

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

**2015-2017 Priorities**

1. **Increase membership by developing a recruitment strategy**

* Encourage the support of priests in our parishes
* Take Catch the Fire workshops to parishes/areas with no CWL
* Develop 1 hour introduction to CWL (from Catch the Fire?) for inquiring women/new members
* Create/obtain membership packages to give to inquiring women
* Develop a buddy/mentor program for new members
* Introduce CWL to new Canadians and include their cultural needs into our Councils

1. **Provide support to Parish Councils**

* Work with Provincial and National to develop a ‘Small Council Strategy’
* Improve communication with Councils
  + Diocesan Website improvements
  + Continue the Parish Buddies Initiative
  + Post minutes/reports on website
* Hold in-service/workshops for new executive members
* Hold leadership workshops
* Survey members/Councils to determine what they look like and where their greatest needs are

1. **Spiritual Development of Members (at meetings/convention)**

* Incorporate Pope Francis’ encyclicals into meetings
* Highlight Year of Mercy (Embodies our Mission Statement)
* Encourage the hosting of Spiritual Retreats at the Council or Zone levels

1. **Support women and families in need (i.e. First Nation, Metis and Inuit, refugees, post-abortion, homeless/abused)**

* Meet with agencies that are working with these groups to identify ways our CWL Councils can work with and support these women and families

1. **Modernize CWL governance at the Diocesan, Provincial and National levels**

* Identify issues with current governance model and propose changes

