



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

PRINCE ALBERT DIOCESAN COUNCIL

National Theme: Care of our Common Home

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Communiqué #5

To: Prince Albert Parish Communications Chairpersons (for action)
Prince Albert Parish Presidents without Communications Chairs (for action)
Prince Albert Parish Presidents (for information)
Prince Albert Diocesan President (for information)
Saskatchewan Provincial Communications Chairperson (for information and inclusion in Prince Albert Diocesan section of the provincial website)

From: Lorraine Thibeault, Prince Albert Diocesan CWL Communications Chairperson

Dear Presidents and Communications Chairperson (Prince Albert Diocese):

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas season and that 2019 has begun well for you.

In a short time, I will be putting together a report that reflects how we are doing with 'communication' in the Diocese of Prince Albert. Our annual on-line survey provided the skeleton/the bones, so to speak, of Communications, but I would like to add some flesh to how we communicate in our Diocese. To do this, I need input from each of the parish CWL councils in the Diocese.

I am asking each of you to prepare a short report on Communication in your council for the year 2018. I have attached a sample report which I prepared for Our Lady of Peace Parish which is my parish CWL council. I went through the Executive Handbook to make sure I covered all the sections that a Communications chairperson should try to cover; then I went through the minutes of our council for 2018 and added many of the things related to communications. Finally, I added some concerns our council had concerning communications.

My report is long, but yours does not have to be. There is always something that your council does in the area of communications. Just saying how you let your members and the public know about meetings and events is 'communications'. A short paragraph is good. You can even use my report and cross out what doesn't apply to you and add on something new that your council does in the area of 'communications'. Be sure to add any concerns you have. If you feel that I haven't been in contact with you enough,

please put that in your report. It will help me when I take on another chairperson position. If you don't talk to each other, I would like to know that, too. I need my Diocesan report to be a true reflection of 'communications' in all our parish CWL councils, so I am asking you to respond even if your response is short.

Thank you, in advance, for your report.

Take care. God bless. Lorraine

COMMUNICATIONS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

OUR LADY OF PEACE CWL

- All members receive *The Canadian League* magazine. We refer to articles in the magazine to encourage members to read it. We haven't contributed articles to the magazine.
- Under Media for Evangelization, we have encouraged members to participate in faith-oriented programs especially Week for Christian Unity, Women's Ecumenical Service, and World Day of Prayer. We also join in programs suggested by Province and National when special requests come out.
- Under Media to Promote the League, we have provided reports to the parish pastoral council and pastor for inclusion in a parish information booklet and for the parish AGM. Council activities are shared through bulletins, posters, light up community boards, and Facebook.
- We have a telephone committee (3 members) who contact members regarding monthly meetings and special events including requests for food for funeral receptions, our St. Patrick's Day Tea and Raffle, and other food-related events.
- We have a mail file for each member at the entrance to the church where meeting minutes, Christmas greetings, and other information is deposited. Members are reminded once a month during 'announcements after church' to pick up the information in their mail files.
- Good movies, TV shows, and books are shared. Questionable movies, TV shows and books are discussed. Uplifting quotes are shared at most meetings. Communication of the spiritual realm is done mainly by the President and the Spiritual Development Chairperson at each monthly meeting.
- Standing committee reports are presented at each meeting. Several reports are received each meeting. We do not have a report from every committee at every

meeting. Our Spiritual Advisor shares information at some meetings, but not at all of them.

- We have not published a newsletter, but we do insert items of interest in the parish bulletin.
- Communication of our financial situation is done monthly with an official year-end report in June at our final meeting and elections. We do not budget money specifically for publicity as very little cost is involved. While our proposed budget is prepared by our treasurer, all members attending meetings are involved in the discussions and vote on the final budget.
- Our main communication with outside of our town is through attendance at the Diocesan Convention, attendance at the yearly Fall Regional Workshop, and through our letters to our MLAs, MPs, the prime minister and other government officials.
- We are aware that the council president is the official spokesperson for our group. This year we have six co-presidents, so our past-president who acts as our president liaison is our spokesperson. She ensures that information received from all other levels is shared with members if it is not shared by the standing committee chairpersons or officers.
- We have all sorts of fun with mini-publications such as our Apple Recipes book from our Thanksgiving meeting sharing and our Easter menus from our Resurrection meeting sharing. At our September meeting with a theme of “Back to School”, we shared memories of our favourite summer activities, of our favourite elementary school poems,
- We communicate our love for those in need through our refugee family donations, baby shower gifts, donation of toques, mitts to elementary school-aged children, headbands for the homeless, and the sponsoring of a family through Save A Family Plan. This year, we also communicated our support for our Catholic missions through our Change for Change project where we raised and donated approximately \$320 for Catholic Missions in Canada as part of 70th anniversary celebration of Saskatchewan Catholic Women’s League.
- This year, one of our members prepared a PowerPoint presentation on our deceased members since the chartering of our council in 1959. The theme was “We are Standing on the Shoulders of the Ones Who Came Before Us.”
- One of our concerns is that we don’t hear from our diocesan counterparts for most of the standing committees. We hear from Communications because the

diocesan chairperson is in our council. We have heard twice from the Education and Health chairperson and once from the Community Life chairperson. This is for a two-year term. We didn't hear from the Diocesan Treasurer, Secretary, Spiritual Development, Christian Family Life, Resolutions, and Past President. As far as we know, our Spiritual Advisor did not hear from the Diocesan Spiritual Advisors on CWL related issues. While we found information on the provincial and national websites, we miss the communication with those we have elected to fill our Diocesan positions.