***President’s Report***

***Fall Meeting – September 29, 2018***

Dear Sisters in the League,

The Edmonton Diocese was well represented at National Convention in Winnipeg! It was great to see fellow officers and parish members enjoy in participating in faith, fun and fellowship and getting inspired! A few highlights for me were the strategically planning action plan update, which you will hear more about this afternoon, the discussion on the 4 resolutions brought to the floor, and hearing guest speaker Archbishop Murray Chatlain who suggested ‘to hear God we must listen slowly’ and we must learn to let go of our attachments. These are definitely some things I need to work on. My National Convention summary report was included in the Fall Diocesan Newsletter if you would like to hear more.

I attended Provincial Fall Meeting September 14th to 16th and enjoyed hearing what is happening in the other 4 Dioceses in Alberta McKenzie as well as the next steps for bringing our Obesity Resolution to National 2019 and the provincial action plans being rolled out.

I am always excited to be invited to attend council celebrations. Last weekend I attended the 35th CWL Anniversary of St. Theresa Council in Edmonton. I will be attending the 60th CWL Anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council in Sherwood Park on October 13th, the 65th CWL Anniversary celebration of St. Rose of Lima in Onoway on October 20th and the 10th CWL Anniversary of St. Vital Council in Beaumont on October 30th.

I will be attending Convocation for Newman Theological College on October 13th and I am proud to say that Belinda Halbach, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair, will be graduating with a Masters of Divinity Degree. I will be attending a Parliamentarian Workshop on October 26 & 27 and I am looking forward to learning more about the ‘rules’. October is looking like a very busy month!

Collectively, our 67 councils have 4,185 members and some parishes have been busier than others since we last met but September is here now and council meetings have started back up and the busyness begins.

The reports you will hear given by the Officers will serve to provide you with a wide overview of the work of the League in many areas.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to take a look at the Fall Diocesan and Provincial Newsletters which are available on the Diocesan and Provincial websites as they are filled with valuable information.

Our annual Brunch meeting with Archbishop Richard Smith and the Diocesan Officers has been confirmed for December 8th. It continues to be an important opportunity for the Archbishop to discuss with us areas of concern and suggestions as to what the CWL can focus on and act upon during the coming year.

Our Midwinter Executive Meeting will be held at St. John Bosco parish in Edmonton on February 2nd and Diocesan Convention will be held in Lloydminster from April 26-28th hosted by Zone 4 under the direction of Co-Chairs Gail Seitz-Gratton and Pat Huber-Kolenosky. The Zone 4 Councils involved are St. Mary, Provost, St. Anthony, Lloydminster and Holy Name of Jesus, Vermillion. The new National theme “***Care for our Common Home***” will be woven into the program, choice of speakers and spiritual programs for both of these upcoming meetings. Planning is underway!

Thank you for your dedication, good works and enthusiasm for the League. Let us all work together to help our members grow in faith and witness the love of God through ministry and service.”

This concludes my report. Are there any questions?

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