic!

Sunday morning there were two tour options for delegates and guests; the City of Winnipeg Bus Tour and the Hermetic Code Walking Tour. I chose to relax by the pool and soak up the sun! It was very hot, +38!

Sunday afternoon began with a Resolutions Dialogue where members were led through an overview of the purpose of a resolutions dialogue followed by reviewing the four proposed resolutions at our tables which generated much discussion. Any housekeeping suggestions and proposed amendments were recorded and submitted to the Resolutions Committee for consideration.

Sunday evening was the beautiful Eucharistic Celebration at St. Boniface Cathedral and the official opening of the convention by National President Margaret Ann Jacobs followed by the Opening Reception. Before the celebration began we got to look around at the remains of the old Cathedral that burnt down as well as take part in a smudging ceremony.

We began Monday morning with a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by a day of business listening to reports. Hearing all the good works of the councils across the country was interesting and inspiring. We reviewed and passed 2 resolutions.

- **2018.01 Attestation Requirement on Canada Summer Jobs Program**
- **2018.02 Setting a Standard for Products Marketed as Flushable**

The business day ended with the commissioning of 10 new Life Members. It was disappointing that only 5 of those sisters were in attendance. I was so proud to witness Judy Look, ABMK Provincial President-Elect from Calgary, be commissioned and seeing the special closeness amongst the Honorary Life Members and Life Members present. Monday evening I took part in the Anniversary Dinner celebrating 200 years of the Church in Western and Northern Canada and enjoyed sharing a



meal with delegates from Winnipeg, Red Deer and Edmonton. The entertainment was exceptional. A storyteller accompanied by a fiddler and pianist that fed off of each other and entertained all of us with so much joy!

Tuesday morning began with a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral followed by 6 breakout session options (Environment, Homelessness, Human Trafficking, Indigenous, Mental Health and Pornography). We were each given 2 sessions to attend. Some sessions were received better than others.

The afternoon began with Keynote speaker, Most Rev. Murray Chatlain, Archbishop of Keewatin-the Pas, who spoke on Reconciliation and Listening. He reviewed the three principles of Reconciliation and the steps to take to move forward. Then at our tables we reflected on the question "How can this work of Reconciliation apply to you?" and we shared at our tables. Then we reflected on three questions on listening to God and we shared at our tables. He encouraged us to listen slowly and hear what God is telling us. He encouraged us to 'Let Go' of things and be a servant to God. It definitely gave us something to ponder. The afternoon session closed with a beautiful Memorial Service for Deceased Members and Spiritual Advisors.

Tuesday evening was Provincial Dinner Night. There were 75 Alberta & NWT delegates, guests and friends that enjoyed dinner together at The Keg. The company, the service and the meal was excellent! The planning committee for the 2019 National Convention gave out T-shirts and instructions on how the invitation to next year's convention in Calgary would be delivered after lunch on Wednesday. Wednesday morning began with a prayer followed by a presentation on 'Building on Foundation, the League of the Future' where the core guiding principles were reviewed along with the goals and objectives and corresponding strategies to reach the goals. This will be done over 5 years. An overview of each of the 4 goals with the strategies to be implemented in which year was presented. Change and exciting times lay ahead!

Then we went back to business to hear the last of the reports with two more resolutions being presented to the assembly and only one was passed in the afternoon.

➤ **2018.04 Recognize and Legislate Rights of Faith-based Health Care Facilities**

Rita James, Chair of the Leadership Foundation, gave an update on the certificate program and was excited to share the dream is now a reality. 58 applications were received and a committee selected the 14 women to participate in the first Cohort that began in May 2018. In September they will be accepting applications for the 2nd Cohort which will begin in May 2019. 2 delegates in attendance who are part of the program gave an update on their experience and both highly recommended to those interested to apply.

The afternoon began with the invitation to the 99th National Convention in Calgary by all the Alberta & NWT delegates which was so much fun to be part of! Followed by the continuation of the business session.



The new theme for the next 2 years was announced ‘**Care for our Common Home**’. Elections were held and the following are the new National Officers for 2018-2020:

President – Anne Marie Gorman
President-Elect – Fran Lucas
Secretary/Treasurer – Janet McLean
1st Vice President – Shari Guinta
2nd Vice President – Doreen Gowans
Standing Committee Chairs:
Betty Colaneri
Cathy Bouchard
Faith Anderson
Marie Rackley
Pat Deppiesse



The afternoon session closed a little ahead of schedule so we had an opportunity to change before the closing Eucharistic Celebration which took us back to St. Mary’s Cathedral. The Installation Ceremony of officers took place before we walked back to the hotel for the closing Gala Banquet which featured great food, conversation and amazing entertainment from The Inclines “Sweet Dreams of Patsy Cline”, who told her story and gave a tribute by singing many of her famous songs. It was a very fun evening!

Thursday morning some delegates who stayed on took in the Tour of the Mennonite Heritage Village. Others, like me, spent time with my cwl sisters walking and touring downtown Winnipeg visiting the Forks Market and seeing where the Red River meets the Assiniboine River. We enjoyed lunch on the Esplanade Reil Pedestrian Bridge at Mon Omi Louis restaurant and then headed to the airport.

It was a fun-filled, wonderful convention!



DATES TO REMEMBER



FALL MEETING - September 29, 2018 - St. Stephen, Lacombe
OVER 18 DVD SHOWING - October 24, 2018 - St. Charles, Edmonton
OVER 18 DVD SHOWING - November 21, 2018 - St. Michaels, Leduc
MIDWINTER MEETING - February 3, 2019 - St. John Bosco, Edmonton
DIOCESAN CONVENTION - April 26-28, 2019 - Lloydminster
ABMK PROVINCIAL CONVENTION - June 7-9, 2019 - Grande Prairie
NATIONAL CONVENTION - August 18-21, 2019 - Calgary

Websites to Know

<i>CWL National</i>	www.cwl.ca
<i>The Coady Institute at St. Francis Xavier University</i>	http://coady.stfx.ca
<i>MaterCare International</i>	www.matercare.org
<i>Development & Peace (CCODP)</i>	www.devp.org
<i>Alberta Mackenzie Provincial CWL</i>	www.cwl.ab.ca
<i>Edmonton Diocesan CWL</i>	www.edmontoncwl.org
<i>World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations</i>	www.wucwo.org
<i>Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton</i>	www.cedm.org
<i>Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops</i>	www.cccb.ca
<i>Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation (TV station)</i>	www.saltandlighttv.org
<i>The Vatican</i>	http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html

